TAX SEASON / TAX WORKSHOPS FOR INTERNATIONALS

Tax Return Information – Avoid Rumors and Get the Facts!
There has been a lot of talk lately about getting a refund of tuition on your tax return. That is simply NOT possible. There are some tuition deductions and credits, but these are ONLY available to resident taxpayers. Remember that international students in F or J status are considered nonresidents for tax purposes for the first 5 calendar years in the U.S. If you are a nonresident for tax purposes, you must file a 1040NR or 1040NR-EZ. Tuition deductions and credits are not available on those forms. DO NOT jeopardize your immigration status by filing an illegal resident tax return. If you use an online program that transmits electronically, you are automatically filing a resident tax return.

TAX WORKSHOPS

Don’t miss these helpful workshops that show you how to use special software for international students, and how to complete Oklahoma tax forms! Bring any tax forms you have received, such as W-2, 1042-S, or 1099 (NOTE: Not everyone has all these forms. Some people only have a W-2). You must know your passport number. If you have a copy of last year’s tax return, bring it with you.

Taxes are due on April 18, 2016, since April 15 is a holiday. Taxes forms must be in the mail (post marked) by April 18, 2016.

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Download the printable schedule [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the ISS Office at 405-744-5459 or su-iss@okstate.edu.
OPT WORKSHOPS

It’s time again for OPT! The ISS Office will be holding a series of OPT Workshops during the Spring semester. If you are graduating this May and are planning to apply for OPT, you are strongly encourage to attend these helpful workshops.

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When you’re ready to apply, visit the ISS Office to meet with an advisor. As always, you can contact us any time with questions – su-iss@okstate.edu or 405-744-5459.

Immigration & Employment Presentation with Vance Winningham

An immigration and employment presentation will be given by E. Vance Winningham, an immigration attorney from Oklahoma City. Mr. Winningham will discuss the employment opportunities and pitfalls for international workers in regards to current U.S. immigration law. Many U.S. immigration laws, regulations, and policies are constantly changing. This presentation is intended to highlight several areas of concern for those hoping to enter the U.S. work force, either temporarily or permanently. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

SPRING BREAK TRAVEL

It’s almost March and that means Spring Break is fast approaching! This year, Spring Break will be held the week of March 14 – March 18. If you are planning to travel outside the U.S. during Spring Break (like a cruise or special study-abroad class) you must get a travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019 before you leave. Stop by the ISS Office to get a signature if you plan on traveling during Spring Break week.

If you have any questions contact us at 405-744-5459 or su-iss@okstate.edu.
AFRICA NIGHT 2016

Where: Saturday, February 27 at 6:30pm  
Where: Student Union Theater  
Admission: $10

Make plans to attend Africa Night 2016! The African Student Organization (ASO) and International Student Organization (iSo) is putting on a show you won’t want to miss! Doors open at 6:30pm on Saturday, February 27 in the Student Union Theater.

PARVATI MANI PIANO RECITAL

When: Monday, February 29 at 7:30pm  
Where: Seretean Center Concert Hall  
Admission: $8 General Admission; $6 Students

Parvati Mani, piano instructor and faculty at Idyllwild Arts Academy, will be on campus for a recital on Monday, February 29. Tickets may be purchased online at music.okstate.edu or purchased at the Seretean Center box office one hour before the performance.

Contact Heather Lanners for more information – heather.lanners@okstate.edu or 405-744-8990.
SPRING 2016 GRADUATION FAIR

*When:* Tuesday, March 1 – Wednesday, March 2  
*Times:* Tuesday from 12:00pm – 6:00pm; Wednesday from 10:00am – 4:00pm  
*Where:* Student Union Ballroom

Bring on the pomp and circumstance – Oklahoma State University's spring commencement is almost here! If you are graduating this semester you won’t want to miss the Graduation Fair! The University Store wants to make sure you have everything you need to make your big day a memory that will last a lifetime:

- Get your cap and gown  
- Order your personalized announcements  
- Purchase a diploma frame at 15% off  
- Receive a free cap & gown picture sitting  
- Check your graduation status with the registrar  
- Find out about OSU Athletic Department ticket discounts  
- Get your OSU Alumni Association membership for only $15  
- Shop for OSU gifts

If you are unable to attend the Graduation Fair, you can still purchase everything you need for graduation at the University Store at the Student Union. Beginning Thursday, March 3rd stop by during regular business hours or visit shopokstate.com to order your graduation supplies online.

OSU BASEBALL

*When:* Tuesday, March 1 at 4:00pm  
*Where:* Reynolds Stadium (on Duck St. between Hall of Fame and McElroy)  
*Admission:* $5

Come support the Cowboys in their first home game of the season against the Cardinals of the University of the Incarnate Word! If you can't make it in person, the game will be broadcast on Cowboy Sports Network radio (93.7 FM). Visit okstate.com to buy tickets, to get more info, or to see schedules for other OSU sporting events.
AIN'T I A WOMAN! CHAMBER THEATER

When: Tuesday, March 1 from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Where: Seretean Center
Admission: FREE

Come kick off Women's History Month with a performance from the Core Ensemble of Ain't I a Woman!, a chamber music theater piece celebrating the lives and times of four powerful African American women: renowned novelist and anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston, ex-slave and fiery abolitionist Sojourner Truth, exuberant folk artist Clementine Hunter, and fervent civil rights worker Fannie Lou Hamer. The musical score is drawn from the heartfelt spirituals and blues of the Deep South, the urban vitality of the Jazz Age, and contemporary concert music by African Americans. Ain't I a Woman! is a joyful exploration of the trials and triumphs of four passionate and accomplished women. FREE and open to the public!

