

# Programs and Activities

## Fall 2024

### International Student and Scholar Services

Please note these events are subject to change.

**Watch the [isc-l@ksu.edu](mailto:isc-l@ksu.edu) listserv and our social media accounts for more information!**



## **August 2024**

### **International Buddies Sign up**

*Sign up: Opens August 19<sup>th</sup>*

The International Buddies Program <https://www.k-state.edu/buddies/> pairs local K-State students with international students every fall and spring semesters. Once paired, Buddies meet regularly to learn about each other's cultures, customs, and explore Manhattan & K-State.

### **Basic Language Training (BLT)**

*Registration: Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>*

Fall 2024 BLT Classes will begin on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and end on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> for a total of eight weeks -16 one-hour classes. No BLT classes during school breaks. *Days and times to be determined.* Languages offered: **Basic** - French, Portuguese, Spanish, and Tamil. **Intermediate** - Spanish.

BLT is a non-credit course taught by an international student. The student teaches the basics of their language and explores the culture of their country. The cost is \$40/language offered. More information can be found at <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/blt/index.html>

### **Activities Carnival**

*Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the K-State Student Union - Ballroom*

Come explore a selection of the nearly 500 registered student organizations on campus. Find something to get involved in, meet new people, grab some giveaways, and have fun! <https://www.k-state.edu/student-involvement/get-involved/carnival.html>

### **International Block Party**

*Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*7:00 pm - 10:00 pm at the K-State Student Union - Bosco Student Plaza*

It's a global party! Welcome back to the international community. Close out the Week of Welcome with international food, music, and fellowship. Whether you grew up in Kansas or traveled from thousands of miles away, all students are invited to meet new people, learn about different cultures and have fun. This free event is sponsored by the K-State Alumni Association and the Union Program Council.

### **U.S. Culture Issues Workshop**

*Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>*

*5:00 pm at the International Student Center—Multipurpose Room Presented via Zoom*

*(see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/> the week of the event)*

Ever wonder why your U.S. classmate says, "Hi, how are you?" and then walks away without waiting for your response? This workshop is designed for students, scholars, and dependents in their first year in the U.S. who want

to learn about and discuss cultural differences between the United States and their home country. Now is your chance to ask questions you have wanted to ask! Presented by Matthew Yaksic, international student advisor.

## **Career Fair and Job Search Preparation for International Students**

*Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>*

*11:30 am - 1:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room*

Join the K-State Career Center and learn about job search strategies specific for international students! We will be reviewing how to identify international-friendly employers, the different types of professional documents to use when applying for specific opportunities, how to answer work authorization questions on job applications, and much more! Presented by Chloe Wurst and Mary Ellen Barkley with the Career Center and Stacey Bailey with ISSS.

## **Purple Power Play**

*Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>*

*5:00 pm – 8:30 pm at the Blue Earth Plaza*

*A community focused event that includes outdoor activities and fun for the whole family, featuring food trucks, vendors, live entertainment, Willie the Wildcat and MORE! Additional info at <https://purplepowerplaymhk.com/>*

## **Health Insurance Waiver Deadline**

*Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 pm*

This is the last day to submit the health insurance waiver form. For more information on international student health insurance see [https://www.k-state.edu/iss/students/health\\_insurance/index.html](https://www.k-state.edu/iss/students/health_insurance/index.html)

## **September 2024**

### **Adjustment to U.S. Culture**

*Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00 pm at the Leadership Studies Building – Room 123*

Are you excited to be in the U.S. or are you counting the days until you can return to your home country? This workshop is designed for students, scholars, and dependents in their first year in the U.S. who would like to talk about adjusting to U.S. culture. Learn about the normal pattern of adjusting to a new culture, hear some tips for adjusting, and discover resources on campus and in the community. Presented by Matthew Yaksic, international student advisor.

