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- Employment: using data of previous  
- International: students' employment  
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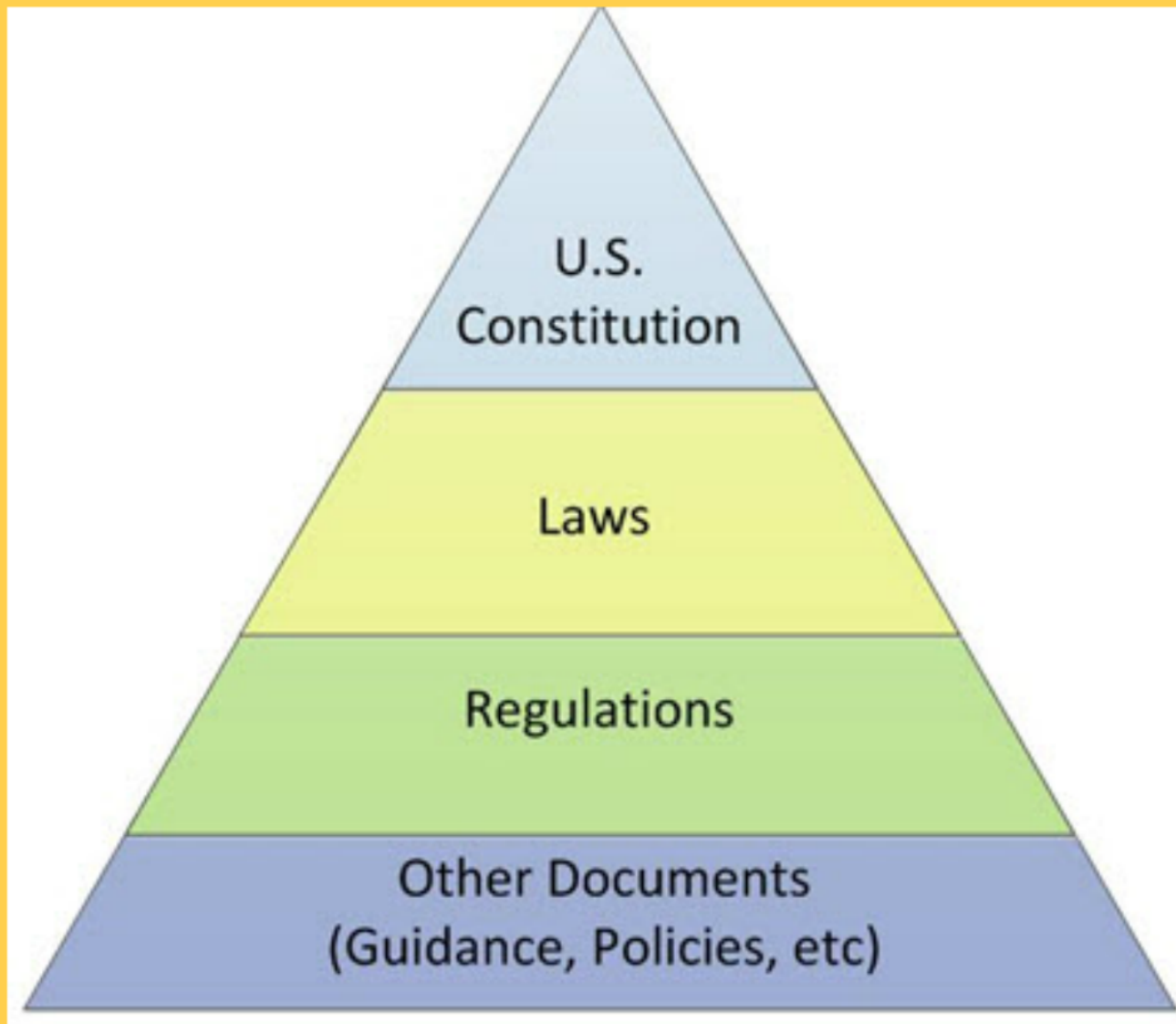


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- Lawful Presence

- USG Policy:

- *Policy 4.3.4 states the following:*

- *Each University System institution shall verify the lawful presence in the United States of every successfully admitted person applying for resident tuition status, as defined in Section 7.3 of this Policy Manual, and of every person admitted to an institution referenced in Section 4.1.6 of this Policy Manual.*



- GA Tech:

- Verified during International Student Check in OR, may be verified by registrar for visa types other than F and J.

- IS Support:

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- Furthermore: Policy 4.1.6
- A person who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible for admission to any University System institution which, for the two most recent academic years, did not admit all academically qualified applicants (except for cases in which applicants were rejected for non-academic reasons).
- At the time of writing, this was GCSU (Georgia College), Georgia Tech, and UGA.
  - November 2016: Updates from Georgia State and Augusta University-admitted all academically qualified applicants in the past two years.
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- Financial Aid
  - USG Policy: 4.3.2.3 Non-Citizens
    - A non-citizen student shall not be classified as in-state for tuition purposes unless the student is legally in this state and there is evidence to warrant consideration of in-state classification as determined by the Board of Regents... International students who reside in the United States under non-immigrant status conditioned at least in part upon intent not to abandon a foreign domicile shall not be eligible for in-state classification.
  - 4.3.3 Tuition Differential Waivers
    - See Section 7.3.4 of this Policy Manual for instances in which an institution may waive the differential between in-state and out-of-state tuition.
  - UGA Presidential Waivers:
    - Awarded in conjunction with other UGA academic scholarships, given to 75-100 new non-resident students annually
    - Waives either one-half or all of the difference between Georgia resident and non-resident tuition
    - Renewable based on the criteria of the academic scholarship to which it is attached
  - IS Support:
    - Hardship Waivers - under "Presidential Waiver" add hardship component
    - Study Abroad

- Health Insurance

- USG Policy:

- International students who have J or F immigration status are required by the University System of Georgia to carry health insurance as a condition of enrollment at a USG institution. In addition, as part of the United States Department of State Exchange-Visitor visa regulations, all J-1 Exchange Visitors are required by government regulations to carry health insurance for themselves and their J-2 dependents throughout the duration of their academic program. Any J-1 exchange visitor who willfully fails to maintain the insurance coverage, or makes a material misrepresentation to a USG institution concerning such coverage, will be in violation of his/her immigration status and subject to termination as a J-1.

- GA Tech:

- Does not participate in the USG system-wide Student Health Insurance Plan, (SHIP). We do however, still direct students to a plan through Blue Cross Blue Shield or, in the case of our scholars/interns, the Partnering in Good Health Insurance Plan (PGH Global).

- IS Support:

- Limited support and education regarding health insurance
      - Overview on OIE website
      - Health and Safety presentation during Welcome Week
      - Referrals to STAMPS Health Services

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- In the current political climate, we are going through a period of rapid change.
- Who are the people with decision making power in regard to higher education policy? At federal level? At state level?
- Who are the people with decision making power in your office/department?
- Where is your place within that structure?
- What is the process by which your office/department addresses and enacts change in policy?
- In what ways do you anticipate you will be able to advocate (while abiding by law and policy) for students at your institution in the coming months?

