

# GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

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The Global Engagement Office is home to the Center for China Studies, International Student and Scholar Services, the Intensive English Language Institute, Sponsored International Programs, and Study Away (International Education). The office's mission is to provide leadership for the comprehensive internationalization of the Buffalo State community by fostering the growth and development of our international programs and services. By leading the charge for campus internationalization—where immersive cultural experiences both locally and globally impact students' abilities to respectfully engage with and learn from difference—we can meet the challenges of a globally connected society and be good citizens and stewards of the world.

## Center for China Studies

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The Center for China Studies promotes and coordinates research, scholarly exchanges, academic programs, and economic development with China. Center activities advance the intellectual, personal, and professional growth of students, faculty, staff, and the general community by providing an international perspective regarding China in the context of an ever-changing and diverse world.

## International Student and Scholar Services

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The International Student and Scholar Services Office (ISSS) supports international students with services that include academic advisement; personal counseling; assistance with visas, work permits, and Curricular Practical Training/Optional Practical Training (CPT/OPT); and compliance with regulations from the Department of Homeland Security. An international orientation program is provided for new international students at the beginning of each semester. ISSS coordinates the Visiting Scholars Program, Global Mentor Program, and the college's annual International Alumni event. The office organizes international cultural events, workshops, and seminars throughout the year on campus with special

programming during International Education Week each November.

## Intensive English Language Institute

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The Intensive English Language Institute (IELI) administers the English as a Second Language (ESL) program at Buffalo State. Students whose first language is not English participate in the ESL program to develop the language skills in reading, writing, listening, and speaking they need to succeed in their academic programs. This non-degree, non-credit-bearing program is particularly useful for students seeking admission to an academic program at Buffalo State as they prepare to enhance their language skills.

## Sponsored International Programs

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Buffalo State's Sponsored International Programs office supports students, faculty, and staff in seeking funding, applying to, and participating in international research opportunities, mainly the Fulbright and the Rhodes Scholar programs. To date, 17 Buffalo State faculty from a wide range of disciplines have been selected to participate in the Fulbright Program. The ultimate promise of the Fulbright Program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and people around the world. Buffalo State proudly plays a part in this process. The Rhodes Scholarships are the oldest and most celebrated international fellowship awards in the world, with the program annually selecting 32 young students from the United States. These Rhodes Scholars are chosen for their outstanding scholarly achievements, as well as for their character, commitment to others and to the common good, and for their potential for leadership in whatever domains their careers may lead.

## Study Away (International Education)

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The International Education Office provides a variety of programs to accommodate the differing needs of Buffalo State Students.

**Faculty-led Programs:** Faculty-led programs are credit-bearing study abroad experiences that are developed and led by Buffalo State faculty and/or staff. These programs deliver specific Buffalo State courses and are completed partially or entirely abroad, tending to include time abroad from one to six weeks.

**International Exchange programs:** International Exchange programs allow Buffalo State students to study for a semester or academic year at one of many partner institutions abroad. Participants take courses with local students at the host institution on a space available basis. Buffalo State students continue to pay Buffalo State full-time tuition and fee rates as they normally would according to their residency.

**Study Abroad programs:** Students participating in study abroad programs do not exchange places with students from partner universities and therefore pay tuition and fees at host institution rates. If a student desires to study at an exchange partners institution and all the spaces have been filled, the student will still be able to attend the university as a study abroad participant.

**National Student Exchange (NSE):** NSE provides accessible collegiate study away to undergraduate students at member colleges and universities in the United States as well as Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands. Students can take classes not available at Buffalo State, experience different geographic and cultural settings, investigate potential graduate schools, make connections in a potential job market, and much more.

**State University of New York (SUNY) programs:** Students unable to find a program offered through Buffalo State that meets their academic needs are eligible to participate in a program offered through another SUNY institution.