

Dear New FHSU International Student

Congratulations on your admission to Fort Hays State University for the Fall 2008 term! On behalf of the University, the Office of International Student Affairs welcomes you to our campus. We are here to serve you.

Please read the attached information regarding travel options and the following checklist carefully so your arrival here will go smoothly.

### **BEFORE ARRIVAL**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Once you receive your I-20, you need to pay the \$100 SEVIS fee on-line by credit card. See this website to do this: <https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml>. Once you pay the SEVIS fee you will need to make an appointment with the consulate to apply/interview for a visa to come to the U.S.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to arrive here on August 18 or 19. **MANDATORY** New Student International Orientation will take place on Tuesday, August 19 through Friday August 22; this is **REQUIRED** of all new international students. Enrollment & registration will take place during orientation. If you pre-enroll in classes you will need to finalize your enrollment by August 13, 2008.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Inform our office** at least one week in advance by phone (785-628-4276), fax (785-628-4113) or email of your exact arrival time. We will meet you at the Hays airport or bus station.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tuberculosis (TB) skin test is required at FHSU. You will do this during orientation. If your TB skin test is positive you must have a chest x-ray done.
- \_\_\_\_\_ FHSU students living in the Residence Halls are strongly recommended to receive a meningitis vaccine. You may choose to have this vaccine in your home country as it may be cheaper. Please bring documentation with you if you choose to receive the vaccine in your home country otherwise you may receive the vaccine when you arrive to campus.
- \_\_\_\_\_ It is strongly recommended that you bring documentation of any shots/vaccines you have received in your home country throughout your lifetime. It will greatly help our Student Health Center. If you have a physical done before you come, PLEASE DO NOT RECEIVE THE MMR (MEASLE MUMPS RUEBELLA) VACCINE OR ANY LIVE VACCINE AS THIS WILL INTERFERE WITH THE TB SKIN TEST. If you must have a MMR or any live vaccine, please have it done six (6) weeks before you come.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bring, or plan to purchase here, sheets and blankets for your bed. The size of the beds are twin beds, extra long.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Winter is cold in Hays. Plan to bring or buy snow boots, hats, scarves, warm gloves, and a heavy coat.

\_\_\_\_\_ Health insurance is required before you enroll. Bring insurance from your country or plan to obtain it here. (Your health insurance must cover at least 75 percent of all expenses, with a deductible not exceeding \$250.) A student policy at FHSU costs approximately \$998 for 12 months.

\_\_\_\_\_ Plan to have sufficient funds available soon after arrival to pay for at least one semester's tuition, insurance, room and board. (Financial assistance for international students is very limited. A few students may be granted permission to work on-campus.)

\_\_\_\_\_ If possible, please bring along pictures, slides, souvenirs, artifacts, clothing, or other traditional items from your country. You may be asked to tell community groups or schools about your country.

**AFTER ARRIVAL**

\_\_\_\_\_ If no one greets you at the airport or bus station, call one of the following numbers assistance: daytime – (785) 628-4276, Evening – (785) 259-0005, after 10pm – (785) 628-1011 (Hays Police Department).

\_\_\_\_\_ Report immediately to the International Student Office, Sheridan Hall 208. Bring all of your documents at that time. (office phone – 628-4276)

We look forward to having you join us here at FHSU. If you have any problems or questions before arrival, please contact me, or the Division of Student Affairs by letter, phone, or fax. We will be glad to help. Welcome to Fort Hays State University!

Sincerely,



Carol Solko-Olliff  
International Student Advisor

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<p><b>PHONE: (785) 628-4276      FAX: (785) 628-4113</b> <b>(We CANNOT respond by phone internationally)</b></p>
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