

International Education Services

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The University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, 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 UCDHSC 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 international universities, and advises students and faculty on Fulbright, 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 UCDHSC, including new student orientation, visa and immigration advice, and assistance with a variety of questions and potential difficulties, including the offering of a semester-long cultural adjustment and understanding course (CLAS 1100).

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS

The International Admissions department at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC) personally assists all international students with the international application process from first contact through issuance of initial immigration documents.

The conversion of foreign grades into the U.S. system is done in-house. At the request of academic departments, International Admissions also evaluates course work completed at foreign institutions by domestic applicants.

International Admissions department representatives travel overseas to recruit qualified international students. The department also advises staff and faculty traveling overseas on possible networking with prospective international students, visiting Fulbright offices and foreign universities with UCDHSC brochures and information.

Please refer to pages 18-19 and 21 for international undergraduate and graduate student requirements and application deadlines. For more information, visit the International Admissions Web site at www.internationaladmissions.cudenver.edu.

STUDY ABROAD

OIE assists students who want 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 and colleges in a variety of countries worldwide. Students can pay UCDHSC tuition and study abroad on an exchange program for an academic semester or year. Either UCDHSC 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 may be available and can be used for study abroad, it is a feasible option for almost every UCDHSC student. Information and advice on scholarships such as Fulbright and NSEP, as well as volunteer and work opportunities abroad, are also available.

New programs are continually developing. Please check the OIE Web site to learn more about our programs: <http://international.cudenver.edu>.

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGES

There are unique collaborations between the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center and international universities that make it possible for a student to work toward a UCDHSC degree while living abroad. The advantage of these programs over traditional study abroad programs is that courses are taught in English and cover the same subject matter as courses taught on the UCDHSC downtown Denver campus, so students with little or no knowledge of a foreign language are offered alternative ways to experience and integrate into another culture.

All UCDHSC students are eligible to enroll in the International Colleges programs; tuition rates may vary from site to site. For more information, contact the Office of International Education at 303-315-2230.

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 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 and to assist in personalized advising. OIE provides a friendly place to ask questions and express concerns about many issues, including U.S. social customs, as well as an avenue for communicating with other UCDHSC international student clubs and organizing social activities. For more information on immigration matters, advising, or services for international students and scholars, visit our Web site at <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 downtown Denver campus. For more information, contact an international student advisor at 303-315-2230.

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. Many of these activities are open to the public as well as the UCDHSC 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 303-315-2230.