### **International Spouse Orientation**

*Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>*

*10 am – 11 am at the International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room*

If you are a spouse of an international student or scholar, we invite you to attend this orientation to help you navigate K-State and the Manhattan community. Join us for the in-person presentation. Presented by the ISSS Graduate Assistant.

### **Wildcat Dialogues**

*Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>*

*7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the K-State Student Union*

Join all new and first-year K-State students for a night of meaningful dialogue and building connections: create communities of belonging, build cross-cultural relationships, understand cultural differences and similarities. Watch for announcements about Wildcat “Mini-Dialogues” for more opportunities to expand your experiences. Full schedule of events: <https://www.k-state.edu/leadership/studentsuccess/wildcatdialogues/>.

## **Kansas Driving & Insurance Laws**

*Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the Frith Community Center in Jardine*

Learn about Kansas driving and insurance laws as well as the legal requirements for owning a vehicle, including insurance and registration procedures. Presented by the K-State Police Department.

## **International Coordinating Council (ICC) Game Night**

*Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>*

*6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room*

Come to play fun games, make new friends and hear more about the International Coordinating Council's Fall events! Visit <https://www.k-state.edu/icc/> watch the ICC Facebook page, ICC Instagram or isc-l listserv for more information!

## **See More Than Manhattan**

*Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>*

*2:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room*

Get ideas for travelling within the region while staying on a budget! Presented by the ISSS Graduate Assistant.

## **Coffee Hour: Myanmar**

*Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room or Zoom*

*(see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/> the week of the event)*

Coffee Hour is a forum for international students to showcase their home countries. Grab some coffee and join us to learn about the geography and culture of another nation. See <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/coffee-hour.html> for more information.

## **K-State Family Weekend**

*Friday & Saturday, September 27-28<sup>th</sup>*

Celebrate family and tradition with this two-day event! The 2024 event celebrates 96 years of welcoming families to the campus for activities designed around family, togetherness and pride. Participants enjoy a variety of activities which showcase the history, tradition, and special connection between K-State, our students, and their families. We welcome families from anywhere in the nation or world and want to make your weekend special! For full details, please visit <https://www.k-state.edu/academic-success-student-affairs/parents-and-family-program/events/familyweekend.html>.

## **October 2024**

### **Legal Topics for International Students**

*Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*12:00 pm - 1:00 pm via Zoom*

*(see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/> the week of the event)*

Learn about various legal matters of interest to international students. During this workshop, we will cover questions such as what to do if you get a traffic ticket, what a power of attorney is, alcohol violations and regulations, online buying scams, car purchasing, and apartment rental issues. Presented by Sarah Barr, Student Legal Services Attorney. <https://www.k-state.edu/legal/>

### **ICC Championships**

*Friday/Saturday/Sunday, October 4-6<sup>th</sup> (Sign up required)*

*At the Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex and East Memorial Stadium*

International Coordinating Council (ICC), <https://www.k-state.edu/icc/> hosts an exciting sporting event. Join peers as we compete against each other in a friendly atmosphere. The day and time vary by sport. Activities are

open to all K-State students with their K-State ID. Scholars, faculty, staff, spouses, and other dependents (aged 18+) are welcome to attend. Watch the ICC Facebook page, ICC Instagram or isc-l listserv for more information!

### **Powercat Financial Workshop: U.S. Money Systems & Powercat Financial Resources**

*Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>*

*11:30-12:30 at the International Student Center - Multipurpose Room*

Learn some basics of U.S. banking, how you can build credit, budgeting, and money culture. Ask the questions you have about U.S. financial systems. Also learn about how Powercat Financial can help you achieve some of your personal financial goals through an individualized peer financial planning session. Powercat Financial is the free financial education center on campus that offers peer-to-peer financial assistance. Learn more about Powercat Financial at [www.ksu.edu/powercatfinancial](http://www.ksu.edu/powercatfinancial).

### **U.S. Presidential Election Year 2024 Informational Session**

*Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>*

*12:00 pm - 1:00 pm via Zoom*

*(see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/> the week of the event)*

Join us for an informational session on the 2024 U.S. presidential election. Presented by Dr. Ethan Bernick, Associate Professor of Political Science.

