ISSS NEWSLETTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

February 1, 2015

Welcome to all new students! This listerv enables the Office of International Student and Scholar Services to share information of particular interest to international students.

Please stop by our office if you have a question or need our services. We are located in Talbert Hall 210, North Campus. Our office hours are 9:00-5:00 on Mondays-Fridays. We can also be reached by phone at 645-2258 or by e-mail at isss@buffalo.edu. Our website is located at www.buffalo.edu/intlservices.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE’S EVENING COURSES
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The English Language Institute’s non-credit Evening Program courses begin this week. A few seats remain open!

American English Pronunciation meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:10 p.m. The tuition is $225.

Advanced Communication meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:10-8:30 p.m. The tuition is $425.

Advanced Writing and Grammar meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:10-8:30 p.m. The tuition is $425.

Register at the ELI, Baldy Hall 320, North Campus from 8:30-5:00 or call 645-2077. For more information, visit http://buffalo.edu/eli and click on “Evening Program”.

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INTERNATIONAL TEA TIME
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Do you enjoy meeting new people, playing games and having tea? If so, please join us for International Tea Time!

International Tea Time brings together international and U.S. students for conversation and fun. They meet, play games, talk and get to know each other. For more information contact: elenayak@buffalo.edu.

Dates: Every Tuesday
Time: 5:00-6:30
Place: Student Union 240, North Campus

Organizer: UB Counseling Services
The Intercultural Understanding Club of UB GSA is organizing a series of four book discussions. The discussions will be led by scholars and focus on selections from Islamic Studies books by American scholars.

First Discussion: *Islam’s Jesus* by Dr. Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University
Date: Wednesday, February 4
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Place: Student Union 330, North Campus

For more information, contact Muhammed Fethullah Simsek at mfsimsek@buffalo.edu.

Are you interested in exploring intercultural and international perspectives? Do you like the idea of living in a communal environment that celebrates UB’s diverse student population? Do you want to become a more globally-minded citizen by participating in activities and making connections with peers? If so, consider joining the Global 360° Living Learning Community!

Applications are currently being accepted from international and U.S. students for the 2015-2016 academic year. The deadline to apply is Friday, February 6.

More information can be found at: [https://buffalo.collegiatelink.net/organization/transcendingborders/calendar/details/537150](https://buffalo.collegiatelink.net/organization/transcendingborders/calendar/details/537150)

Would you like to make friends with others who might be having similar experiences as you? Would you like to practice English and improve your communication skills?

The International Student Support Group provides a safe, supportive and comfortable place to share your experiences in the U.S. It addresses cultural adjustment, academic difficulties, language differences, stress, loneliness, career concerns and more.

The group meets from 3:00-4:30 every Friday. If interested, please contact Dr. Heweon Seo at heweonse@buffalo.edu.
GLOBAL CINEMASPECTIVES FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES: “BON COP, BAD COP”

When a crime is committed on the border of Quebec and Ontario, the jurisdiction of the crime is shared between the two police forces and everyone is forced to come together, whether they want to or not. Detectives David Bouchard from Montreal and Martin Ward from Toronto are assigned to investigate the crime. With totally different styles, attitudes and languages, they join forces to disclose the identity of the Tattoo Killer, a deranged serial killer that is killing managers of hockey.

Date: February 6, 2015
Time: 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Place: Knox Hall 4

Prof. Colleen Culleton, Department of Romance Languages, UB, will introduce the film and lead a discussion following the screening.

Co-sponsored by International Student & Scholar Services and the Undergraduate Academies

BRIDGES PROGRAM

BRIDGES (Building Relationships Involving Diverse Groups of Engaged Students) is currently accepting applications from undergraduate students interested in making new connections with fellow American and international students through a series of six activities during the spring semester. Activities include team building, community service, and international film screening and discussion.

The deadline to apply is Thursday, February 12.

For more information, visit UB Linked and search for “Transcending Borders UB” (https://buffalo.collegiatelink.net/organization/transcendingborders). Or call Chris Bragdon at 645-2258 or email cbragdon@buffalo.edu.

ISSS WORKSHOPS

“Winter Driving”
Wednesday, February 4
12:00-1:00
Student Union 210, North Campus
“AAA Driver Improvement Course”
Saturday, February 7
9:00-3:30
Student Union 210, North Campus

ISSS TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP

Come cross-country (Nordic) skiing with us at a ski resort close to Buffalo. Enjoy the beauty of the winter landscape, and the peace and quiet of the countryside. Learn from professionals to ski Nordic style!

Date: Saturday, February 7
Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Return Time: 4:00 p.m. (Flint Loop, North Campus)
Reservation Fee: $35 (transportation, trail pass, ski equipment rental, group lesson) (non-refundable)
Reservation Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, February 5 (or until sold out)

Sign up at https://www.ubevents.org/event/1415issstrips

UB WORKSHOPS

“Setting Goals and Your Study Plan”
Monday, February 2
3:00-3:50
Student Union 210, North Campus

“Leading Others: Refreshing Your Organization”
Monday, February 2
5:00-6:00
Student Union 235, North Campus

“Yoga for Student Living”
Mondays & Thursdays, February 2 – May 7 (except 3/16 & 3/19)
5:15-6:30 p.m.
Greiner Hall B118, North Campus
“Job and Internship Strategies for STEM Majors”
Tuesday, February 3
3:30-4:30
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Study Skills”
Tuesday, February 3
3:30-4:20
Park Hall 275, North Campus

“Dating in the United States”
Tuesday, February 3
4:00-5:00
Student Union 306, North Campus

“Resume Writing for Jobs and Internships”
Wednesday, February 4
4:00-5:00
Student Union 330, North Campus

“The American Job Search: Special Topics for International Students”
Thursday, February 5
3:30-4:30
Student Union 330, North Campus

“Leading Self: Time Management”
Thursday, February 5
5:30-6:30
Student Union 235, North Campus

“How to Understand Your GPA”
Monday, February 9
3:00-3:50
Park Hall 275, North Campus

“Gentle Hatha Yoga”
Mondays & Wednesdays, February 9 – April 22 (except 3/16 & 3/18)
5:00-6:15 p.m.
Kapoor Hall 183 (Mondays) & 10th Floor Goodyear Hall (Wednesdays), South Campus

“Leading Others: Leading Your Peers”
Monday, February 9
5:00-6:00
Student Union 235, North Campus