Contact Lindsay Brown at lindsay.brown11@okstate.edu or 405-744-2127 for details. For more information about Core Ensemble or Ain't I a Woman! visit the website here.
**CHANG MU DANCE COMPANY**

*When:* Tuesday, March 1 – Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00pm  
*Where:* Tulsa Performing Arts Center  
*Address:* 110E 2nd St., Tulsa 74103  
*Admission:* $47

The Chang Mu Dance Company, under the artistic direction of Kim MaeJa, builds on dance movement representative of the various periods of Korean history and new movements and formats to reflect on the thought and lifestyle of our contemporary world. Chang Mu has initiated a transformation of Korean dance through innovative choreography and by introducing new dance vocabularies and creative combinations of dance movement, poetry and painting. The Chang Mu dancers have introduced the world to the spirit and artistry of Korean dance at many of the world’s major venues and events while touring more than 100 cities in 20 countries.

To buy tickets or for more information, contact the Tulsa Performing Arts Center at 918-596-7111 or visit [tulsapac.com](http://tulsapac.com).
SUAB BINGO NIGHT

When: Wednesday, March 2 at 7:00pm  
Where: Student Union Ballroom, room 265  
Admission: FREE

Kick of the 2016 Comic Con week with a Bingo Night in the Student Union Ballroom! There will be snacks and music while you are listening for the numbers. And stick around for your chance to win awesome superhero-themed prizes. And as always, the event is free for everyone!

Contact SUAB at suab@okstate.edu or 405-744-8977 for more information.

SUAB COMIC CON DOUBLE FEATURE MOVIE

When: Thursday March 3 at 7:00pm  
Where: Student Union Theater  
Admission: FREE

The SUAB will be hosting a Double Feature Movie Night in honor of Comic Con! The superhero showcase continues with a double feature of “Ant-Man” (PG-13) and “Tomorrowland” (PG). Admission is FREE and SUAB’s famous $1 concessions will be available!
SUAB COMIC CON 2016

**When:** Friday March 4 at 7:00pm  
**Where:** Student Union Ballroom, room 265  
**Admission:** FREE

SUAB would like to welcome everyone to its third annual Comic Con! Wear your best character costume and visit with more than 20 Oklahoma vendors. The camaraderie of Comic Con is legendary – don’t miss out!

During Comic Con, there will be a Trivia Night and Costume Contest in the French Lounge (room 270, across from the Ballroom). Come test your superhero and Comic Con knowledge! Trivia professionals of Stillwater will be hosting an epic Comic Con-themed trivia showdown. If you are interested, come with your team of superheroes and join the competition. Prizes will be awarded to trivia winners and also to the person with the best costume!

Contact SUAB at suab@okstate.edu or 405-744-8977 for more information, or visit suab.okstate.edu.
PASEO ARTS DISTRICT GALLERY WALK

**When:** Friday, March 4 from 6:00pm – 10:00pm  
**Where:** Paseo Arts District  
**Address:** 3022 Paseo St., Oklahoma City 73103

The Paseo Arts District First Friday Gallery Walk is held on the first Friday and Saturday of every month. Over 60 artists in more than 17 galleries participate, all within walking distance. Four to six Art Opening Receptions on Friday night showcase the new work of the gallery/studio owners or the work of guest artists. It is a must see and do for visitors and locals alike!

Visit the Paseo Arts District’s website [here](#) for more information.

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BRADY DISTRICT ART CRAWL

**When:** Friday, March 4 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm  
**Where:** Brady District  
**Address:** 7 E Brady St., Tulsa 74103

This year-round monthly event features all of the galleries, studios and museums as well as the part-time galleries in various shops opening their doors to show art. The Art Crawl is held on the first Friday of the month and is a venue for local artists are given an opportunity to display and sell their work. Besides the mini-galleries being open, the established museums and galleries offer free admission and many shops stay open late. During any given Art Crawl, visitors can expect visual art, performances and maybe a few fireworks! Each venue offers something different and creative, a true hallmark of the Brady Arts District.

Visit [thebradyartsdistrict.com](http://thebradyartsdistrict.com) for more information.
BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY AT TULSA ZOO

*When*: Saturday, March 26 at 9:00am  
*Where*: Chapman Event Lodge at Tulsa Zoo  
*Address*: 6421 E. 36th St N., Tulsa 74115  
*Admission*: $25 (children under 3 yrs. old – $5)

Celebrate spring at the Zoo during Breakfast with the Bunny! This special event will take place at 9:00am on Saturday, March 26. You are invited to enjoy a scrumptious breakfast, an up-close animal encounter, and most importantly, meet the Easter Bunny! Registration includes:

- A full hot breakfast buffet, served at 9:15 a.m. (menu includes:
- A craft project to create animal enrichment for our African painted dogs and southern white rhinos
- Photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny
- Animal encounters
- Unlimited train and carousel rides

Visit the Tulsa Zoo [website](http://www.tulsazoo.org) for more information about the event, including the breakfast menu, or to buy tickets. Or contact the Zoo at [awatson@tulsazoo.org](mailto:awatson@tulsazoo.org) or 918-669-6634.