

# International Education Services

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The University of Colorado at Denver, through the Office of International Education (OIE), provides a variety of international programs, educational opportunities, and services for international and domestic students, scholars, faculty, staff, and the greater Denver community. The goals of OIE are to raise international awareness on the CU-Denver campus and, in particular, to provide an opportunity for all students to gain the global competency needed in today's interdependent world.

OIE arranges student study abroad programs, expedites the exchange of students and faculty, hosts international visitors, promotes special relationships with foreign universities, and advises students and faculty on Fulbright and National Security Exchange Program (NSEP) and other scholarship opportunities. OIE also functions as a recruiting, retention, and advisory office for international students and coordinates many services for them before and after they have been accepted to CU-Denver, including: new student orientation, visa and Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) advice, and help for those international students who need assistance with a variety of questions and potential difficulties, including the offering of a semester-long orientation course (CLAS 1100). In addition, OIE seeks to increase community awareness of international issues by periodically sponsoring lectures and programs that are open to the general public.

### STUDY ABROAD

OIE assists students wishing to make international study an integral part of their college experience. Study abroad programs vary in length from two weeks to one academic year, and are also offered during the summer and winter breaks. Although many programs are for language study, a substantial number of programs are taught in English; thus, a foreign language is not always required for participation. These programs are available to students in all disciplines, from architecture to business to liberal arts, in a variety of countries worldwide. Students can pay

CU-Denver tuition and study abroad on an exchange program for an academic semester or year. Either CU-Denver or transfer credit may be earned abroad, giving students the opportunity to fulfill degree requirements while experiencing a new culture.

Since tuition and program fees are generally affordable and financial aid is available and can be used for study abroad, it is a feasible option for almost every CU-Denver student. Information and advice on scholarships such as Fulbright and NSEP, as well as volunteer and work opportunities abroad are available.

New programs are continually developing, so call or check the OIE website to learn more about our programs. Logon to our website at <http://international.cudenver.edu> for further information.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING AND SUPPORT SERVICES

Since the first few months in a new country and a new city can be particularly difficult for international students, OIE offers a number of special services in order to ease this transition, such as an orientation program for new international students, answers to visa questions, and help in finding housing. All international students meet with an international student advisor (ISA) in OIE upon arrival in Denver to have visas and other paperwork reviewed, in order to assist in personalized advising. OIE provides a friendly ear and a place to ask questions and express concerns about all kinds of issues, including U.S. social customs, as well as an avenue for communicating with other CU-Denver international student clubs and organizing social activities. For more information on immigration matters, advising, or services for international students and scholars, visit our website at [international.cudenver.edu](http://international.cudenver.edu).

The Office of International Education also works with students who need additional English language preparation to connect them with appropriate resources and services on the Auraria Campus. For more information, contact an international student advisor at 303-556-3489.

### GRADUATE STUDENT AND FACULTY FULBRIGHT INFORMATION

OIE maintains listings of opportunities and other information on various scholarships and fellowships for study and research abroad, including Fulbright graduate student and faculty visiting lectureships at foreign universities.

### COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES

During the year, OIE sponsors periodic guest lectures and special seminars focused on topics of current international interest. Most of these activities are open to the public as well as the CU-Denver community. OIE is also an active participant in a number of Denver community international programs and events.

For more information about these and other programs, contact the OIE office at 303-556-3489.