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**Important Dates**

- Friday, January 27th: Restrictive Drop/Add Deadline with Partial Refund

Please note:

Remember – international students must be enrolled in a full course load in order to maintain immigration status! **Failure to enroll in a full course load could result in termination of your SEVIS record!**

**Undergraduate Students** – You must enroll in at least 12 credit hours

**Graduate Students** – You must enroll in at least 9 credit hours

- **Students holding .25 Assistantship** – You must enroll in at least 9 credit hours
- **Students holding .50 Assistantship** – You must enroll in at least 6 credit hours

**NOTE about Online Classes**: Only 1 online class (3 credit hours) may be counted towards your full time enrollment.

*If you have questions about how many hours you must be enrolled in for immigration purposes, please go to the ISS Office (250 Student Union).*

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**Address Updates**

All international students and scholars are required to update their addresses with the ISS Office within 10 days of moving to a new address (whether students are still taking classes or on OPT). If you are a new student or scholar and didn’t have an address at check-in OR if you have recently moved, you **MUST** update your address with the ISS Office; failure to do so could result in termination of your SEVIS record! Update your address in SEVIS first, then update with OSU and Web for Employees (if working).

- To update your address in SEVIS, please complete the online form.
- To update your address with OSU, click here for instructions

**Helpful Hint**: If you are moving away from Stillwater or moving to a new apartment or house in Stillwater, be sure to complete a [U.S. Postal Service Change of Address Form](https://www.usps.com/umove/). You can find the form at the local Post Office or online at [https://www.usps.com/umove/](https://www.usps.com/umove/).

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Tax Season Information

NEXT STEP for TAX SEASON
If you worked at OSU in 2016, you will receive a Form W-2 by the end of January at your home address as listed in my.okstate.edu. What’s the next step? You will need to complete a federal form and an Oklahoma form, called a tax return. (Not the same thing as refund). However, it’s too early. Some of you will also have a Form 1042-S and those are not ready yet. Also, the tax preparation software that OSU provides for our international students and scholars is not ready yet. It will be ready around the beginning of February. Please be patient!

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, such as TurboTax, H&R Block, Jackson Hewitt, and many others, you are automatically filing a resident tax return. Tax workshops starting in February will be scheduled soon. Come to a workshop to make sure you complete a correct tax return.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Linda Dunbar Garmy is looking for volunteers to help with her tax workshops. She requests that you have completed your own tax return at least one time. She will have a training session for you. If you are interested, please contact her at linda.garmy@okstate.edu.

Date-01/27/2017
OPT & CPT Session Spring 2017

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*This is the only CPT Session that will be offered

**Presenters will be advisors from MIS, BAN and MBA followed by immigration rules and regulations and discussion.
Monday Morning Tea Break: Welcome Session

Interested in Persian culture? All students, staff and faculty are invited to join the Monday Morning Tea Break.

**What:** Welcome Session  
**When:** Monday, January 30, 2017  
**Where:** 204G Wes Watkins Center  
**Time:** 10:00 am
China Night 2017

What: China Night
When: Saturday, January 28, 2017
Where: Student Union Ballroom
Time: 6:00 pm Chinese Dinner, 7:00 pm Show Starts
Cost: $8 for Chinese Dinner and Show or $6 for Show

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