Sponsored Student Orientation

International Student Advising and Services (ISAS)
International Living-Learning Center, 1701 SW Western Blvd.
and Heckart Lodge 2900 SW Jefferson Way
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Location:
Heckart Lodge - 2900 SW Jefferson Way and
International Living-Learning Center (ILLC) -
1701 SW Western Blvd.
International Student Advising & Services (ISAS) & Sponsored Student Programs

• Laurie Lewis – Director of ISAS

• Marybeth Trevino – Director of Sponsored Student Programs & Conditional Admission Programs

• Emiko Christopherson – Program Assistant for Sponsored Student Programs & Conditional Admission Programs
Office hours for Sponsored and CAP Students

Marybeth and Emiko are available to meet with students:

Monday - 1:00-3:00pm
Tuesday - 1:00-3:00pm
Thursday - 1:00-3:00pm
Friday - 1:00-3:00pm
Who Are the International Student Advisors?

- Cynthia Cox
- Shain Panzeri
- Ismail Warsame
- Rachael Weber
- Nan Xie
International Student Advisor Availability

- Appointments are available everyday at both the ILLC and Heckart Lodge.
  - Appointment times start at **9:00 am and end at 12:00 pm**
  - To make an appointment, visit the Welcome Desk or call 541-737-6310.

- Walk-Ins are available daily from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm at both the ILLC and Heckart Lodge.
ISAS Facts

- ISAS serves about 2,500 international students and about 700 Sponsored students
Roles and Responsibilities

Our Role

• ISAS Sponsored Student Programs provides you with information and helps you to understand the services we provide to your sponsor and assists you with sponsor-related issues.

Your Role

• As a sponsored student, your role is to follow the rules, if you choose, and
• Ask questions if you have any concerns about your sponsored student status.
Sponsored Student Services (Emiko and Marybeth) can assist you with:

• Sponsor Requirements
  • Financial Guarantee questions
  • Verification of enrollment for sponsors
• Communication with your sponsor
• Difficulties with sponsor payments
• Health insurance waivers related to sponsor
• Advice on the Conditional Admissions Program (CAP)
• Advice on progressing from INTO OSU to degree program
• “My sponsor says…”
International Student Advisors can assist you with:

- Immigration-related issues
  - Visa, passport, I-20, DS-2019, etc.
- Travel questions
- Registration problems
  - Holds, outstanding balance etc.
- Bringing dependents
- Academic success
  - Resources for homesickness, cultural adjustment, etc.
- Resources for getting involved on campus
Who is a Sponsored Student

- A student who receives full or partial funding from
  - Government agencies, Public or private organizations, Corporations, Foundations, or Embassies

- OSU invoices the sponsor for tuition and fees, in some cases, health insurance and on-campus housing
Top Student Sponsors

- Brazil
- Fulbright
- Indonesia, Government of
- Institute of International Education (IIE)
- Iraq, The Higher Committee for Education Development
- Japan, Doshisha Women’s College, ITOCHU Corp, Kobe Shukugawa Gaukin Uni., American Cultural Exchange
- Korea, Environmental Preservation Assoc., Army, Navy, Air Force
- Kuwait, Cultural Office
- Libya, Libyan Arab Jamahirya – CBIE
- Oman, Cultural Division
- Qatar, Olympic Committee, Civil Aviation Authority, Petroleum Agents
- Saudi Arabia, Aramco
- Saudi Arabia, Cultural Mission
- Saudi Arabia, SABIC (Saudi Arabia Basic Industrial Corporation)
- Thailand, Royal Government
- UAE, Cultural Division, Military Division, President’s Scholarship, Abu Dhabi Education Council
What Are Your Responsibilities as a Sponsored Student

• Financial guarantees
  • OSU does not inform sponsors when a Financial Guarantee letter is expiring or needs to be updated. **Each student is responsible** to understand how to obtain current financial guarantees.
  • Does your sponsor require you to request updated Financial Guarantees? If so, do you understand how to obtain the new financial guarantee?

• Keep track of the length of your scholarship
• **Understand what your sponsor requires of you!**
How to Handle Holds

• A hold prevents you from registering, or obtaining transcripts
  • Sponsors require copies of each student’s transcripts
• Holds are caused by: outstanding balances, poor academic standing, expired financial guarantees, or lack of official documentation of language scores
• If you have a hold, it is your responsibility to see an international student advisor to learn how to have the hold removed
FERPA

• FERPA is a U.S. national law that protects the privacy of your student records.
  • Most sponsors require students to sign a release either prior to leaving the home country or upon arrival to the U.S.
• OSU requests students to sign an additional FERPA release to ensure that each student understands what information will be released to sponsors and allows OSU to communicate with your sponsor and others that you may choose to include
HEALTH INSURANCE

OSU and Oregon State Law require all international students to have health insurance coverage

It is your responsibility to check with the Student Health Center to see if your sponsor provides adequate health insurance
GPA

- Grade Point Average (GPA)
  - OSU requires students to maintain a Grade Point Average of 2.0 each term to be in good academic standing for undergraduate students and 3.0 for graduate students.
- What does your sponsor require? What is considered good standing with your sponsor?
- Understand what your sponsor means by warning or probation.
Credit Requirements

• Immigration requires undergraduate students to register for a minimum of 12 credits each term and graduate students 9 credits per term.
• Does your sponsor require more than 12 credits per term?
• Do you have to attend summer term? If so, how many credits? (INTO OSU students must receive permission to take a summer break.)
Majors

- ISAS does not approve change of majors for sponsored students unless the sponsor has approved.
- Does your sponsor allow a change of majors? If so, do you understand the process on how to request the change from your sponsor?
Student Account

• You are responsible to check your student account balance each term.

• You are responsible to pay for any outstanding balance you owe that is not covered by your sponsor: parking citations, printing, pharmacy, student health service, late return of books, late registration etc.

• Each student has a student account. The Business Affairs Office will inform students by e-mail of outstanding balances each term.
Study Plan

• Sponsored students must meet with their Academic Advisor each term to work out a study plan
  • It is important to talk with your academic advisor, not your friends when following your study plan
Work Permission

It is your responsibility to understand your sponsor’s policy about working on campus

Students who are taking English language classes, such as CAP students or INTO OSU students are not allowed to work at all.
Smoking

• Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the OSU campus
Conclusion

• How to contact ISAS and International student advisors
• It is **your responsibility** to know your sponsors requirements and how to communicate with your sponsor
• **ISAS is here to help you.** Feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have.