

International Student and Scholar Services

Spring 2010 Events Calendar

F-1 Optional Practical Training Workshops

Every Monday when K-State is open at 3:30pm
International Student Center

Ice Skating in City Park

January 17
City Park Ice Skating Rink from 7-9pm
Meet at ISC at 6:30pm for a ride

International students, scholars and families are invited to join ISSS for a fun night of ice skating! Entrance is free, and skate rental costs \$2 per person. This is an indoor skating rink, but you still need to dress warmly! If you need a ride to the ice skating rink, meet at the International Student Center at 6:30pm.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service with the K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan

January 18 at 9am-11am, 11am-1pm, or 1pm-3pm
Meet at ISC at 8am for a ride to the Town Center Mall

The K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan's King Day of Service will take place from 8am to 3pm beginning with registration in the Center Court of the Manhattan Town Center Mall. Available service shifts run 9am-11am, 11am-1pm, and 1pm-3pm. Join ISSS for an opportunity to give back to the community you live in. Please meet at the ISC at 8am for a ride to the Town Center Mall where you can view all the options and sign up for what you are most interested in. There will also be a community lunch served between 11-2. Transportation is available for the project and back to campus.

Legal Issues in the U.S.

January 25 at 6:30pm
International Student Center

Join Sarah S. Barr, K-State's Student Legal Services Attorney to learn about various legal issues you could encounter while you're in the United States. During this workshop, she will cover topics such as what to do if you get a ticket, what a power of attorney is, alcohol violations and regulations, on-line buying scams, car purchasing and apartment rental issues. Please join us to discuss these issues and to ask questions.

Brown Bag Lunches

Starting January 28 from 12:30-1:30; then every Thursday during the semester
Will be held in the Union Lower Level, outside Salsaritas

Do you have questions about stress management? A relationship issue? How to adjust successfully to a new environment like Manhattan? Or simply want to find out more about the resources we offer. Counseling Services and International Student and Scholar Services would like to invite you to join us and your fellow international students/scholars to our weekly gathering. Just bring your lunch! It's INFORMAL and FREE. You will have a chance to get to ask any mental health questions you might have.

Trip to Topeka, KS

January 30

Travel with ISSS to explore the state's capital. Sign up is required. Exact event details will be announced through ISC-L and Facebook.

J-1 Scholar Orientation

February 2 at 10am
International Student Center

A program for J-1 Scholars and Professors that reviews immigration regulations pertaining to their visa status as well as an orientation on things to do around campus and in the campus community.

U.S. Culture Issues

February 4 at 6:30pm
International Student Center

Ever wonder why your U.S. classmate says, "Hi, How are you?" and then walks away without ever waiting for your detailed response? This workshop is designed for students, scholars, and dependents in their first year in the U.S. who would like to learn and talk about cultural differences between the United States and their home country. Now is your chance to ask questions you have wanted to ask! Presenters will be Sara Thurston-González, Director of the International Student and Scholar Services, and Heidi Minnihan, U.S. student who studied abroad in France.

Coffee Hour: Georgia

February 5 from 4-5pm
International Student Center

Coffee Hour is an informal forum for international students to showcase their country.

Adjustment to U.S. Culture

February 11 at 6:30pm
International Student Center

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 this new U.S. culture. Come hear about the normal pattern of adjusting to a new culture. Learn some tips for adjusting. Become aware of resources for you on campus and in the community. Presenters will be Andrew Imbrie Bratawidjaja, Counselor, Counseling Services, and Sara Thurston-González, Director of the International Student and Scholar Services.

International Spouse Orientation

February 12 at 11am
International Student Center

If you are a spouse of an international student or scholar we invite you to attend an orientation to help you navigate through K-State and the Manhattan community.

Healthcare in the U.S.

February 18 at 7pm
International Student Center

Are you confused about the healthcare system in the United States? Is health insurance a completely new concept to you? If you would like to learn how health care and insurance work in the United States, come to this presentation!

Coffee Hour: Sri Lanka

February 19 from 4-5pm
International Student Center

Coffee Hour is an informal forum for international students to showcase their country.

Basic Language Training (BLT)

February 22- April 9
Sign up by January 29. Watch ISC-L and Facebook for full details and featured languages.

BLT is a non-credit course that is taught by an international student. The student teaches the basics of his/her language and explores the culture of his/her home country.

Safety and Security in the U.S.

February 25 at 6:30pm
International Student Center

Are you wondering about bike safety and regulations? Are you confused by traffic lights? Are worried about walking alone? How do alcohol laws differ from your home country? What is the role of police in the U.S.? Why is the U.S. campus climate so serious when it comes to security issues? Here is a workshop to help you understand all these issues and more! Captain Stubbings, K-State Police Department will present this important workshop.

Trip to Kansas City

February 27

Sign up Required. Exact event details will be announced through ISC-L and Facebook.

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Coffee Hour: Lebanon

March 5 from 4-5pm
International Student Center

Coffee Hour is an informal forum for international students to showcase their country.

Coffee Hour: Czech Republic

March 26 from 4-5pm
International Student Center

Coffee Hour is an informal forum for international students to showcase their country.

Practice Interviews with K-State's Career & Employment Services

March 30 from 2-4pm
International Student Center

Advanced registration is required. Exact event details will be announced through ISC-L and Facebook.

J-1 Student Academic Training Workshop

March 31 at 3pm
International Student Center

This workshop for J-1 students will cover information regarding Academic Training, the two-year home residency requirement, and life after J-1 status.

Kansas Weather

April 1 at 6:30pm
Frith Community Center at Jardine

Most people are curious about the weather. It affects almost everything we do. This workshop will present information on our weather patterns and what you can expect. Kansas weather can be severe. It is important that you understand the terminology and the warnings and you know how to prepare for possibly damaging weather. Be sure to bring your families as they too should be informed about the weather. Presented by Mary Knapp, an associate agronomist with K-State Research and Extension and state climatologist.

J-1 Scholar Orientation

April 6 at 10am
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Coffee Hour: Colombia

April 9 from 4-5pm
International Student Center

Coffee Hour is an informal forum for international students to showcase their country.

ICC's International Week

April 12- 17

ICC works in collaboration with various international student organizations and staff to create a week of celebration and display of music, dance, fashion and culture from around the world. Events and activities have included cultural exhibitions, dance lessons, talent show, international movies, fashion show, and parade. As events are planned, they will be announced through the ISC-L.

ICC's International Championships

April 18-24

Through collaboration with Recreational Services at K-State, International Coordinating Council (ICC) coordinates a week long series of sporting competitions to celebrate cultural understanding and sensitivity through sports. Start recruiting your teams now for Tennis, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Badminton and Table Tennis. As more planning happens, announcements will come through the ISC-L.

J-1 Scholar Orientation

May 4 at 10am
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Additional Events will be advertised through the listserv (ISC-L) and our Facebook page www.facebook.com/issksu!

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