

# International Programs

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The Office of International Programs (OIP) strives to help students develop the international skills and perspectives needed to live and work in a global society. Activities of the OIP are organized into four divisions: Academic Programs Abroad, International Development, International Services, and International Cultural Center.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ABROAD

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Students participating in *Academic Programs Abroad* (APA) travel worldwide to study for a summer, semester, or academic year. Students earn credit toward LSU degrees and return to LSU to complete their degree. Study abroad is open to all majors.

Through overseas study, students are immersed in foreign languages and cultures, have access to course work unavailable on the home campus, develop personal independence and global awareness, and enjoy academic and travel opportunities that enrich their general education. Many students find that studying abroad gives them an advantage in the job market and in applying for graduate school. Others discover routes to international careers in business, government, law, and the arts.

Students select from a variety of options. Many join group programs led by LSU faculty, to such locations as London, Paris, Beijing, and Buenos Aires. Others participate in exchange and junior year abroad programs, which place students directly in overseas universities where they study alongside natives of the host countries. Others participate in national exchanges to over 180 U. S. universities in places such as New York, California, and Hawaii. Some students join programs offered by other U. S. schools or enroll directly at a foreign university.

Summer programs are open to all students with a 2.5 grade point average or better, regardless of classification. International semester or year-long exchanges are open to juniors with a 2.7 grade point average or better. National exchanges are open to sophomores who have a 2.5 grade point average or better.

Students receive academic credit for study abroad. In LSU faculty-led programs, students receive regular credit in LSU courses, just as they would on campus. In exchange programs and direct-enrollment programs, students earn the credits at the host institution and transfer them to LSU. Prior approval of course selection is required of all students who desire credit for overseas course work. During the period students are away on exchange, they are concurrently enrolled at LSU. *Only students who are enrolled at LSU the semester prior to the semester of study abroad are eligible for concurrent enrollment.*

Students scheduled for full-time studies abroad may use TOPS and most LSU and federal financial aid for their programs. They may also apply for the LSU Study Abroad Scholarship and other scholarships specifically for study abroad.

The best time for students to begin thinking about study abroad is during the freshman year. At this time, students can select courses to take abroad and those to complete at LSU. They can also prepare for any language or other skills necessary for the overseas experience.

Academic Programs Abroad also provides information on work and internship opportunities overseas.

Interested students are urged to contact Academic Programs Abroad, 106 Hatcher Hall, or call 335-578-6801 for information and an application.

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The *Office of International Development* (OID) promotes internationally oriented research, projects, and curriculum, abroad and on the campus, in order to give our University and our faculty an international presence and make LSU students more competitive in the post-graduate world. The office establishes international bilateral and multilateral cooperative agreements that serve as the vehicle for student, faculty, and research exchanges abroad.

OID also assists in efforts to secure funding for international activities from governmental and non-governmental development agencies and helps initiate joint international projects that will support economic development in Louisiana and in other parts of the world.

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*International Services* (IS) provides advisory services to international students regarding their educational, financial, immigration, personal, and social concerns. Similar services are available to international faculty and research scholars. This office also assists with the cultural environment of the community. International Services is responsible for approving clearance of nonimmigrant students on financial and immigration bases. This office prepares documents necessary for international students to achieve or maintain proper nonimmigrant student status in the U.S. and organizes an orientation program for all new international students. It is also responsible for U. S. government regulation compliance of Department of Homeland Security and U. S. Immigration.

All nonimmigrant international students seeking permission to work on or off campus must receive approval or recommendation from this office.

The IS office assists with the coordination of the University's international student services and programs with community organizations, faculty and student groups, and governmental and private agencies. In this office, international students may apply for small, short-term emergency loans, and currently enrolled international undergraduate students with exceptional grades may apply for a limited number of partial tuition waiver scholarships.

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The *International Cultural Center* (ICC) is a cultural and activity center largely funded and governed by international students. Typical ICC programs include social events and excursions, workshops, music, satellite television delivery of live sports from around the world, and theater productions. Space is also available for short-term and emergency overnight accommodations for newly arrived international students and other international guests on a first-come, first-served basis. The ICC also provides pickup service for new international students at the airport or bus station, as well as assistance when needed in finding housing and obtaining a social security number.

With its computer mini-lab and new wireless connection to "LSU Secure" throughout the building, the ICC offers ideal study space until closing time at 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The ICC is also an occasional venue for rental by the general LSU and Baton Rouge community for events related to the ICC's mission of enabling international students to have a truly multidimensional experience at LSU and to promote international understanding.