

**GOAL 6 — DEVELOPING A DIVERSE AND GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**

*The university will encourage international students and faculty to study, teach and conduct research on campus. There also will be more opportunities for our students, faculty and staff to study abroad and gain international experience.*

**Encourage and support international experiences for all members of the university community in support of the region**

- The Fresno State Academic Calendar 2008-09 featured faculty members, who have contributed significantly to international programs.
- The name of the International Programs Office was changed to “Study Abroad and International Exchanges” to clarify the function of the office and differentiate responsibility for incoming international students and domestic students who study abroad.
- The web site of the Study Abroad and International Exchanges Office experienced significant upgrades, including hotlinks to sources of funding for faculty international involvement and for student scholarships for foreign travel.
- Visits were conducted to study abroad sites in two locations in China and two in Italy.
- Two local students returned from study abroad programs have been working independently as volunteers in several creative ways to "mix" international and domestic students. One of them participated in the January 09 New International Student Orientation.
- The Department of Social Work uses an International Chat Room to advise students of opportunities available to them.
- CHHS formally established an International subcommittee and is discussing a number of different international collaboration educational opportunities for faculty and students in the college.

**Increase support for, and participation in, study-abroad programs**

- Dr. Juan Garcia, professor of Counseling in the Kremen School of Education and Human Development led the Counseling and Traditional Medicine in Mexico and United States program which included practicing family therapist and counseling students.
- Administration of Justice and Culture in Thailand \_ engaged criminology students and local area practicing lawyers, and law enforcement practitioners in the exploration of the Thai justice system.
- \$150,000 was awarded to 151 students involved in study abroad programs and summer faculty-led, study tours.
- The London Semester, which is offered each Spring semester through the College of Arts and Humanities, was conducted for the 28<sup>th</sup> straight year.
- 253 students participated in study abroad programs in AY 08-09.
- One faculty member was awarded a Faculty International Development Award to audit a Summer 2009 study abroad program in Pau, France through the University Study Abroad Consortium (USAC).
- Two faculty members will be teaching courses in the University Study Abroad Consortium programs in Bangalore, India and Madrid, Spain in Summer 2009.

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- London Semester 2009 just returned from London with 19 students and two faculty
- Our Music program sent a 70 member choir to Beijing and the Marching band participated in the opening activities of the Beijing Olympics.
- The International Business Program (IBP) conducted a summer abroad program in which 120 Fresno State students spent two weeks abroad while completing designated core classes.
- Eight LCOE students traveled to Cambodia as part of an Engineers without Border (EWB-Fresno State) project in January 2009.
- South Pacific Semester (Spring 2009) involves 21 students and three faculty in New Zealand and Australia studying the Biology, Geology and Art History of the region.
- Discussion is underway with the University of London about a summer field experience at the University Marine Biological Station, Millport on the Isle of Cumbrae, Scotland..
- Dr. Gary Greene, formerly of Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, has set up a marine station on Orcas Island in the San Juan Islands and is willing to take students on field experiences off the West Coast of Canada. This would be appropriate for biology and geology students.
- Criminology continues to facilitate a student exchange program with Tokiwa University in Mito, Japan.
- One History professor had a summer abroad course for her students through USAC.
- 9 graduate students and 1 professor from the Kremen School of Education and Human Development participated in a TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) service-learning project in Playa del Carmen, Mexico.
- The first study abroad trip to Egypt in the new Middle East Studies Project was conducted during Spring Break of 2009.
- 8 short-term, faculty-led programs were organized (three separate trips to Mexico and one each to Trinidad, Switzerland, Spain, Armenia, and Egypt).
- International Business Programs in England-France and Belgium coordinated and led by professor Ali Peyvandi are supported through special grant support as well as school and university scholarships through the Study Abroad Office and International Exchanges.
- A Viticulture and Enology Summer School was held in the summer of 2008 in Switzerland, Italy and France as a partnership between Fresno State, Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo and the University of Applied Sciences in Changins, Switzerland, students and faculty from all three institutions participated in the four-week session in Europe.
- During spring break, a group of 10 students traveled with Dr. ElKharbawy (Art) to Cairo, Egypt.
- A Fulbright Hays grant proposal for travel/research study abroad in Egypt was submitted and if funded a group of 13 faculty member and graduate students will be traveling to Egypt for four weeks.
- The Craig Internship Program placed two interns in international companies (Mercedes Benz in Germany and Floway Pumps in Cyprus), and another intern is going to Germany this summer to work at the World Monetary Fund (WMF).
- Drs. Juan Garcia and Claire Sham Choy from counseling took a group of students on a study tour in Mexico.

