Student Resources for International Students

Fisher College of Business
Fisher Orientation – Graduate Students
http://fisher.osu.edu/master
- Fisher Orientation acquaints all incoming graduate students with a comprehensive review of Fisher College.
- International Pathways Orientation reviews academic policies, cultural/ethnic topics for international students.
- Fisher Connection Program partners current domestic and international students with new international students to better understand cultural differences and provide needed support.
- International Culture Class (optional fall quarter only) covers culture assimilation topics such as understanding OSU football, getting drivers licenses, shopping, understanding American holidays, and other cultural topics.

Fisher Orientation – Undergraduate Students
http://fisher.osu.edu/undergraduate
- New Student Orientation provides overview for all incoming students.
- Academic Orientation for International Students reviews topics such as academic policies and procedures, academic advisor role, and course selection.
- Welcome Session for International Students includes current international student panel to answer new student questions.

Fisher Advising
- Academic advisors answer academic questions and assist international students to assimilate to academic life as a Fisher student.
- UG Peer advisors (several peer advisors are international students) meet with students individually, and host an event to expose domestic students to the life of international students using a panel of international students.

Fisher Career Management
http://fisher.osu.edu/offices/career-management
- Job search consultants partner with both undergraduate- and graduate-level students to facilitate and support their job search efforts. Students have access to one-on-one career consultation, online resources, job/career fairs as well as resources specifically designed for the global job search including Going Global, job search workshops and more.

Fisher Student Organizations
http://fisher.osu.edu/student-groups
- Fisher graduate and undergraduate student organizations focus on developing leadership and networking opportunities, http://fisher.osu.edu/student-groups
• Fisher Exchange Network matches Grad and UG international exchange students with Fisher student mentors.
• Fisher Forward pairs fully enrolled UG international students with a Fisher UG mentor to assimilate to the culture at OSU and Columbus.
• Fisher Citizenship Program is strongly suggested to international students as an excellent option to better understand OSU’s culture.

The Ohio State University
Office of International Affairs
http://oia.osu.edu/
• OIA works closely with Fisher College to oversee all international students’ needs.
• OIA hosts a mandatory comprehensive orientation program for international students upon arrival.
• Other resources available to international students are listed below:
  o Immigration Coordinators’ Walk-in Hours
  o Embassies and Visa resources
  o Optional Practical Training Workshops
  o Legal Resources
  o Travel resources
  o Ohio State resources
  o Columbus resources
  o Cultural Awareness Programs, such as Taste of OSU

English Language Training
• Many international students may require improvement in their English speaking skills before and during their enrollment at OSU. ALP and ESL programs are available for students who need language assistance as a result of their placement tests
• OSU also provides Conversation Partners to students who want to improve their English skills

Living Learning Communities
http://housing.osu.edu/lc.asp?id=9&section=other&type=18
• International House Learning Community (I-House) is designed for students interested in learning about the many cultures and nationalities represented by our students.

Student Organizations
http://ohiounion.osu.edu/get_involved/student_organizations/directory
• OSU student organizations with an ethnic or cultural theme that international students can join meet frequently and their primary objective is to learn, network, and socialize.

Student Life
http://studentlife.osu.edu/
• Multicultural Center
  o Recognizes cultural differences and facilitates intercultural interaction
  o International Student Committee studies ways to better assimilate international students
  o Hosts cultural events, such as La Fiesta: Un Carnaval de Cultura ("The Party: A Carnival of Culture")
Younkin Center
http://younkinsuccess.osu.edu/
- Career Connection
  - International students may be referred by OIA for specific career counseling
- Counseling and Consultation Service
  - International students may be referred by OIA for specific behavioral counseling
- Walter E. Dennis Learning Center
  - Students have access to specific tutoring as needed

**College of Engineering (CoE) International Student Resources**

**Graduate Students**
- International student support is **very** decentralized
  - Each department coordinator provides academic advising, arranges language testing, assigns research advisor, identifies possible mentors, addresses student needs
- There is no specialized career coaching
- Students gravitate to others from their own country for support

**Undergraduate Students**
- General college orientation meeting is held for all students, then students are sent to specific departments
- International students integrated into regular Survey class
- International students are referred to OIA for special issues
- Career Services provides specialized service to determine Visa eligibility

**Columbus Community**
- Ohio Department of Development, Global Markets Division extends Ohio’s economic reach, and hosts networking opportunities to which OSU students may attend, http://www.development.ohio.gov/GlobalMarkets/default.htm
- Columbus Council on World Affairs hosts a speaker series to which OSU students may attend, http://columbusworldaffairs.org/
- Columbus International Program promotes international understanding through intercultural exchange, and periodically hosts networking opportunities to which OSU students may attend, http://www.cipcolumbus.org/
- Columbus Sister Cities International builds strong relationships with civic leaders and international partners, and periodically hosts networking opportunities for OSU students, http://columbussistercities.org/
- Internationally themed community events such as the India Festival, Columbus Oktoberfest, Columbus Italian Festival, Columbus International Festival, Asian Festival, Greek Festival, Irish Festival, and Festival Latino