



Welcome...

Fall 2007

New International Student Newsletter

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Welcome to the University of Wisconsin Green Bay!

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The Office of International Education welcomes you to the University of Wisconsin Green Bay! We hope you enjoy your experience at UWGB and make memories to last a lifetime. Good luck!



### Fall 2007 Semester Schedule

September 3 (M) Offices closed; no classes in session - Labor Day

**September 4 (T) Semester begins.**

September 7 (F) Tuition and fees are due no later than 4:30 p.m.

**September 8 (Sa) \$100 withdrawal fee goes into effect.**

September 15 (Sa) 50% due on withdrawals or drops.

**September 14 (F) Add deadline for all semester length courses.**

**Drop deadline for fee purposes.**

**Deadline to change from grade to pass-no credit.**

**Deadline to change from pass-no credit to grade.**

**Deadline to change from audit to credit for grading purposes.**

September 15 (Sa) Drops and withdrawals will result in DR or W on records.

**September 28 (F) Deadline for 50% refund of tuition.**

October 5 (F) Second Partial Payment Due.

**October 19 (F) Drop deadline for semester length courses for academic purposes.**

**Deadline to change from credit to audit for grading purposes.**

November 2 (F) Third Partial Payment Due.

**November 20 (T) Withdrawal deadline.**

November 21 (W) Thanksgiving recess begins at 5:30 p.m. No evening classes.

**November 22 (R) Offices closed; no classes in session - Thanksgiving.**

November 23 (F) No classes in session.

**December 14 (F) Last day of classes.**

December 17 (M) Exams begin.

**December 21 (F) Exams end.**

December 28 (F) Grades posted to Student Information System.

### Special points of interest:

- Fall 2007 Semester Schedule
- Office of International Education Staff
- UWGB orgs
- Interview with Shiyanke Goonetilleke

## The Staff of the Office of International Education

Welcome to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay! As you are introduced to campus you will find that there are a lot of people at UWGB that are here to help make your stay in the United States productive, comfortable, rewarding, and fun. In addition to your instructors, Counseling and Health Center staff, Disability Services, and Student Organizations, the Office of International Education is a popular destination for students seeking assistance with course registration or personal counseling. The Office of International Education is also your primary stop for questions related to immigration and maintaining your nonimmigrant student status. We also administer a lot of fun programs, ranging from the chicken wing reception, to pumpkin carving contests and holiday gatherings.

The Office of International Education is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. While we prefer students call ahead to make an appointment, our door is always open and we enjoy welcoming visitors. Please do not disappear after orientation; we look forward to seeing you often!

Brent Blahnik

Director, Office of International Education

WELCOME to your new home away from home! You will find "beauty, safety, convenience and the best-on-campus housing" on UWGB's campus! PLUS you will also develop long-lasting connections to faculty and staff who are highly accessible and will help you make those "critical connections to the real world". In addition, our excellent staff here at OIE will make it easy for you to decide on your path at UWGB...especially suited to your needs and interests. You are in the right place for a "world-class education!"

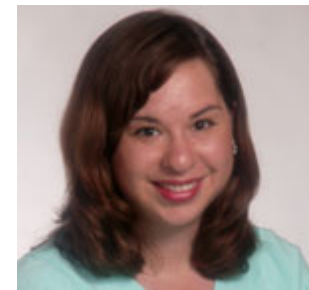
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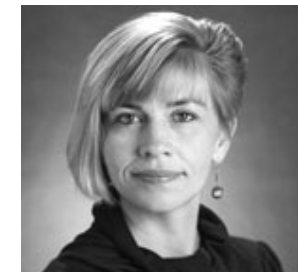
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## Events at UWGB

I had a few initial doubts when I first arrived in Green Bay in Spring 2006 about what my experience would end out to be here in Green Bay. Today, a year later, I am so happy to say that UW-Green Bay as changed my life in a whole new way and opened my eyes to many different ideas and taught me so much about life and what it means to be a member of a community that is very open-hearted.

There are many different activities you can get involved in while at UWGB. There are as many as 90 student organizations that exist on campus to help students be aware of particular social issues and getting involved in these clubs will help students gain knowledge not just about an issue but learn to work together with people. You can start by joining the International Club.

The International Club's mission is to promote cultural diversity around the campus and in the Green Bay Community. To do this, the international Students get involved in many different activities and also host an annual International Dinner where they would perform and share their talents with the rest of the community. Many community members attend this program so getting involved in such an event will enable students to have a better understanding about their role as an International Student in America. It is out duty as International Citizens to share our heritage, values, beliefs and cultural Identity with our American friends in this community.

The International Club also makes an annual trip to Washington D.C. each spring break as an educational trip to help the international students understand and experience American History. The trip is worth every penny and the



-Photo from Michelle Daubert

lessons and the great moments you take back with you will be sweet memories you will cherish in your heart for many years to come. I have taken part in both last year's as well as this year's trip and I can say for certain that I am happy that I got the opportunity to get involved with the club.

I am also a program Development Assistant for the Office of Student Life which organizes a variety of programs on campus as well as off campus. We bring in musicians from all over the states that perform at the coffeehouse every other Friday. We also

host outdoor and travel programs such as camping and ski trips and much more. There are many other events and activities to keep you busy during the course of your time here at UWGB. So my advice to you incoming International Students is to take every opportunity to get involved in the many activities in Green Bay and take back a lot of happy memories and experiences to your motherland.

-Shiyanke Goonetilleke

## So What's to do at UWGB?

There are many different events, clubs and organizations you can be involved in at the University of Wisconsin Green Bay.

The options are endless! Everything from Ballroom Dance Club to the Martial Arts Organization, Bowling Club to the Chess Club. There are also cultural clubs such as French Club, German Club, and Spanish

Club, the International Club, and the Southeast Asian Student Union, and many more. The full list of organizations you can participate in is on the UWGB website located under Student Orgs at [www.uwgb.edu/campuslife/](http://www.uwgb.edu/campuslife/).

Many students find that being involved in an organization, or an "org" as we like to call them, is a good

option if you are looking for an interesting way to spend your free time and is also an excellent way to make friends that may have the same interests as you do!

- Brie Fenske

"The options are endless!"

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International Club members on the spring break, March 2007 .

This photo: Millennium Park in Chicago, Illinois.

### Interview with Shivanke Goonetilleke--

1) *What do you like about UWGB vs. your college experience in Sri Lanka?*

Shivanke - "I like the fact that we as students can always approach our professor after class/ during his/her office hours and talk about any concerns we have about our grades or class work. Back home we can't talk to a professor after class hours. Also the Student Email accounts help a great deal when it comes to contacting a professor/class group member!"

2) *What do you dislike about UWGB vs. your college experience?*

Shivanke - "I really can't think of any negative thoughts about UWGB".

3) *What aspects of culture in the US are different than what you expected?*

Shivanke - "Everyone does things according to time. Just recently I ran into a few problems with a deadline and work schedule. Back home time is not much of an issue. People don't expect a person to be on time in a country where even the president is always late."

4) *What do you miss about Sri Lanka that isn't found here in Green Bay?*

Shivanke - "The warm climate, my family and friends."

5) *What is something that you might have as a tip for international students that will be new to Green Bay in the coming semester?*

Shivanke - "UWGB is a small and SAFE campus to meet many nice people. The friends you make will go out of their way to help you out! The Campus is not located downtown like Madison, but is located in a nice friendly environment. Be PREPARED for the WINTER!!!"



Shivanke Goonetilleke

