



Programs and Activities

Fall 2022

International Student and Scholar Services

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August 2022

International Buddies Sign up

Sign up: Monday, August 15th - Thursday, September 1st

The International Buddies Program <https://www.k-state.edu/buddies/> pairs local K-State students, staff and community members with international students, scholars and family members every fall and spring semesters. Learn about each other's cultures, customs, explore Manhattan and K-State. Valuable volunteer experience.

Basic Language Training (BLT)

Registration: Wednesday, August 24th - Wednesday, September 7th

*Classes are in person with some via Zoom, September 19th thru November 10th (8 weeks) with days and times to be determined. **Languages offered:** Basic - French, Mandarin, Portuguese, and Spanish. **Advanced** - Spanish.*

BLT is a non-credit course taught by an international student. The student teaches the basics of his/her language and explores the culture of his/her 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 25th

6:00 to 8:00 pm @ 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 26th

7:00 to 10:00 pm @ 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.

Health Insurance Waiver Deadline

Wednesday, August 31 at 11:59 pm

This is the last day to submit the health insurance waiver form. See https://www.k-state.edu/iss/students/health_insurance/index.html for more information on international student health insurance.

September 2022

Purple Power Play

Friday, September 2nd

5:00 pm @ 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/>

International Spouse Orientation

Wednesday, September 7th

10:00 am @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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. Presented by the ISSS Graduate Assistant. Join us for the in-person presentation.

U.S. Culture Issues

Thursday, September 8th

5:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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.

ICC Game Night

Friday, September 9th

6:00 to 8:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

Adjustment to U.S. Culture

Thursday, September 15th

5:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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.

Coffee Hour: GUATEMALA

Friday, September 16th

4:00 to 5:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

In-person/Zoom hybrid event (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 in this live and Zoom program 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.

Pre-Game Tailgate and Football Game

Saturday, September 17th

2:00 pm Kickoff

Enjoy a full day of K-State football! Come out to cheer on the Wildcats and experience the excitement of a football game at the stadium. ISSS has partnered with K-State Athletics and The Parents & Family Program for the activities for this day. Check out the Parents & Family Program website for the 94th Annual Family Weekend events:

<https://www.k-state.edu/parentsandfamily/familyday/> . Be on the lookout for a sign up to get a free ticket to the Family Day Tailgate and details for how to purchase \$10 tickets to the football game vs. Tulane.

K-State Family Day

Saturday, September 17th

Tell your families about this event! Even if they cannot attend, you are welcome to join many of the activities happening around campus. For full details, please visit <http://www.k-state.edu/familyday/events.html>

Powercat Financial Workshop: A spending plan can help reduce your financial stress

Thursday, September 22nd

12:00 to 1:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

Lunch (provided, while supplies last) and learn how having a spending plan can help reduce your financial stress.

Attend this workshop to learn how to create a budget that can help you meet your financial goals and weather unexpected financial emergencies when income is limited. 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.

International Buddies: Ice Cream Social and Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, September 22nd

6:30 to 8:30 pm @ K-State Student Union

Come join Ibuddies, <https://www.k-state.edu/buddies/> , for our first meeting of the semester. Meet your buddy group and experience a fun night of adventure, intrigue, and ice cream.

Coffee Hour: SAUDI ARABIA

Friday, September 23rd

4:00 to 5:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

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ICC Championship

Saturday/Sunday, September 24th/25th (Sign up required)

@ Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex and/or 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. Watch the ICC Facebook page, ICC Instagram or isc-l listserv for more information!

Safety and Security in the U.S. – Officer David Anderson

Thursday, September 29th

12:00 to 1:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

Bring your lunch (optional) and 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 of these issues and more. Presented by Officer David Anderson, Community Outreach Officer of the K-State Police Department.

October 2022

See More Than Manhattan

Thursday, October 6th

5:00 to 6:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

Get ideas for travelling within the region while staying on a budget!

Immigrate to Canada with Express Entry - Information Session

Wednesday, October 12th

12:00 to 1:00 pm via webinar (see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/iss/programs-events/> the week of the event)

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.

