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Dear Colleagues,

As many of you know experientially, the international community at LSU brings immense value to our campus, enriching the student experience and making LSU a better community. International Services is honored to support over 2,200 international students, scholars, and families from over 100 countries. Via our annual report, we proudly share a picture of the global community that calls LSU home.

The annual report includes statistical information about LSU's non-immigrant visa population to illustrate our international student and scholar community's diversity and their contributions to the broader LSU mission. The international student and scholar population represented in this report includes non-immigrant visa holders who are undergraduate and graduate students (non-degree and degree-seeking), researchers, and visiting scholars.

We continue striving to improve the services and support we offer our student and scholar community. We invite you to share your thoughts on how we are doing. Please do not hesitate to contact me to share your input or learn more about the International Services office and the students and scholars we serve!

Sincerely,

ANNETTE BURRIS
Director of International Services
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LSU INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

2,358
LSU's population of international students, scholars, & families.

1,602
enrolled international students

Approximately 4.4% of LSU's student population

WHAT WE DO
LSU International Services advises and supports the university's international community through immigration advisory services, advocacy, and cross-cultural programming. We are the primary office responsible for the university's compliance with U.S. federal immigration regulations.
### FALL 2023 ENROLLMENT

**New International Students**
- 410 new international students
- 235 new Graduates
- 158 new Undergraduates
- 17 new Law Center & Vet Med

**Enrollment by College**

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**Top Programs of Study**

**Graduate**
- Chemistry: 71
- Biological Sciences: 64
- Civil Engineering: 54
- Mathematics: 50
- Computer Science: 47

**Undergraduate**
- Computer Science: 39
- Pre-Business Administration: 29
- Sports Administration: 27
- Psychology: 15
- Biological Sciences: 14

**Visa Types**

- **F-1**
  - New International Students: 1,416
  - New Graduates: 63
  - New Undergraduates: 123
- **J-1**
  - New Graduates: 115
  - New Undergraduates: 52
- **Other**
  - New Graduates: 22
  - New Undergraduates: 7

*non-degree not included*
INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT

A FIVE YEAR REVIEW

**Undergraduate**

- Fall 2019: 1039
- Fall 2020: 919
- Fall 2021: 976
- Fall 2022: 1029
- Fall 2023: 1101

**Graduate**

- Fall 2019: 516
- Fall 2020: 409
- Fall 2021: 458
- Fall 2022: 523
- Fall 2023: 469

- Decrease in international undergraduate enrollment over the last 5 years: 0.2%
- Decrease in international graduate enrollment over the last 5 years: 3.2%
## COUNTRIES OF CITIZENSHIP

### ASIA
- Afghanistan
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- China
- Hong Kong
- India
- Indonesia
- Iran
- Iraq
- Israel
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Malaysia
- Myanmar (Burma)
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Turkey
- Vietnam

### AMERICAS
- Argentina
- Bahamas
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Cayman Islands
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominica
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Trinidad & Tobago
- Venezuela

### EUROPE
- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Serbia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom

### AFRICA
- Angola
- Benin
- Burundi
- Cameroon
- Côte D’ivoire
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- The Gambia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Morocco
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

### OCEANIA
- Australia
- New Zealand
- Tonga

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107 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
## Top Countries Represented

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### Student Group Spotlight: ISA

The International Student Association (ISA) at LSU significantly enriches the experiences of international students. It encourages cultural exchange and awareness through a variety of events such as Welcome Dinner parties in both the fall and spring semesters, the Festival of Nations, International Fusion, Thanksgiving Party, and picnics. These events highlight the diverse cultures of its members, fostering understanding and appreciation within the broader student body. ISA offers essential support and advocacy for international students, aiding them in overcoming the challenges of studying abroad by providing practical advice and representing their interests.

Recently, ISA President Md Tanvir Ahmed Sarkar has been instrumental in addressing fair wage issues for all Ph.D. level graduate assistants, advocating for affordable healthcare for graduate assistants, and resolving Tiger Trail Bus Route issues. In a groundbreaking initiative, the ISA President also advocated for the establishment of a graduate family orientation program for F-2 visa holders, which is slated to be held Spring 2024.

ISA also serves as a networking and community-building platform, enabling students to connect with peers, faculty, and professionals through social events, workshops, and meetings. It organizes seminars and workshops focused on educational and professional development, tailored to the career and academic aspirations of international students. Additionally, ISA acts as an intermediary between the international student community and the university administration, effectively communicating the students’ needs and facilitating policy changes for their benefit. Overall, ISA’s substantial contributions to cultural diversity, support systems, educational opportunities, and the well-being of international students are indispensable to the campus community at LSU.
Scholar Spotlight: Felipe de Matos Rocha

From Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Filipe Rocha is here at LSU for a year as an Exchange Visitor, sponsored by CAPES, the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel, affiliated with the Brazilian Ministry of Education.

Working alongside his Brazilian advisors from the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Professors Liduino Pitombeira and Pauxy Gentil Nunes, as well as his LSU supervisor, Professor Robert Peck, he is conducting research on the subject of his dissertation, which revolves around the formulation of a musical rhythmic prosodic system proposal. This proposal is intricately designed to offer analytical, compositional, and pedagogical insights. Bringing with him the rich heritage of his local culture, Filipe has also presented a workshop on Jongo at our Kids’ Orchestra Makes Music with the LSU Tigers.

“Being here at LSU, developing part of my research under the supervision of Prof. Peck, is a dream come true after many years of dedication. In this journey, many people believed in me and invested their time. I am here on behalf of many! Yet, I dedicate this achievement to my wife, Miriã Valeriano, and my daughter, Beatriz Valeriano de Matos. Without them, I wouldn’t have succeeded. Ready for more challenges! Geaux Music!”
I have lived in Louisiana for a few years, and I can confidently say that I would not want to be anything but a Tiger! In the future, I hope to leverage the knowledge and skills gained at LSU to have an impact on international diplomacy, bridging cultural divides and working towards a more interconnected and peaceful world at the United Nations Security Council. I am positive my time at LSU will help me immensely in achieving my goals. Geaux Tigers!

After graduating high school in Shreveport, LA, she realized how passionate she was about understanding the complexity of international relations and global issues in general. With that, the choice to attend LSU came naturally; she was drawn in by the university’s warm and welcoming atmosphere and its commitment to academic excellence. The International Studies Major, an interdisciplinary program led by esteemed faculty with a comprehensive approach to diplomatic strategies, was a particular draw for her.

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At LSU

$65.9 Million
Contributions from international students

609
Jobs supported

1,602
International students enrolled

In Louisiana

$246.7 Million
Contributions from international students

2,251
Jobs supported

6,626
International students enrolled

Across the United States

$40.1 Billion
Contributions from international students

368,333
Jobs supported

For every 3 international students, 1 job is created in the U.S.

Sources: Fall 2022 Open Doors Report, Association of International Educators (NAFSA) Economic Value Statistics
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