



WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter

December is here, and the end of the Fall term is near!

As you enter the **final two weeks** of the semester, we want to encourage you to **finish strong!** Remember to take time for yourself and reach out to the many resources available if you need extra help and support.

As mentioned in the November newsletter, starting in Spring 2025, we will be discontinuing the Tiger International Newsletter. However, our weekly email reminders will continue, and the information shared in the newsletter will be posted on our social media. Make sure to follow us to stay up-to-date with the latest news and reminders!

- **Instagram: [fhsu_international](#)**
- **Facebook: [FHSU International Student Services](#)**

As **Winter Break** approaches, please prepare for your plans, whether you're staying on campus or traveling.

We also want to take a moment to acknowledge **Christmas**, celebrated on December 25. This holiday is a time for families and friends to come together, exchange gifts, and spread joy and goodwill.

Thank you to all who contributed to and celebrated International Education Week with us! We are grateful to have you as part of the Fort Hays State University family.

Wishing you a **Happy New Year!** We look forward to seeing you in 2025!



SERVICES

Passport and I-20/DS-2019 Renewal

If your passport is expiring, you must renew and get a new one BEFORE the expiration date, even if you will not be traveling outside the United States. This can be done within in the U.S. through your country's embassy.

If your I-20 document will expire December 31, 2024 and you will not be graduating, you will need to complete an Academic Program Extension form and provide updated financials to maintain your status. Visit the [Academic Program Extension](#) web site for further details and the form.

Graduation

Information along with times, dates, and locations of the fall ceremonies are now available on the [Commencement](#) web site. Graduating students will have the opportunity to take part in an in-person, traditional ceremony located in Gross Memorial Coliseum. There will be two ceremonies divided by colleges. Please review the web site listed above for details.

OPT/CPT Applications

International Students looking for employment opportunities in the U.S. after graduation must submit your [OPT application](#) prior to December 13.

International students looking for INTERNSHIP opportunities as a requirement of your academic program of study for the spring semester must complete the required [CPT application](#) prior to the start of spring classes.

Campus Closed

The FHSU campus will be closed Monday, December 23 through January 3.

Winter Break

The fall semester ends on December 13 and Winter Break is from December 13 through January 20. Spring classes begin on January 21.

The campus will be quiet, and many offices will have modified hours. The campus will be closed from Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3.

If you plan to travel during the break, take your passport and I-20/DS-2019 with you. If you plan to leave the U.S., your I-20 will need to be signed for travel. Bring your I-20 to the office for the travel signature.

If you plan to stay on-campus during the break, you will need to complete a Winter Break Housing Application form that will be emailed to you by the Residential Life office. You must complete the form by the given deadline.

Here are dining options if you plan to stay in Hays during winter break:

Restaurants in Hays:

<https://www.visithays.com/94/Dining>

Downtown Hays Dining:

<https://www.downtownhays.com/dining>

Remember, Tiger Transport will still run during this time; Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12:00-5:00pm with the exception of Wed., Dec. 25 and Wed., Jan. 1.



SERVICES CONTINUED....



Register for Spring 2025 Courses **ACT NOW**

It's time to register for Spring 2025 courses. To get started, log into Workday and click the myFHSU icon. For step-by-step registration instructions, visit this [website](#) and scroll to the "Student Registration Activities" section.

Schedule a meeting with your academic advisor to discuss your classes. Early registration is underway. Check the University calendar for your registration date, based on your class standing and last name.

There are some limitations in the number of online courses international students can take. The majority of the required full-time credits must be completed on campus. Keep in mind that a minimum of 12 credits is required to maintain full-time status.

GET CONNECTED

Upcoming ISU events/activities

Join the International Student Union (ISU) and Become Part of a Global Community!

Attention all students—whether you are new to campus or returning for another exciting year, we invite you to join the International Student Union (ISU)! As a member, you will have the chance to connect with peers from around the world, build meaningful friendships, and experience diverse cultures right here on campus. Membership is \$10 and benefits include priority RSVP for events and trips, and discounts for out of town trips.

ISU is more than just a student organization—exists to build and foster a community that celebrates global diversity and cultural exchange. By joining ISU, you will get the opportunity to: Participate in Exciting Events & Activities, Build a Global Network, and Enhance Your Campus Experience.

ISU Leadership Team

Introducing our ISU Officers! We are excited to announce the new leadership team for ISU. Samuel Amoateng takes on the role as President, Kwesi Taylor will manage finances as Treasurer, and Jinrui (Eleanore) Zhao brings creativity to the role of Social Media Chair.

Together, they are prepared to guide ISU toward a semester of success and plan events and activities for you this spring semester. Be sure to watch our social media for these events.

Social Media

Be in the know and follow us on social media!

Website: www.fhsu.edu/international/index

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FHSUISS/

Instagram: @fhsu_international



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: LIVING AND LEARNING AT FHSU

WORKDAY:

Workday Student Resources

[Workday](#) has a web site that provides students with detailed information under the STUDENT SELF SERVICE Documents and Videos heading on how to navigate the Workday platform. This is a great place to start if you need to know how to complete tasks in Workday.

This web site includes:

- Student financials - how to make a payment, enroll in payment plan, view student financials
- Student records - review contact information and make edits, print unofficial transcript, designate diploma mailing address
- Academic advising & student registration - register for courses from your academic plan, swap, drop, withdraw from courses, academic advising

LIVING:

Student Residential Life

Students who plan to stay in the residence halls over Winter Break will need to complete a Winter Break Housing Form. This form can be found in the email that Residential Life will send to all students living in a residence hall. For questions, visit with your CA or Hall Director of the hall you live in. Students **MUST** request to stay in the residence hall over Winter Break! Contact [Student Residential Life](#) for housing questions or concerns.

LEARNING:

Academic Success

International students adjusting to university life and trying to manage coursework and unfamiliar systems may feel overwhelmed. Are you finding it difficult to balance academics with adapting to a new culture, work, or personal responsibilities? FHSU's [Academic Success Programs](#) are designed to support students like you in overcoming these challenges and excelling in your studies. Let them help you achieve your academic goals and thrive in college.

Writing Center

FHSU students can access free, one-on-one writing consultations at any stage of the writing process. Trained consultants assist with assignments, brainstorming, organization, revising, technical skills, and application materials like résumés and cover letters. Visit the [Writing Center](#) to make an appointment.

Academic Calendar

The [academic calendar](#) at FHSU is an essential resource for students to stay informed about key dates and important deadlines throughout the semester. Make sure to regularly check the academic calendar to avoid missing crucial dates.

FHSU General Scholarship Application

Apply Now for FHSU Scholarships for the 2025-2026 academic year.

Priority Deadline: November 15, 2024

Final Deadline: February 15, 2025

Do not miss your chance to apply for [scholarships](#). Log in with your TigerNetID to explore available scholarships and begin your application. The online system will automatically match you with scholarships you are eligible for and recommend others you may qualify for, then you apply for each separately.