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- Dr. Sham Choy led a group of faculty to Ghana.
- Several undergraduate students have been involved in summer research at CERN (10 students).

**Increase our international student enrollment at both the undergraduate and graduate level**

- 100 credit hours of tuition waivers were awarded to 31 new international students, including 24 graduate students, from eight countries.
- 30 credit hours of tuition waivers were awarded to 6 students from China, who are participating in the 1:2:1 exchange program where they complete two years of undergraduate work on the Fresno State campus before returning home to China.
- 280 credit hours of tuition waivers were awarded to 45 international students by deans.
- International student enrollment efforts included a fall recruiting trip to Asia. The ISSP director visited high schools and staffed an information table at College Fairs in Thailand, Malaysia, Vietnam, Singapore, Hong Kong, PRC Shanghai, PRC Beijing, Korea, and Japan. Interest in Fresno State seemed high in Vietnam and in China, with business and engineering the most attractive majors. One particularly well-prepared Chinese student who talked with the ISSP director in Beijing applied and was admitted to a Master's in Accountancy at Fresno State for fall, 2009.
- The ISSP director met with six students in Tokyo who enrolled in January, 2009. Dr. Katsuyo Howard, teaching this year in Tokyo for the Chancellor's Office, has found limited interest at Waseda University in study at Fresno State.
- The Sponsored Student Advisor at ISSP visited the Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission in Washington, DC -we now have 27 students fully sponsored by that government. Fresno State is seen as a "model" institutional partner from an administrative/advising point of view. This year we also have sponsored students (one each) from Kuwait, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates.
- The new Hans L. Beck and Anna Scholarship, providing a "full ride" for two international students with preference for students from Ecuador and Denmark, will be offered for the first time in fall, 2009. The ISSP director has been actively following up an April, 2008 visit to Quito high schools and Quito Fulbright office. Five applications have been received that clearly are due to this scholarship opportunity.
- The IIE Fulbright office placed five scholars at Fresno State this year, two are advanced researchers (not enrolled) and three are working on masters degrees here in linguistics (Russian student and Turkish student) and mass communication (Vietnamese student).
- Current international students serving as Peer Advisors are responding to e-mail questions from admitted students before arrival. They provide information about such topics as making friends, finding housing, or understanding what this part of the USA may be like.
- The International Student Advisor contacts all international students on probation or disqualification to suggest they make appointments and to offer support.
- Graduate Coordinators have been provided information on international admission issues and training on undergraduate university education and documents from India.

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- The ISSP director and International Student Advisor held a meeting with the Graduate Coordinator and the Chair of Computer Science to discuss the admission and retention of international graduate students in computer science.
- ISSP staff have attended special academic presentations offered by students/faculty in Japanese Studies, and in Biotechnology, showing interest and support to faculty and students in those disciplines.
- The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs provided leadership in the development of the Dual Degree 1+2+1 with four Chinese universities. After two years of discussions, the program was launched in the 2008-2009 academic year as a pilot effort in CAST. The 1-2-1 program with China was initiated – 6 students from three Chinese universities started the food science program in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition.
- The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs developed and coordinated two English Language Camps for Chinese middle school students during the summer of 2008. Over 100 Chinese students attended the camps, which included ESL instruction from the American English Institute, cultural interactions with Hispanic students, and regional field trips.
- The Division of Graduate Studies provided monies for the Provost's Graduate Scholarships which were awarded to some international students.
- The Division of Graduate Studies provided tuition waivers for international students.
- A workshop on international admissions was provided to faculty and graduate program coordinators by the Division of Graduate Studies.
- The American English Institute (AEI) offers an intensive English language program to international students. About fifty percent of the students who complete the program and pass TOEFL continue their college degree at Fresno State.
- The International Business Program (IBP) conducted one-for-one international exchange programs and international partnerships bringing international students to study here for a semester or two
- Several International students visiting the CSB were placed in local internships (La Tapatia, Vine Global, UBS).

