Center for International Studies and Programs

Fostering cross-cultural interaction that leads to global understanding, an enriched personal experience and a more peaceful world.
Live. Learn. Travel.

It is our mission and passion at the Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) to make students and everyone at UT aware of the opportunities to enhance a college education with a global experience.

CISP offers programs to assist domestic and international students, and the UT community on their journey to become well-rounded individuals. It is my belief that students should seek out opportunities that will equip them to be change agents for the future, so step outside of their comfort zone and unleash the potential that lies within.

Whether you’re looking to get a passport or seeking advice on what program(s) best fit your academic journey, we are your one stop shop.

This is your launch pad to “Explore your World.”

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The Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) fosters a cross-cultural appreciation and understanding. CISP encourages global citizenship through innovative programming and through student and scholar exchanges.

Learn more about the world and enhance your college education.
PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY

CISP can help UT community members obtain a passport application and get their photo taken for an overseas learning experience. All travelers must have a valid passport to leave and reenter the United States.

U.S. students requiring a passport should not wait until the last minute; four to six weeks is standard to order and process a passport.

Through the travel grant process, CISP will cover passport costs of any student (undergraduate or graduate) who is participating in a University approved faculty-led or study abroad program.

CISP accepts passport applications on behalf of the U.S. Department of State.
GLOBAL VOICES: INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER PROGRAM

Building bridges of understanding between nations is crucial in today’s world. International students and scholars registered with Global Voices share their unique experiences and perspectives. Volunteer speakers visit classes and serve on panel discussion groups to answer questions on topics ranging from culture and food, to religion and politics.

By sharing the knowledge of their cultures, speakers help to improve international relations and educate others about our similarities and differences. International students and scholars are encouraged to join Global Voices to help UT achieve its goal of internationalizing the University experience.

There is no charge for the speakers; this is a volunteer program. Advance notice is requested to better serve UT faculty and staff needs.

GLOBAL ASSISTANCE

Looking for personal guidance and online resources to help you get ready to travel abroad, plan for emergencies and identify insurance needs? Global Assistance provides useful and informative resources to help students, faculty and staff have a plan of action before going abroad.
TRAVEL GRANT & SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The CISP Travel Grant provides funding for students participating in UT-approved international programs. Funds for the CISP Travel Grant are generated through student general fees. Travel grants are available to full-time UT students that meet the eligibility requirements and who have applied to any University-approved/affiliated international program.

Recipient awards are based on merit, program costs, program length, academic connection and involvement. Grant money awarded must be used for travel and program expenses specific to the program listed on the submitted application.

There are various scholarships available that can help make an education abroad experience more affordable. Scholarships vary by destination and discipline. The CISP website (utoledo.edu/cisp) provides a comprehensive listing of scholarship opportunities. Researching scholarships is time well spent, for these funding opportunities can pay off.
EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

EDUCATION ABROAD OFFICE

Think outside city and state limits! Participate in a global experience filled with new cultures, people, sights, and opportunities, all while earning college credit. Explore your world through:

- Education Abroad
- National Student Exchange
- Fulbright
- Camp Adventure
- and more!
EDUCATION ABROAD

Earn college credit AND experience living and learning in another country as a study abroad student! Options abound. Choose from summer, semester, or yearlong programs. Internships, service learning and research opportunities are also available overseas.

Opportunities include short-term faculty-led programs, University direct exchange programs, and affiliated programs: University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC), International Studies Abroad (ISA), and Semester at Sea.

With programs in over 40 countries, students have the opportunity to experience a new culture and academic system, develop cross-cultural skills, learn to speak another language, and enhance their resume.

Education abroad enriches your academic program, enhances your global perspective, allows you to investigate personal interests, and develop a strong skill set for future career and academic ventures. Become a global UT ambassador! The world awaits.
NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

Change your scenery by studying away at one of the more than 200 U.S. colleges and universities that are part of National Student Exchange (NSE). NSE is a non-profit education consortium, that provides affordable and practical opportunities for UT students to enroll at another member campus in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, or the U.S. Virgin Islands. Students in NSE are provided with a culturally enriching and academically rewarding college experience. Students who participate in NSE receive UT credit and pay UT tuition. Students may participate for one semester or for an entire academic year.
COMPETITIVE AWARDS

University of Toledo faculty and students interested in prestigious scholarly experiences, such as the Fulbright program or a Rhodes Scholarship, have CISP as a resource to help them secure those awards and raise the profile of the institution.

