
International Programs

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PURPOSE

Arizona State University is an internationally recognized research and doctoral granting institution. The International Programs Office (IPO) is responsible for developing and implementing a wide variety of international policies and activities. As part of the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost, IPO administers university study programs abroad, visiting scholar programs at ASU, and protocol for international visitors. In cooperation with academic and administrative units, IPO develops the international policies for ASU, represents the international interests of the university to the community at large, administers scholarships for studying abroad, supports faculty exchanges, and facilitates joint international research and training projects. IPO also represents the university's international interests to professional organizations and government agencies. The Office of Immigration Programs for International Faculty and Scholars within IPO not only assumes responsibility for international visitors who come to work, study, or conduct research on the ASU campus, but also operates one of the nation's first U.S. Passport Offices located at a state university.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Two types of programs—study abroad and student exchange—are designed to enhance the academic development professional preparation, and international perspective of students.

IPO offers more than 100 fall and spring semester, summer sessions, and year-long international programs for ASU resident credit.

Procedures. Students interested in participating in such programs should identify their interests as soon as possible and should express their interests to the International Programs Office in TMPCT 198. Students on an official study abroad or exchange program retain full-time student status and the catalog status they held at the time of their departure.

IPO assists students through every stage of planning, preparation, participation, and return from exciting international educational experiences. Advisors are available to assist students in choosing a program that meets one's academic, personal, and professional goals.

Information on programs can be obtained from the International Programs Office in TMPCT 198, from the IPO Web page at ipo.asu.edu, or by phone at 480/965-5965.

How to Apply. Before participating in a study abroad or an exchange program, students must complete an IPO Qualifying Application, available on the Web at ipo.asu.edu. An interview is then conducted at which time qualified applicants are guided through any additional application procedures that are specific to the student's particular international program. After the application process is completed, students attend pre-departure orientations conducted by IPO. These presentations are designed to thoroughly prepare participants for a rewarding international experience.

Immigration Programs for International Faculty and Scholars. The International Faculty and Scholars Office (Immigration/Employment Visa Services), of the IPO is responsible for administration of the university's Exchange Visitor Program and Employment-Based Visa Programs. The responsibilities of this office also include providing information, guidance, and advice to the various departments, programs and colleges of ASU Main, ASU East, and ASU West, as well as to the university's faculty, staff, students, and guests on questions and issues related to the university's J-1 Exchange Visitor, and Employment-Based Visa programs, and other immigration-related issues.



The Campo Plaza in Siena, Italy

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