OPT SESSIONS are set for this Spring 2015 Semester……..continue today!

- **February 13**: 112 Classroom Building @ 5:30pm
- **February 20**: 112 Classroom Building @ 5:30pm
- **February 27**: 112 Classroom Building @ 5:30pm
- **March 13**: 112 Classroom Building @ 5:30pm

**International Bazaar to offer authentic food from around the world**

Enjoy authentic cuisine from around the world at the annual International Bazaar on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Wes Watkins Center at Oklahoma State University. Admission is free, and food purchases can be made with cash or by bursar charge. "We would like to invite OSU students and the Stillwater community to attend the event to taste various cuisines, especially home cooked food that they can't buy from local restaurants," said Desmond Pow, president of the International Student Organization at OSU, which coordinates the bazaar. Participants are invited to taste favored cultural cuisines while gaining a better education about the various cultures represented at OSU, explained Pow. Twenty different area clubs will also compete in a dessert competition at the event. A themed photo booth will be available to help capture memories. Prior to the event, ISO will sponsor a photo competition. To participate, individuals must snap a picture with an International Bazaar flier and post it to Facebook tagging it #foodislove. The winner will receive a $5 credit to use at the event.

The International Student Organization is an umbrella organization for 20 area clubs, representing 20 cultures from around the world. ISO also represents more than 1,800 international students and scholars from more than 100 countries. The organization is open to all international students attending OSU or any American students who are interested in international culture and diversity. ISO fosters cooperation among international students at the university and promotes social and culture exchange between students and the community. For more information, visit their website at [www.orgs.okstate.edu/iso](http://www.orgs.okstate.edu/iso)

**TAX HELP FOR INTERNATIONALS**

**WORKSHOPS TO SHOW YOU HOW TO USE SPECIAL SOFTWARE AND HOW TO COMPLETE OKLAHOMA TAX FORMS**

Bring any tax forms you have such as W-2 or 1042-S or 1099. (Not everyone has all these forms. Some people only have a W-2)

You must know your passport number. Bring a copy of last year’s tax return, if you have one. Below is the schedule and here web-link for it: [http://iss.okstate.edu/tax-workshop-information](http://iss.okstate.edu/tax-workshop-information)
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**Trip to Oklahoma City’s National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum & Outlet Shops on February 21, 2015**

A few seats remain for a trip to the world famous [National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum](http://www.nationalcowboy.org) and one of Oklahoma’s largest shopping malls. You must sign up in advance to reserve your spot by visiting the Study Abroad Office in 242 Student Union /(405) 744-2810 or josh.pontrelli@okstate.edu.

The cost is $10, which includes the bus and museum entrance. Bring your wallets for lunch and shopping, and your camera for unforgettable trip to a very unique museum!

**Scam Alert**

Oklahoma State University Police have been notified by the FBI of two scams targeting university students and employees. Both warnings originate from the FBI’s [Internet Crime Complaint Center](http://www.ic3.gov) or iC3.

**Scam Targeting University Students**

College students across the United States have been targeted to participate in work-from-home scams. Students have been receiving e-mails to their school accounts recruiting them for payroll and/or human resource positions with fictitious companies. The “position” simply requires the student to provide his/her bank account number to receive a deposit and then transfer a portion of the funds to another bank account. Unbeknownst to the student, the other account is involved in the scam that the student has now helped perpetrate. The funds the student receives and is directed elsewhere have been stolen by cyber criminals. Participating in the scam is a crime and could lead to the student’s bank account being closed due to fraudulent activity or federal charges. For more information visit [http://www.ic3.gov/media/2015/150113-1.aspx](http://www.ic3.gov/media/2015/150113-1.aspx)
University Employee Payroll Scam
University employees are receiving fraudulent e-mails indicating a change in their human resource status. The e-mail contains a link directing the employee to login to their human resources website to identify this change. The website provided appears very similar to the legitimate site in an effort to steal the employee’s credentials. Once the employee enters his/her login information, the scammer takes that information and signs into the employee’s official human resources account to change the employee’s direct deposit information. This redirects the employee’s paycheck to the bank account of another individual involved in the scam. For more information visit [http://www.ic3.gov/media/2015/150113-2.aspx](http://www.ic3.gov/media/2015/150113-2.aspx).

According to the FBI, internet crime schemes steal millions of dollars each year. **If you feel you have been a victim of this crime or have information please go to [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov) to file a complaint or for additional information.**

[Internet Crime Prevention Tips](#)