

Center for International Programs – WCU Goes Global!



Mission Statement: The Center for International Programs is dedicated to giving life to the goals of comprehensive internationalization built into the University's strategic plan, *Building on Excellence*, with a focus on serving faculty, staff, students, administration and the West Chester University community.

Vision Statement: The Center for International Programs is committed to the goal of comprehensive internationalization at West Chester University. *Comprehensive internationalization can be defined as a commitment to action – to infuse international and comparative perspectives throughout teaching, research, and service missions of West Chester University.* Comprehensive internationalization affects the entirety of campus life and learning and shapes West Chester University's external frames of reference, partnerships, and relations. The CIP recognizes that varying missions and starting points across the campus and community will produce unique and tailored responses to the challenges and opportunities of internationalization and globalization.

Center for International Programs: Strategic Goals and Outcomes

1. Increase the number of students with international educational experiences.
2. Recruit and retain additional numbers of international students.
3. Partner with university offices to provide services and support to enhance study abroad opportunities, international students on campus, and faculty and staff international projects.
4. Develop sustainable partnerships with local, regional, national, and international institutions and organizations.
5. Increase the number of Visiting Scholars at WCU and support WCU faculty research and scholarship.
6. Manage University's English as a Second Language Program - ELS International
7. WCU Global Strategic Planning Process – Mapping Internationalization and Global Initiatives

What can the Center for International Programs do for you?

1. Assist with any issues or questions related to international students (visa, immigration, ESL, etc.)
 - a. International Student Programming
 - b. Office Contact: Angela Howard (AHoward@wcupa.edu)
2. Coordinate with departments to recruit more international students.
 - a. Example: Review IB curriculum for possible additional course approvals.
3. Partner with colleges, departments, and faculty in developing new Memorandums of Agreement (MOA's). Math/Peter Glidden's 2 + 2 agreement with UCCI
4. Manage and handle any and all study abroad questions or issues for your students.
 - a. Contact: Nora Maurer (nmaurer@wcupa.edu)
 - b. Working on customized programs per major or program
 - c. Development of Scholarships for students (PASSHE, CIP, College, Others)
5. Develop Faculty-led Study Abroad programming (Winter term, Spring break, Summer sessions).
 - a. Call for 2017-18 Spring/Summer Proposals - yes, time matters to the process
 - b. Customized Programming is available via our Affiliates
 - c. Taking students abroad for any reason? Contact our office immediately!
 - d. Sponsorship of faculty initiatives
 - e. Contact: Peter Loedel and/or Nora Maurer
6. International Travel Authorization Form and Export Control Form (Combined submission)
 - a. Questions? Inputs?
7. Partner and support international research and scholarship
 - a. Visiting Scholar Program – Contact: Angela Howard (will send a handbook).
8. Internationalization of the curriculum and programs
 - a. Working directly with colleges and departments
 - b. International Internship development
 - c. Global Studies Minor

Questions? Contact Dr. Peter Loedel (ploedel@wcupa.edu); x0536 on campus. Mitchell Hall, 3rd floor South.

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