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Upcoming Events with OIE

Weekly Coffee Hour



International Engagement hosts a weekly coffee hour! Enjoy snacks, drinks, and great conversation. This Friday from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM, join us in the OIE Office in Maucker Union room 113! This week OIE is partnering with UNI's Religions department to help celebrate all things spooky!

College Hill Farmers Market

This is the final week of the College Hill Farmers Market ! You can find a variety of quality products including fresh produce, homemade jam, healthy snacks, and more! Be sure to check it out before its done for the season! Thursday at 4:00 PM on The Hill.



"Hereditary" Film Screening



Regarded as one of the scariest films of the modern era, Ari Aster's "Hereditary" contains more than just cheap thrills and spills as it tells the story of a grieving family being haunted by disturbing occurrences. This screening will mark the final of Film Appreciation Club's Month-of-Horror Celebration. Friday, October 29 at 7:00 PM in Kamerick Art Building Room 111.

International Education Week



The Office of International Engagement is planning several events to celebrate [International Education Week](#) (IEW) here at UNI from November 15 - 19.

Every year, the U.S. Departments of State and Education, in a joint effort, promote the IEW as an opportunity to highlight the benefits of international education.

UNI's vision is to *promote a diverse and inclusive campus community that provides an engaged education empowering students to lead locally and globally.* Our rich and diverse international student and scholar population is an essential part of this community. Currently, we have students from 56 different countries on our campus.

IEW is a perfect platform to showcase the international initiatives happening campus-wide. Across campus, programs and departments promote global opportunities through courses, projects, and events to help UNI students develop much-needed international competencies.

If you would like to host an event during IEW, please fill out the form attached [here](#), and we will be in contact with you about confirming dates, times, and finalizing your event plans. This form also has the option of either hosting an event or sponsoring one of our more popular events, such as the taste of culture, student panels, or a musical performance.

We look forward to working with you on all the fantastic opportunities that IEW brings to not only our students but our campus community as a whole. To allow adequate time for us to reserve spaces on campus, the deadline to sign up will be Friday, October 31. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to international@uni.edu or our OIE Programming Coordinator, Ava Deitrich (deitrica@uni.edu), for more information or help.

Immigration Tip!

If you are an F-1 Visa holder, and are planning to travel outside of the U.S. for Thanksgiving or Winter break, make sure you have a valid travel signature on your visa so that you can re-enter the US.

All immigration questions can be directed to Marina Durinova, you can email marina.durinova@uni.edu, or come to the OIE space in Maucker Union 113.

Marina will be available for in person meetings every afternoon, 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM. Call 273-6421 if you would like to set up an appointment.

International Panther Spotlight: Jordan Bough



This week we are recognizing Jordan Bough (top center) from England. He is a Graduate Student studying Sports Performance and Kinesiology. Because of his program, he has been able to get to work with some of the UNI sports teams, such as in the weight room with the basketball team.

He said that the most exciting thing at UNI so far has been: "Going to the football games - seeing and hearing the crowd go mental for the team to come out of the tunnel to get ready for the game. It gave me goosebumps looking at the small clip before the players ran out onto the field."

Opportunities and Support



The Learning Center is putting on a free October Workshop series - informational, thirty-minute sessions available to all students. Next week, there will be sessions on the following topics:

Monday, October 25 at 2:00 pm -- Overcoming Test Anxiety

Tuesday, October 26 at 2:00 pm -- Test Taking Strategies

Wednesday, October 27 at 12:00 pm -- Note-Taking Strategies

All workshops will meet in The Learning Center @ Rod Library. If you cannot attend a particular workshop and would like to schedule an individual consultation, email dhaase@uni.edu. Individual consultations can take place in person or via Zoom.

The Spring 2022 Schedule of Classes is now available to view!

Peer Advisors in the Office of Academic Advising are available Monday-Friday between 9:00am-4:00pm in ITTC 007 to help students needing assistance with using the registration system, LAC course selection, and understanding registration holds.

Questions about Winter Classes?

This spring, courses will be offered over break between December and January. You can search for classes available during that time frame by selecting "*Winter Class*" in the "Course Attributes" field of [Class Search](#). Visit winter.uni.edu for course details, FAQs, and other resources.

U-Bill Reminders from the Office of Business Operations

Please encourage students to ensure their U-Bill has been paid in full or is current with payments *prior* to their registration date. This will help students avoid past due holds on their accounts that prevent them from registering for the Spring 2022 semester. If there is concern about a student being unable to pay their bill before they register, please refer them to UNI Student Accounts at student.accounts@uni.edu or 319-273-2164. Students may also contact Tristan Aldous (tristan.aldous@uni.edu).

Thanks to the Language and Literature Department for a great Coffee Hour

We want to give a huge shout out to UNI's Language and Literature Department for partnering with us for this weeks coffee hour. Students had a great time writing their names in different languages, introducing themselves in their native languages, and having great food and conversation!



International Family Friendship Program

Are you a UNI community member, wanting to get more involved with the international community here at UNI? The UNI CIEP International Friendship Program is a great way for international students to learn American culture and conversation skills in the community. If a student is interested in having a meal once a month with a family in Cedar Falls or Waterloo, then this is the program to join! These Cedar Valley families want to learn more about international students and their cultures by becoming host families. Students will not live with the families, but will visit them and participate in family activities together.

[Apply Here](#)



Become a GPS Team Member

The Office of International Engagement is looking for new GPS team members! The GPS Team has 2 openings and students can apply for Spring 2021- Fall 2022. Applications are open until November 5th, 2021. The GPS Team works closely with the Director of International Engagement to welcome international students to UNI, help them navigate academic and student life at UNI, and, ultimately, enable them to make a smooth transition to American culture. Apply online!

[GPS Team Application](#)



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