

TIGER INTERNATIONAL

A monthly newsletter brought to you by International Student Services

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From the Desk of the Director. Carol Solko-Oliff

Hello and Welcome to Fort Hays State University! Whether you are a new or returning student, we are thrilled to have you here. This fall, we are proud to host a large number of international students from around 40 different countries. You are all important members of the Tiger Family!

We have **three important reminders for all students**: **First**, don't be afraid to practice speaking English as much as possible. It's the best way to improve your language skills. **Second**, make sure to read our monthly newsletters, weekly emails, and to check your university email daily! **Third**, get involved on campus and take advantage of all the activities we offer! Consider joining the International Student Union (ISU), participate in intramural sports, or attend FHSU sporting events which are free with your Tiger Card! Getting involved is a great way to meet new people, experience American culture, and have fun!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you on campus and wish you a fantastic fall semester!

WORKDAY CONTACT UPDATE AND INFORMATION

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).

Here are some steps to take to make sure your mailing address and phone number are current in Workday:



1. Log into Workday
2. Click your picture or round circle in the top right corner.
3. Select the "view profile" button; this will bring you to a page with a blue navigation bar on the left.
4. Click the "Contact" link.
5. Select the "edit" button, "Change My Home Contact Information", and edit your address.
6. Select the pencil icon at the top right of the box; do not change or delete your permanent address from this space. Click the check mark at the right corner of the address box when finished.
7. Finally, click "submit" in the bottom left corner.

To update your phone number, make edits in the "Phone" box below the address box. Follow the steps above to finalize these changes.

ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

Looking to work on campus? Check out the Career icon in Workday or visit <https://fhsu.edu/international/employment/index> on to find a job.

F-1 and J-1 visa holders are only allowed to work 20 hours total **on-campus** per week for all jobs when school is in session. Graduate Assistantships are considered a job and count toward the 20 hours per week. Please note that off campus employment is NOT allowed unless approved as part of OPT or CPT.

Remember that you are only allowed to work 20 hours per week. If a student works more than 20 hours, that student as well as their supervisor will be contacted. Please reach out to our office if you have any questions regarding this!

SAFETY & SECURITY TIPS



University Police

The University Police are here to protect, serve, and lend assistance to you during your time on campus. In addition to performing expected police functions, the University Police Officers will provide vehicle unlock service, jump-starts, small amounts of fuel, and on campus escorts on request. You will find our police officers to be friendly and helpful. If you are a witness or a victim of a crime, please report it as soon as possible. If you have any questions, call (785) 628-5304.



Drinking Age in the United States

The legal drinking age in the United States is 21. If you are not 21 and you drink, you risk being fined at least \$200 or as much as \$500. If anyone asks you to purchase alcohol for them, be extremely careful. If you purchase alcohol for a person under the age of 21, you can receive the same fine as the person drinking under age. Even worse, if that person commits a crime or is harmed while they are intoxicated by the alcohol you purchased for them, then you could face jail time or deportation. Please think carefully if you are faced with these situations.

MCMINDES HALL CAFETERIA & UNION STATION



The McMindes Hall cafeteria and Union Station serve up some delicious meals for students to eat! As you visit these places to purchase food, make sure you are using good manners! For example, when waiting to order food or pay, please wait in line if there are students in front of you. It is considered respectful to wait for students as they order or pay, rather than cut in front of them. Additionally, please remember to take your Tiger ID Card with you when you go to eat on campus.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UNION (ISU) MEMBERSHIP



All students, new and returning, are invited to participate and sign-up for International Student Union (ISU)! ISU hosts events and activities and provides the main basis for international students to meet other students. We encourage you to be a member of ISU and get involved in activities. It will help you adjust to an environment different from your own country more quickly. The membership fee for ISU is \$10 for the year. Returning students must sign up and pay again for this new year. ISU Meetings will be held on Wednesdays at 4:30pm and the locations will vary. Contact Diane Hernandez dmhernandez.se@fhsu.edu or ISU officers to find out the location.

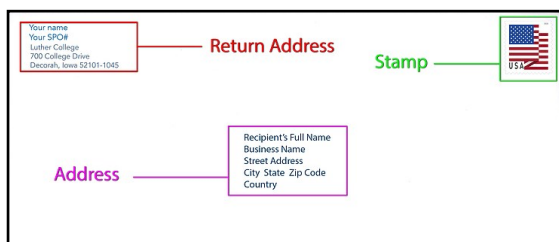
FHSU INTRAMURALS



The Intramurals Office staff hopes you are all having a fantastic start to the school year and would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to check out the opportunities that you have through intramurals. Intramurals provides numerous opportunities to get involved ranging from soccer, to flag football, to ping pong! A list of all the activities offered can be found at <https://www.fhsu.edu/hhp/intramurals/activities/>

To register for Intramurals, go to <https://www.fhsu.edu/hhp/intramurals/registration/> and follow the directions.

HOW TO WRITE AN ADDRESS



Visit (<https://www.fhsu.edu/reslife/families/addresses/index.html>) for information on how to correctly write your FHSU mailing address and to know what your physical address is to have packages shipped.

To send mail, buy stamps, hold mail, forward mail, change your address, ship packages and more visit the Hays Post Office located at 8th & Fort St.

TIGERLINK & CORQ



TigerLink is Fort Hays' student involvement system that helps students become engaged on campus and manage their experiences outside the classroom. TigerLink serves as the central calendar for student life and has groups for every registered student organization, residence hall, and living learning community on campus as well as a variety of university departments, programs, and resources.

Corq is the app for TigerLink created by CampusLabs to help you stay up to date with everything that is happening on campus. Logging in with your TigerNetID account will give you access to everything the app has to offer on your favorite mobile device. It allows you to find events near you based on your location, organization, and category. Keep up to date with Corq to stay involved on campus!

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