**Develop collaborative partnerships with international institutions**

- 5 faculty members and the Director of Study Abroad participated in a Trilateral Conference in Beijing, China with representatives of Konkuk University in Korea and the Beijing Union University in China.
- Campus-wide protocols were developed and approved by the deans for preparing collaborative agreement with international partners and for hosting international delegations from partnering institutions on our campus.
- ORSP is taking the initiative of expanding the ACT Center services to include cooperative arrangements for workplace skills assessments in the Philippines.
- The CAST Dean and one faculty member from the Department of Industrial Technology visited Sri Lanka at the invitation of the Minister of Agriculture, an alumnus of the College (Plant Science). During the visit they interacted with various government centers and faculty members and administration from the University of Peradeniya, Faculty of

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Agriculture. The Dean gave the invited guest presentation for the opening of the National Center for Organic Agriculture. During February, March and April, we have hosted three faculty members from the University of Peradeniya for workshops on curriculum development and outcomes assessment, a project funded through the World Bank. This July, Dr. Sandra Witte, Associate Dean, will present workshops at the University of Peradeniya on outcomes assessment and assist faculty to develop plans for their newly revised curriculums.

- Plans are underway in CAST to host 7-8 government officials and university faculty from Anbar Province in Iraq. These individuals are key leaders in agriculture in the province. The meetings will focus on developing mutual areas of interest and developing future support for this province. The workshops are being coordinated through the office of Congressman Jim Costa.
- The campus hosted international visiting scholars and Fulbright fellows in a number of departments, including English, Linguistics.
- New collaborative agreements were signed with the University of Canada West in Victoria, Canada and the Vidyalankar Institute in Mumbai, India to funnel qualified international students to Fresno to complete their undergraduate degree programs at Fresno State.
- International Business Programs signed a new agreement with Universita di Pisa, Italy and is in the process of initiating agreements with University of Hertfordshire Business School, UK, Swiss Finance School of Business, Switzerland, and PGSM Business School, France.
- The UBC is the host for the U.S. Fresno Export Assistance Center (USEAC) which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce. USEAC provides assistance to local companies seeking to export their products or services. USEAC also hosts Craig School of Business interns and organizes workshops and mini-conferences in collaboration with the UBC. “Access to Capital Workshop” held in November attracted 75 participants from various parts of California interested in securing capital for their business expansion abroad.
- Dr. Sarah Lam collaborated with officials from the Ministry of Education in Hong Kong who will be visiting schools in Clovis in April 2009.

**Foster international collaborative research in areas of global significance**

- 19 visiting scholars came to campus in AY 08-09 to participate in collaborative research projects with Fresno State faculty and provide guest lectures in classes.
- Bob Wample, Department of Viticulture and Enology, gave the opening Plenary Lecture for the Conferencias da Tapada sponsored by the Center for Applied Botany of the Instituto Superior de Agronomia, Lisbon, Portugal in October.
- The First International Conference on Teaching About the Middle East in the 21st Century was held on campus in October 2008. Over 50 Middle East scholars from Israel, Palestine, Serbia, Germany, and all over the United States presented papers to large audiences of over 300 students, faculty, and community members.