### **Coffee Hour: Bhutan**

*Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room or Zoom*

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### **ICC participates in the K-State Homecoming Parade**

*Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> (sign up required)*

*4:00 pm meet at the parking lot on 4th Street West of Dillard.*

K-State students, alumni, friends and the Manhattan community gather for the highlight of Homecoming week! Join ICC while representing your country and show off your school pride by marching throughout downtown Manhattan and Aggieville. K-State Homecoming, brought to you by the K-State Alumni Association, is a week-long annual tradition bringing together students, alumni and friends of K-State. Full schedule of events: [www.k-state.com/Homecoming](http://www.k-state.com/Homecoming). Visit: <https://www.k-state.edu/icc/> watch the ICC Facebook page, ICC Instagram or isc-l listserv for more information!

### **Kansas Weather**

*Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>*

*12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room*

Learn about how Kansas weather changes rapidly. Know what could happen next and learn preparedness tips to handle the elements of hot, cold and everything in between! Presented by Chip Redmond, an Assistant Meteorologist with K-State Department of Agronomy, and the Kansas Mesonet Manager.

### **Immigrate to Canada with Express Entry - Information Session**

*Date to be determined*

*presented via webinar*

International students – looking for options after graduation? Canada is one of the most multicultural countries in the world. Express Entry is the application process for skilled immigrants who want to settle in Canada permanently. Attend the Embassy of Canada's information session to learn what experience, skills and background are required to make Canada your permanent home. Watch the isc-l listserv for more information!

## **November 2024**

### **Coffee Hour: Democratic Republic of Congo**

*Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>*

*4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room or Zoom*

*(see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/> the week of the event)*

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### **K-State International Education Week (IEW)**

*Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>*

This event provides an opportunity to recognize, advance and elevate international awareness across our campus via a variety of events. Through a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and U.S. Department of Education, universities across the U.S. plan and implement events that serve to elevate the level of international awareness and diversity of students. Full schedule of events: <https://www.k-state.edu/oip/about/events/iew.html>

### **Coffee Hour: Colombia**

*Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room or Zoom*

*(see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/> the week of the event)*

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### **ICC Food Festival**

*Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> (Must purchase tickets in advance)*

*4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at the Morris Family Multicultural Student Center*

The International Coordinating Council (ICC) invites you to taste food from around the world. This is an opportunity to sample food from all over the world while in one place. Visit <https://www.k-state.edu/icc/> watch the ICC Facebook page, ICC Instagram or isc-l listserv for more information!

### **Pathways to Permanent Residency – William Schiller, Immigration Attorney**

*Date to be determined*

*International Student Center – Multipurpose Room*

William Schiller, Immigration Attorney, will present on pathways to permanent residency under the employment-based first and second preferences that do not require a labor certification (i.e. National Interest Waiver; Extraordinary Ability and Outstanding Professor and Researcher). K-State students, faculty and staff will be given the opportunity to schedule a brief consultation with Mr. Schiller.

## **December 2024**

### **Coffee Hour: India**

*Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>*

*4:00 pm - 5:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room or Zoom*

*(see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/> the week of the event)*

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**Other resources available on demand**

## **A College Student's Guide to Eating Well**

*YouTube presentation:* [https://youtu.be/LtGJh\\_RQ\\_Qs](https://youtu.be/LtGJh_RQ_Qs)

College life comes with unique barriers to making healthy food choices. This presentation teaches the audience the skills to identify and break down those barriers because a well-nourished student = a successful student. Presented by students in the WellCAT Ambassadors program.

## **Love Your Body**

*YouTube presentation:* <https://youtu.be/xHjWc80tU2c>

There are many factors that lead to negative body image. An exploration into both positive and negative body image, this presentation touches on the dangers of eating disorders and offers tips for increasing body positivity. Presented by students in the WellCAT Ambassadors program.

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