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# 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 Executive 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 assumes responsibility for international visitors who come to work, study, or conduct research on the ASU campuses, and also operates one of the nation's first U.S. Passport Offices located at a state university.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Department of State-sponsored IIE Open Doors report ranks ASU as one of the nation's top twenty institutions in terms of student international mobility. In increasing numbers, students have chosen ASU because of its excellence in undergraduate programs and extensive international study opportunities.

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 200 fall and spring semester and year-long international programs that graduate students may consider for ASU undergraduate resident credit. 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. A number of these programs also offer graduate-level credit. Additionally, IPO manages a number of unique study abroad and exchange

opportunities designed specifically for graduate students. These include dual degree programs and teacher assistantships abroad.

**Procedures.** Students interested in participating in such programs should contact the International Programs Office in TMPCT 198.

IPO assists students through every stage of planning, preparation, participation, and return from exciting international educational experiences. International Program coordinators 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](http://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 Eligibility Application, available on the Web at [ipo.asu.edu](http://ipo.asu.edu). Eligible students are then directed to attend an advising session with IPO or the specialty program sponsoring academic unit. Applicants are guided through additional application procedures that are specific to the student's particular international program. After the application process is completed, students attend predeparture orientations conducted by IPO. These presentations are designed to prepare participants for a comfortable and 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.