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- The sixteenth annual Global Finance Conference (GFC), organized by Manuchehr Shahrokhi, will be held in Hawaii in April 2009.
- The Finance and Business Law Department has two visiting scholars, one from China and another from Korea, in 2008-2009.
- The ISDS Department sponsored a visiting scholar from Poland who worked with a Fresno State faculty member on a multi-country research project about barriers to implementation of information technology in small and medium-sized businesses.
- Dr. Helda Pinzon Perez (Public Health) presented at Javeriana University, Columbia and discussed possibilities of collaboration for childhood obesity prevention. She also attended a meeting with representatives of the World Heart Federation and the Colombian Association of Tobacco Use Prevention in Bogota.
- Faculty from Niigata University in Japan visited with faculty in the department of Physical Therapy to discuss potential research collaborations
- Drs. Jyothi Bathina and Glenn DeVoogd (KSOEHD) provided 11 workshops and presentations on literacy instruction to schools and colleges at Balashram in Arua, Orissa, India and in MB Junior College in Muhubnagar, Andra Pradesh, India.
- Drs. DeVoogd and Bathina (KSOEHD) are analyzing data taken on their trip to India to write in scholarly publications.
- Dr. Hong Shen from Special Education presented on special education extensively in China.
- Dr. Charles Won from LCOE is hosting two visiting scholars from Korea this year.
- Dr. Thomas Attard (LCOE) is the organizer and chair for Eleventh Pan American Congress of Applied Mechanics (PACAM XI) which will be held in January 2010 in Brazil.
- Dr. Thomas Attard (LCOE) hosted a visiting scholar from Greece in Summer 2008.
- Two faculty members from Political Science spent the fall semester in Spain through USAC.
- A faculty member from the Africana and American Indian Studies Program was awarded a Fulbright in Ghana
- Fresno State is a collaborating institute with the ATLAS experiment run out of the large Hadron collider facility at CERN, Switzerland. Dr. Yongsheng Gao and his postdoctoral fellow (physics) are the scientists involved in this prestigious international collaboration.
- Dr. D. Singleton (Physics) held a Fulbright Scholarship and spent 6 months in Russia conducting collaborative research at the Center for Gravitation and Fundamental Meteorology, Moscow.
- Drs. Gao and Bawa (Physics) travelled to Switzerland to undergo training at the CERN facility.
- Dr. M. Richaud (E&ES) participated in a cruise with the International Drilling Program in the Northern Atlantic Ocean to investigate the history of past climate change. In April, 2009, he will travel to the Galapagos Islands to participate in an NSF cruise to collect deep sediment cores. These cores will be the subject of study by his students.

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**Include diverse and international perspectives in undergraduate and graduate curricula**

- Library collections provide the campus with diverse and international perspectives on research and culture
- Librarians have served abroad and bring those international perspectives to our campus (Ross)
- Library hosted international conferences (e.g. Beatrix Potter, Oz)
- The library will collaborate with International Student Services and Programs (ISSP) to host Fall 2009's "International Coffee Hour".
- The library received two major world's fair collections, the George R. Leighton collection and the Richard Barnhart collection which not only greatly enhances and expands our world's fair collection but also serves to attract an ever-growing national and international user base for this collection.
- The Keynote Concert Series brought eight international master virtuoso pianists to campus for the series.
- A Title VI grant from the US Department of Education was implemented for the development of two year language programs in Persian and Arabic and a minor in Middle East Studies.
- A new faculty member, Dr. Partow Houshmandrad, was recruited and hired as a lecturer to teach Persian Language and World Music.
- The College of Social Sciences created a new committee to look at the development of international courses and programs.
- COSS created a new Global Certificate program that has been sent to the University Curriculum Committee.
- A survey identified 157 foreign-born faculty members, who represent an important human resource in international education on campus.
- Three colleges highlighted their international activities during International Education Week, which is observed nationally each year in November.
- A new topics course (CI 180T), "Teaching English in Mexico and Learning Mayan History, Culture, and Education in the Yucatan," was offered as an elective in July 2008 to graduate students in the M.A. in Education-C&I and the MAT programs. The course had an extensive service-learning component. Supported by a FRESNO STATE International Programs grant, students traveled to the Yucatan Peninsula, learned about the cultural and historical heritage of the indigenous Maya while living in a convent, and taught English language skills to middle school aged children.

**Develop strategies and offer learning experiences that will assist students to become culturally competent**

- The campus-wide Advisory Council for the Study Abroad and International Exchanges Office met to discuss college level strategic planning themes that reflect the university's engagement in the 7 Revolutions.
- The library's Multicultural Committee sponsored two exhibits, one featuring foods of various ethnic groups in the Valley and the other on California History and the Mexican War, a collaboration with the Department of Chicano/Latin American Studies.

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