OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Office of International Programs (OIP) provides campus-wide leadership and coordination in implementing the university’s goals for international education. OIP serves prospective and matriculated international students, SF State students wishing to study abroad, visiting scholars and students, SF State faculty interested in international education and international alumni. For more information and general inquiries, please contact OIP:

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International Student Outreach

OIP plays a pivotal role in recruiting and attracting international students to select SF State University for an undergraduate or graduate degree. Working in tandem with SF State’s Office of Student Outreach Services, OIP addresses concerns and inquiries from prospective international students regarding pre-admission, transfer advising, and admission follow-ups. International student outreach advisors work closely with international student counselors and transfer centers at community colleges/high schools and ESL institutes, by providing on-site advising and workshops for transferring international students. Furthermore, OIP serves as a liaison with the U.S. advising centers overseas, Fulbright Commission Offices, foreign universities, and educational organizations that provide academic advising and placement services to prospective international students worldwide.

International Student Services

OIP helps international students and scholars on an F–1 and J–1 visa navigate visa regulations and the U.S. higher educational systems. At the beginning of each semester, OIP conducts extensive orientation programs for new international students and scholars. Year-round, the office provides advice concerning immigration and visa matters, cultural adjustment, academic matters, personal and financial counseling, and employment regulations for scholars and students at SF State. Additionally, OIP assists in bringing visiting scholars to the campus.

Study Abroad and International Exchange Programs

All interested SF State degree-seeking students in good standing may participate in an SF State Abroad program. SF State Abroad has programs on six continents and more than 30 countries through the California State University International Programs (CSUIP) and the SF State Exchange Programs, programs exclusively between SF State and partner universities abroad. Through these programs, students from any academic major make progress towards their SF State degree, earning CSU/SF State resident credits, while enhancing their academic program with an overseas experience. Financial aid applies to all SF State Abroad programs since participating students are still enrolled at SF State and pay only their regular SF State tuition and fees. Information workshops are offered several times a week year-round. OIP sponsors a Study Abroad Fair every semester and serves as the advisory office for a variety of scholarships which relate directly to the certified CSU and SF State Abroad programs.

OIP advises departments who wish to establish SF State Abroad exchange programs and faculty-led programs for their academic departments.