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Record international student enrollment

Fresno State's International Student Services and Programs is enrolling more than 300 new international students this fall — a record for the university. Some of the new students will be

on campus Friday, Aug. 16 for orientation and a formal welcome to campus and the United States.

Including these entering students, a total of more than 600 international students are expected to enroll, which is about 130 more students than last year. Of those, 470 students are seeking degrees, 72 are exchange students or scholars through various programs and 65 are a part of the [Intensive English Program](#) through Fresno State's American English Institute.

The five most popular majors among the incoming international students are business, engineering, biology, computer science and agriculture. The international students represent 60 countries with the majority from India, Saudi Arabia and China.

Paul Hofmann, assistant vice president for International Affairs, said this record increase is a result of stepped-up recruitment efforts including increased participation in international recruitment fairs, new partnerships with overseas institutions and a recommitment to the University's strategic initiative to internationalize.

"The commitment to internationalization is part of Fresno State's mission to prepare graduates to work in today's global economy," Hofmann said. "We believe Fresno State is the choice of many international students because of our nationally recognized academic programs and high value."

The international program participated in recruitment fairs in South Korea, Israel, Saudi Arabia and China. Hofmann said the program also developed partnerships with China's Hunan Normal University and South Korea's Daegu Catholic University and Yeungnam University.

For more information contact Hofmann at phofmann@csufresno.edu.

University Communications news intern Ashlie Day contributed to this report.

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