



WELCOME TO OUR
Monthly Newsletter

Hello International Tigers!

Happy Autumn! October 11th marks the mid-term for the semester! Your midterm grades will be available on Workday October 14. We wanted to share some resources reminders to keep you having fun, studying hard, and staying well!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Homecoming: Celebrate FHSU's Homecoming on October 5!
Learn more [here](#).
- Oktoberfest: Join the fun at Oktoberfest in Hays. Details [here](#).
- Need Help in a class?
 - Contact your course instructor or join their open office hours
 - Check out [on-campus tutoring](#) options
 - Visit the [Writing Center](#)
- Stay Well: For mental and emotional health visit [Health and Wellness](#)
- Emergency: Call 911 or on-campus call University Police (785-625-1011)
- The International Team is on call after-hours: (785) 259-0005 (non-emergency needs)
- **NOTE**--Tiger Transport will not run on Wednesday, October 9

Have a fun and safe October. Go Tigers!



SERVICES

Optional Practical Training

Are you interested in employment in the U.S. after graduation? OPT allows international students to engage in temporary employment directly related to their academic program. This provides a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on work experience in your field, enhance your professional skills, and increase your competitiveness in the job market. Start working on your application now if you graduate December 2024.

Curricular Practical Training

Are you looking for INTERNSHIP opportunity as a requirement of your academic program of study? If so, you will want to attend one of the CPT Workshops to learn about the process and requirements of CPT and ask questions. Students must be enrolled full-time for at least nine consecutive months prior to application and maintain status.

CPT Workshop dates:

October 15 -- 9:00-10:30am -- Pioneer Room, Memorial Union, 2nd floor
October 16 -- 12:00-1:30pm -- Smoky Hill Room, Memorial Union, 2nd floor

Driver's License

If you are thinking about getting a driver's license please read the [driver's license handbook](#) to understand the process and materials needed to get a license.

Visit the [Kansas Department of Motor Vehicles](#) (DMV) for general information.

Book an Appointment With Marnie

Marnie has been promoted to a new role, International Services Coordinator. She will continue to provide these services: international student health insurance, tax preparation through Sprintax, and support through the social security and employment processes. Marnie also assists with immigration-related inquiries and manages the monthly Tiger International Newsletter and weekly student announcements.

How Does this affect you?

Because of the increase in her work load, Marnie is using Calendly to schedule appointments with students, making it easy for you to book time with her.

Through Calendly, you can choose from pre-defined time slots that fit your schedule, ensuring a seamless booking experience, so both Marnie and students stay organized. This system saves time and allows her to focus on providing personalized support during meetings.

The Calendly link to book an appointment <https://calendly.com/mlkohl> or use the QR code





GET CONNECTED

International Student Union (ISU)

Homecoming Parade

ISU is excited to invite you to participate in this year's Homecoming Parade on **October 5 at 11:00 AM happening at Main Street**. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase the richness of our international student community and to celebrate together. Transportation will be provided, with a bus departing from **McMindes Hall at 9:15 AM** to take us to the parade location. Please make sure to arrive promptly so we can leave on schedule.

You are welcome and encouraged to dress in your **native attire** to proudly represent your culture. Flags would be provided for the parade. Lets come together to make this event vibrant and memorable by sharing and celebrating our diverse backgrounds.

Deadline to RSVP is September 30

RSVP using [TigerLink](#) to confirm your participation. This will help us arrange adequate transportation and other logistics.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact to Dami via email d_atanda.se@fhsu.edu. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wichita Asian Festival

Join us on **October 12, 2024** for the Wichita Asian Festival for a day filled with vibrant performances, delicious food, and the beauty of Asia's rich heritage. As an added bonus, we will also be stopping at an Asian and African market for some shopping! Do not miss out on this exciting event!

To sign up, [RSVP in TigerLink](#) by **October 7**, then visit our office in the Memorial Union 014 to pay the \$25 fee to help cover transportation and admission costs. There are 30 seats available for this trip and is first come, first served.

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](https://www.instagram.com/fhsu_international)





ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: LIVING AND LEARNING AT FHSU

WORKDAY:

Update Hays Address in Workday [ACT NOW](#)

All international students are required to provide a current mailing address and phone number. It is important that your information stay current at all times as USCIS (U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) requires our office to maintain student records in SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System). Take a moment to make sure your current mailing address and phone number is updated:

- by logging into Workday
- click your picture or round circle at the top right corner
- click on view profile; this will bring you to a page with a blue navigation bar on the left
- click the Contact link
- click edit for your address
- you will want to ADD an address by clicking the pencil icon at the left of the box; do not change or delete your permanent address from this space. Make sure to check this as your primary address.
- When done, click the check mark at the right corner of the address box.
- Final step is to click SUBMIT at the bottom left

LIVING:

Student Residential Life

As the semester progresses, hopefully those living on campus have settled into your residential life routines. The initial excitement of moving in has given way to a sense of familiarity with dorm life, roommates, and shared spaces. At this point, we hope that you have built friendships through your residence hall and classes, formed study groups, and started adjusting to the balance between academic demands and social activities. We hope you are more comfortable navigating campus resources and have begun to feel FHSU is a home away from home. Contact [Student Residential Life](#) for housing questions or concerns.

LEARNING:

Tutoring & Academic Success

The [Retention and Student Success](#) Department offers free tutoring for most FHSU general education courses. The Tutoring Center is in the Fischli-Wills Center for Student Success Room 113. To schedule a tutoring appointment: visit the CSS first floor Area 142, email success@fhsu.edu, or schedule online in [Handshake](#). There are also drop-in evening tutoring opportunities.

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.