



THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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Campus Internationalization

The Center for International Affairs supports the University mission to "graduate students with multicultural and international perspectives." Its goals are to: (1) create the infrastructure for international affairs; (2) design and implement programs and curricula that promote cross-cultural and global understanding in all fields of study; (3) assist faculty in developing the international dimension of their teaching, scholarship, and service activities; (4) facilitate and develop academic and scholarly exchanges and partnerships for students and faculty; (5) diversify the student body to include outstanding students who represent a broad range of geographic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds; and (6) coordinate all activities that enhance campus global awareness and augment the international life of the campus and local community.

In addition, the Center has been very active in the assessment of the University's efforts towards internationalization. A task force was created to develop an assessment plan for international education. This group developed a set of assessment materials that include a list of learning outcomes, and internationalization questionnaire for faculty and staff, a questionnaire for study abroad students, a freshman survey, and a timeline for assessment.

Study Abroad Opportunities

The Center staff and faculty coordinate the marketing, promotion and advising for students interested in studying abroad through the year-long CSU system-wide International Programs. In the fall of 2005, CSUCI sent its first two students abroad. In 2006, five students were accepted to different study abroad programs around the world. In the spring of 2007, the Center facilitated applications for 40 students, an increase of over 500% from the previous year. Channel Islands has earned a nod from the CSU's Chancellor's Office of International Programs for the highest increase in applications from one year to the next in the program's 44 years of system-wide operation.



UNIV 392: International Experience Courses

The Center coordinates faculty driven international experiences through UNIV 392 courses. In previous years, some of these courses have included international experiences to Great Britain, France, Japan, China and Mexico. In three years, there have been 10 courses offered around the world. During the academic year 2004-2005, Dr. Jacquelyn Kilpatrick (English) led a group of 11 students to London. The students had an opportunity to visit museums and art galleries, and see several plays as part of their "Dramatic London" experience. That summer, Dr. Terry Ballman (Spanish) led a group of students to Cuernavaca, Mexico, to learn Spanish. During 2005-2006, Dr. Simone Aloisio (Chemistry)

guided students on a trip to Japan to learn more about science and technology from the Japanese perspective. Dr. Jorge Garcia (Mathematics) led a group of students to Hidalgo, México. For the current academic year (2006-2007) four courses will be offered abroad. Dr. Brad Monsma (English) and Dr. Don Rodriguez (ESRM) will lead a group to a field research station in La Manzanilla, México. Dr. Elizabeth Hartung and Dr. Antonio Jiménez will take a group to Málaga and Madrid, Spain to study social change. Dr. Kimmy Kee-Rose will lead a group of students to study maladaptive human behavior in Singapore and Malaysia. Lastly, Dr. Terry Ballman will continue with the Cuernavaca Program.

International Students

The Center for International Affairs helps international students who would like to apply to CSUCI. Beginning fall 2007, the University will welcome the first class of international graduate level students. The Center will help these international students adjust to life at the University and in the United States through orientation programs,

workshops on important topics, and one-on-one counseling on immigration, academic, employment and financial matters. Throughout the year, the Center will sponsor social, cultural and recreational activities that will enable both domestic and international students to interact and collaborate to increase the internationalization of the campus.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PARTNERS

The Center is establishing a process for developing exchange agreements with international institutions. The first agreement will be with the University of Hidalgo in Mexico with the help of Dr. Jorge Garcia (Mathematics) an alumnus of the university.

International Week

Every year during spring semester, the Center coordinates the campus International Week celebration. Students, faculty and staff come together to celebrate the CSUCI's increasing internationalization efforts through events such as international films, speaker series, country presentations from study abroad alumni, international food and the In-

ternational Fashion Show. This year's International Week Celebration is scheduled for April 23- 27, and will a joint collaboration effort between the Center for International Affairs and CSUCI's Multicultural and Women's & Gender Center as well as the entire campus community.

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