



Programs and Activities

Fall 2023

International Student and Scholar Services

Please note these events are subject to change.

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August 2023

International Buddies Sign up

Sign up: Opens August 16th

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 1st - Friday, September 1st

Fall 2023 BLT Classes will begin on Monday, September 18th and end on Thursday, November 9th 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, Japanese, Persian, Spanish, and Telugu. **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 24th

6:00 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 25th

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.

International Spouse Orientation

Thursday, August 31st

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.

Health Insurance Waiver Deadline

Thursday, August 31st 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/issv/students/health_insurance/index.html

September 2023

Career Fair and Job Search Preparation for International Students

Friday, September 1st

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, September 1st

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/>

U.S. Culture Issues

Thursday, September 7th

5:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room

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 Sara Thurston, Director of ISSS.

Coffee Hour: Azerbaijan

Friday, September 8th

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

(see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/issv/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/issv/programs-events/coffee-hour.html> for more information.

K-State Family Weekend

Friday & Saturday, September 8-9th

Celebrate family and tradition with this two-day event! The 2023 event celebrates 95 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/parentsandfamily/familyweekend/>.

Adjustment to U.S. Culture

Thursday, September 14th

5:00 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room

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 Sara Thurston, Director of ISSS.

Immigrate to Canada with Express Entry - Information Session

Friday, September 15th

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!

International Coordinating Council (ICC) Game Night

Friday, September 15th

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!

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

Thursday, September 21st

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

Learn some basics of US banking, how you can build credit, budgeting, and money culture. Ask the questions you have about US 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.

Coffee Hour: Cote D'Ivoire

Friday, September 22ND

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

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October 2023

See More Than Manhattan

Thursday, October 5th

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

Get ideas for travelling within the region while staying on a budget! Presented by Harley Sellinger, International Student Advisor.

ICC Championships

Friday/Saturday/Sunday, October 6-8th (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!

Kansas Driving & Insurance Laws

Tuesday, October 10th

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)

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 Student Night for Soccer

Thursday, October 12th

Kickoff at 7pm

Watch the isc-l listserv for more details closer to the event!

Kansas Weather

Thursday, October 19th

12:00 pm - 1:00 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)

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.

Legal Topics for International Students

Thursday, October 26th

12:00 pm - 1:00 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)

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 participates in the K-State Homecoming Parade

Friday, October 27th (sign up required)

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

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. Visit: <https://www.k-state.edu/icc/> watch the ICC Facebook page, ICC Instagram or isc-l listserv for more information!

November 2023

Pathways to Permanent Residency – William Schiller, Immigration Attorney

Thursday, November 2nd

Time To Be Determined at the 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.

Healthy Relationships – CARE 101

Thursday, November 2nd

11:30 am - 12:30 pm at the International Student Center – Multipurpose Room

This workshop will explore definitions, explain community resources, and discuss the difference between healthy relationships and domestic violence. Presented by Elizabeth McCarthy, an advocate from the Center of Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE). <https://www.k-state.edu/care/>

Wildcat Dialogues

Wednesday, November 8th

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the K-State 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/>.

Academic Achievement Center: Set Yourself Up for Success

Thursday, November 9th

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

Learn how The Academic Achievement Center (AAC), <https://www.k-state.edu/aac/>, helps students with everything needed to be confident in their academic success each semester. AAC provides direction with checklists, step-by-step instruction, academic coaching, and tutoring. Get your tools and resources for academic success!

Coffee Hour: China

Friday, November 10th

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

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K-State International Education Week (IEW)

Monday, November 13th – Friday, November 17th

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/events/index.html>

ICC Food Festival

Sunday, November 12th (Must purchase tickets in advance)

5:00 pm - 7:00 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!

Safety and Security in the U.S.

Thursday, November 16th

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

Learn about campus safety. Are you wondering about bike safety and regulations? Do traffic lights confuse you? Are you worried about walking alone? How do alcohol laws differ from your home country? What is the role of the police in the U.S.? Why are universities so serious when it comes to security issues? Here is a presentation to help you understand all these issues and more. Presented by the K-State Police Department.

December 2023

Coffee Hour: Brazil

Friday, December 1st

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

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Other resources available on demand

A College Student's Guide to Eating Well

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

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

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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