K-State LGBT Resource Center, Brandon H. Haddock, Student Services Coordinator

Thursday, October 13th

12:00 to 1:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

Bring your lunch (optional) and learn. The LGBT Resource Center at Kansas State University is dedicated to supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) students, staff, and faculty and allied members of our campus and surrounding communities to be more secure, educated, and productive in their personal and professional surroundings. The center is open to all and provides information regarding resources available to those of differing sexualities and gender identities and helps to build and nurture a diverse and inclusive campus community that supports all aspects of the curricular and co-curricular lives of our students, faculty, staff, and community members. <https://www.k-state.edu/lgbt/contactabout/about.html>

Coffee Hour: UGANDA

Friday, October 14th

4:00 to 5:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

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Pathways to Permanent Residency – William Schiller, Immigration Attorney

Tuesday, October 18th

Time To Be Determined (TBD) @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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.

Kansas Driving & Insurance Laws – Officer David Anderson

Thursday, October 20th

12:00 to 1:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

In-person/Zoom hybrid event (see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/isss/programs-events/> the week of the event)

Bring your lunch (optional) and learn about Kansas driving and insurance laws as well as the legal requirements for owning a vehicle, including insurance and registration procedures. Presented by Officer David Anderson, Community Outreach Officer.

International Buddies: Britt's Farm

Friday, October 21st

6:00 pm @ Britt's Farm

Enjoy an evening out at Britt's Farm with your buddies. A corn maze, hayrack ride, and s'mores/bonfire will all be included, along with the opportunity to explore a local farm! In addition, a costume contest will be held for anyone who wishes to participate! <https://www.k-state.edu/buddies/> .

Legal Topics for International Students

Thursday, October 27th

12:00 to 1:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

In-person/Zoom hybrid event (see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/isss/programs-events/> the week of the event)

Bring your lunch (optional) and 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 28th (sign up required)

4:00 meet @ 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. <https://www.k-state.edu/icc/> Watch the ICC Facebook page, ICC Instagram or isc-l listserv for more information!

November 2022

Wildcat Dialogues

Tuesday, November 1st

6:3 to 8:30 pm @ K-State Student Union - Ballroom

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. To RSVP and for more information <https://www.k-state.edu/leadership/studentsuccess/wildcatdialogues/>. Watch for announcements about Wildcat "Mini-Dialogues" for more opportunities to expand your experiences.

Kansas Weather

Tuesday, November 3rd

12:00 to 1:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

In-person/Zoom hybrid event (see link at <https://www.k-state.edu/isss/programs-events/> the week of the event)

Bring your lunch (optional) and 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.

Healthy Relationships

Thursday, November 10th

12:00 to 1:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

Bring your lunch (optional) and learn as this workshop will explore definitions, explain community resources, and discuss the difference between healthy relationships and domestic violence. Presented by the Center of Advocacy, Response, and Education (CARE). <https://www.k-state.edu/care/>

K-State International Education Week (IEW)

Friday, November 4th – Friday, November 18th

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>.

Coffee Hour: GUYANA

Friday, November 11TH

4:00 to 5:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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International Buddies: Friends Giving

Day and Time to Be determined

@ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

For Ibuddies last event of the semester, we'll be hosting a Thanksgiving party with a variety of traditional foods available. Feel free to bring your own Thanksgiving or international dishes to add to our buffet! <https://www.k-state.edu/buddies/>

ICC Food Festival

Sunday, November 13th (Sign up required)

5:00 to 7:00 pm @ the Morris Family Multicultural Student Center

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

KSUnite – 2022 DEIB Conference

Monday, November 14th – Wednesday, November 16th

K-State Student Union - Classes will be canceled from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14

This is a movement that joins the entire university family together to uphold the value of human diversity and inclusion for community. We share a responsibility to stand up for open dialogues and a climate of inclusion, and to celebrate diversity. KSUnite is a multiple-day conference that will include poster sessions, panels, roundtables, presentations, workshop sessions and more. Full schedule of events: <https://www.k-state.edu/diversity-inclusion/ksunite/about/>

Love Your Body

Thursday, November 17th

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 through Lafene Health Center.

A College Student's Guide to Eating Well

Thursday, November 17th

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 through Lafene Health Center.

December 2022

Academic Achievement Center: Set Yourself Up for Success

Thursday, December 1st

12:00 to 1:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

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

Coffee Hour: JAPAN

Friday, December 2nd



4:00 to 5:00 pm @ International Student Center (ISC) – Multipurpose Room (MPR)

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

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