The new Competitive Awards Initiative in the Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) brings together faculty and other campus leaders for a centralized effort to assist with the rigorous process of applying and preparing for these opportunities.
CAMP ADVENTURE™ YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM

For students who enjoy working with children, the Camp Adventure program may just be the right fit for you. This summer camp program affords university students the opportunity to participate in a service learning experience benefitting the U.S. Military in a variety of worldwide locations. Students integrate theory with practice, develop new knowledge, leadership skills, and competencies, as well as, make a difference in the lives of U.S. military families.
GLOBAL HEALTH

International medical student clerkships and faculty-led, team-based mission programs offer graduate students a broad array of opportunities across the globe that foster growth of medical knowledge and cultural awareness through direct patient care experience. These frontline clinical electives drive our students to demonstrate their proficiencies outside of the traditional medical practice. Students are introduced to region-specific diseases as well as traditional medical treatments, all while immersing themselves in the culture, values, and beliefs of the community.
INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Develop strong problem solving skills, an appreciation for community and diversity, an understanding of global issues and the ability to cooperate and collaborate through an international or domestic internship.

USAC Internships
Work and live abroad. University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) international internships offer college credits rather than financial compensation at more than a dozen locations. Schedules and number of work hours/credits are determined by scheduled USAC courses. USAC will attempt to meet internship requirements at your home university. In some cases, USAC internship programs are not listed; however an internship applicable to a student’s specific interest and studies may be available on a case-by-case basis.

ISA Internships
Immerse yourself in another country’s way of life through International Studies Abroad (ISA). There are many ISA programs that offer internship or service learning opportunities for students. These opportunities add another dimension to the study abroad experience through daily interactions with locals, resulting in a greater understanding of the culture, community and language of the host country.
Ohio Means Jobs.com
OhioMeansJobs is a no-cost, online career planning tool that helps students discover career interests, explore future job options, build a future budget, create a resume and more. Find in-demand jobs and occupations in Ohio with your online career counselor.

The Washington Center Internship Program
Jump start your career and experience life in the capital through The Washington Center (TWC). Develop skills, expand your portfolio, network, and connect with industry leaders through a combination of invaluable career development programs and opportunities. Gain real-world work experience during a semester or yearlong internship in Washington, D.C. TWC also offers internship opportunities in Sydney, Australia and London, England.
The Office of International Student and Scholar Services (OISSS) provides advising services with respect to immigration and visa matters, work permission, orientation, cultural adjustment and personal concerns. Our dedicated staff is here to assist you with problems concerning your immigration status, as well as with any concerns about your social and personal adjustment to life at UT and in the United States.
The American Language Institute (ALI) offers intensive English language instruction to those non-native speakers of English from around the world and in the community that wish to begin academic study, or who need to learn English for personal or professional reasons. The ALI also serves the larger institution by evaluating the oral proficiency of international graduate teaching assistants and providing training for those who need it.
CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

The Confucius Institute at the University of Toledo supports, promotes and develops Chinese Mandarin language and cultural education in the United States, particularly within the Toledo community. Chinese language classes and cultural programs are open to children, adults, businesses, travelers and anyone who’s interested in China. Come and explore China with the Confucius Institute!
The UT Explorers team works to enhance the linguistic and cultural competencies of campus learners and scholars. UT Explorers promotes a culture of lifelong learning by providing students, both international and domestic, with opportunities for collaboration and engagement with The University of Toledo campuses and the Toledo communities. We encourage the development of global citizenship through innovative programming.
GO UT (Global Opportunities at The University of Toledo)

GO UT offers programs and activities to help international students learn about the local community, culture and customs. These programs also allow Americans to learn more about the rich and unique cultures of international students:

• Toledo International Hospitality Program (TIHP) matches individuals and families from the community with students from all over the world. Families agree to get together once a month or more to talk and share cultures.

• Conversation partners with ALI
• English Corner
• Household items giveaway
ROCKET RECYCLE

An international student bicycle loan program, Rocket ReCycle recognizes that transportation is a real concern for international students. Rocket ReCycle loans bicycles to students to provide a stronger sense of mobility and freedom to buy groceries, run errands, go to restaurants and travel around town.

International students are able to register for the bicycle loan program by completing a registration form along with a minimal deposit. The deposit may be refunded upon the return of the bike. Students must also have a bicycle lock to participate in the loan program. Bikes will be loaned on a first-come-first-serve basis. Students will be responsible for bike upkeep and maintenance.
Mission

The Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) supports internationalization by creating links among students, scholars, faculty, staff, and the community that foster cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. The Center encourages global citizenship through innovative education, student and scholar exchanges, and cultural programs.

CISP Vision

The Center for International Studies and Programs is committed to cross-cultural interaction, global engagement, and a more rewarding human experience.