

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES



Making A Smaller World



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
BLOOMINGTON

The world can feel like a big place, especially when you move to a new country. Thousands of miles from home, international students, faculty, staff, artists, and researchers must deal with the challenges of starting college or a new job while adapting to a new way of life.

At the Office of International Services (OIS), we welcome international students, international scholars, and their families to the Indiana University community. We help them acclimate to American culture, make friends, and, over the course of their IU careers, reach their goals. Through our efforts, we try to make their world feel a little bit smaller.

We also encourage international students and scholars to share their cultures with the IU community. When they do, they make a smaller world for all of us.



A worldwide reputation

Indiana University has long been a popular destination for international students and scholars. Likewise, the Office of International Services is well known worldwide.

We regularly host professional development and training programs for professionals in international education, and every year we welcome domestic and international colleagues who want to learn about our office and best practices. A number of our staff members hold regional and national leadership roles within NAFSA: Association of International Educators.

Visit www.indiana.edu/~intlsvr for more information about the Office of International Services, including a list of our staff members.



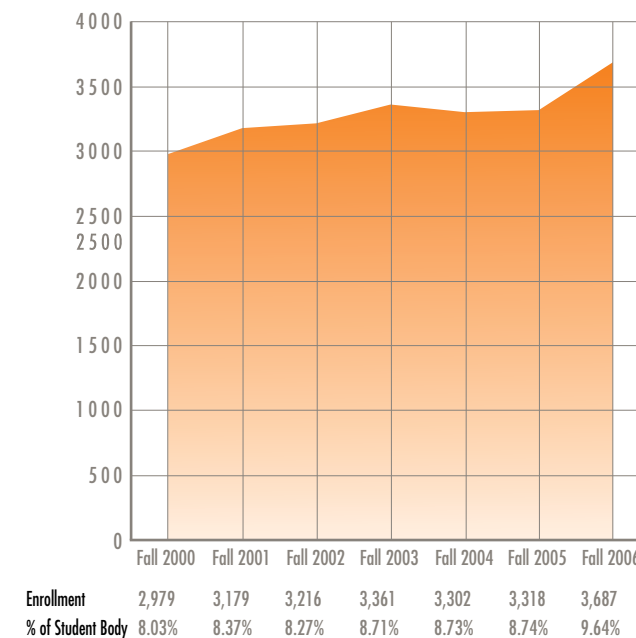
Our mission

To foster cross-cultural understanding and enable IU's international students and scholars to accomplish their educational, social, and professional objectives.

Serving all of Indiana University

Based at IU Bloomington, OIS collaborates with all eight IU campuses to provide comprehensive service and support to international students and scholars. The university is host to approximately 4,600 international students and more than 1,500 visiting professors and researchers each year. During the fall 2006 semester, IU Bloomington alone was host to 3,687 international students and 617 visiting scholars from more than 125 countries.

International Students at IU Bloomington

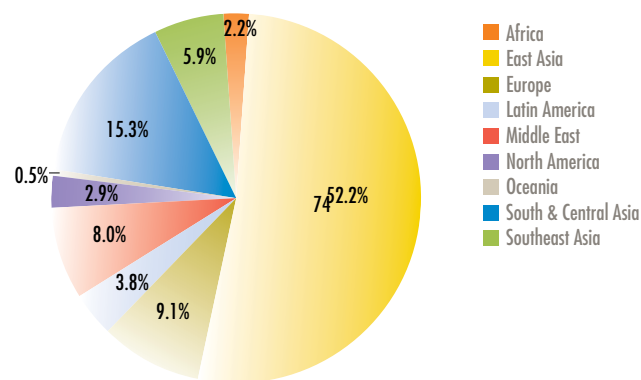


Here are some other ways we serve IU and its international community:

- New International Student Orientation**
 Each year, IU Bloomington welcomes international freshmen, transfer, and graduate students to campus with our orientation programs and welcome activities, which include a one-on-one appointment with an OIS advisor; seminars on topics ranging from course registration to Social Security numbers; our annual ice cream social and parents reception; and much more.
- International Education Week**
 Each November, OIS participates in this international event, which celebrates international education and exchange. Through a series of programs and events on campus and in the community, we focus on global issues and express our appreciation for international students and scholars.
- Bloomington-Worldwide Friendship (BWF)**
 We have partnered with this community organization for more than 50 years. BWF helps international students adapt to the Bloomington community by matching interested students with local families for friendship and support. Visit www.bloomington.in.us/~bwf for more information.



World Region Distribution of IU Bloomington International Students



International Scholars at IU Bloomington

FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION	PERCENTAGE
Science and math	40.7%
Communication, culture, and languages	15.4%
Education	12.6%
Psychology and social sciences	8.4%
Business	6.3%
Public and environmental affairs	5.8%
Visual and performing arts	4.9%
Other humanities	3.9%
Law	1.9%
	100.0%

Celebrating our small world— The Leo R. Dowling International Center

IU's students and scholars provide the campus and community with a remarkable resource—they bring the world to our doorstep. The Leo R. Dowling International Center at IU Bloomington showcases this cultural knowledge and diversity. Through programs that entertain, enlighten, and educate, the International Center makes a small world possible.

Part of OIS, the International Center sponsors cultural and social activities such as cultural coffee hours, concerts, dance classes, weekend trips, international movie nights, visiting scholar luncheon series, and programs for international spouses. The center also hosts educational programs ranging from English lessons to free income-tax assistance. Between events the center serves as a popular study space and hangout for students.



Services in a small world— Support for students and scholars

In a small world, help is easy to find. OIS is a comprehensive resource for international students, faculty, staff, artists, and researchers.

Our first priority is helping students and scholars meet the complex requirements for living and working in the United States. We pay close attention to policy changes, and we work proactively to keep the members of our international community up to date and in compliance with federal requirements.



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Technology is key to our proactive approach. Our information services and experienced staff enable efficient management of student and scholar data, and our iStart portal provides individualized, Web-based services.

International students and scholars can use iStart to:

- View and update information on file with OIS
- Submit electronic form (e-form) requests for travel signatures, reduced course load authorization, program extensions, and more
- Access alerts and notes on file that require action in order to maintain legal status

University departments can use iStart to:

- Submit initial applications and requests to extend program authorization for J-1 scholars and H-1B employees
- Submit requests for university sponsorship of permanent residency
- And much more



We also work one on one with international students and scholars on:

- Acclimation to college and American culture
- Financial matters and planning
- Health insurance requirements
- Intercultural communication and training
- Orientation to campus and the community
- Permanent residency for IU faculty and staff
- Taxes via our Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program
- Visas and immigration regulations
- Work authorization



Call, write, or stop by. We look forward to meeting you.

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