International Student Programs

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Enrollment Trends: 2000 - 2011

- Undergraduate 5% - 15%
- Graduate 6% - 40%
- Resident 73% - 60%
- Non-Resident 27% - 40%
Fiscal and Political Implications

- Eroding state support
- Increasing tuition and fees
- Addition of “international” tax
- Value of US dollar
- Land-grant mission
- Sustainable funding questionable
- Employment opportunities
- Improving home country university choices
Cultural and Social Adjustments

- Social self-efficacy
- Separation anxiety
- Family expectations
- Utilization of resources
- Higher disposable income
Academic Adjustments

- English proficiency
- Different study skills
- Class/group work versus exam orientation
- Academic ethics
- Performance anxiety
New Initiatives

- BGR-I
- Virtual Career Fair
- Multi-lingual New Staff Hires
ISSO Mission:

- Enhance the educational, cultural, and social experiences of international students and scholars at Iowa State University
- Promote enhanced campus internationalization
- Support the international work and goals of the university
ISSO Goals

- **Welcoming Environment** – Provide outreach and programming to create a more welcoming environment for international students and scholars on the ISU campus.

- **Immigration Advising** – Ensure institutional compliance with US immigration and labor regulations by monitoring regulatory changes and reviewing and updating institutional policies and business practices to ensure compliance.

- **Quality Service** – Efficiently and effectively serve the needs of international students and scholars, their families, the ISU campus and the greater Ames community in a friendly, supportive, and welcoming manner.

- **Intercultural Competency** – Promote intercultural competence among students, scholars, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community.

- **Partnerships** – Create strong linkages with ISU units and the surrounding community.
ISSO Student Services

- **Immigration and Cross-Cultural Advising:** Advising on immigration, cultural adjustment, financial, or personal issues (not academics)

- **Immigration Services:**
  - Ensure compliance with Departments of Homeland Security, Labor, and State regulations governing international students and scholars
  - Conduct workshops, programs, and assist with immigration benefit applications for students and scholars, including employment services such as I-9 and tax return preparation
International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO)

- ISSO Reporting Requirements
  - Reporting change of address
  - Reporting change of legal name
  - Reporting academic registration
  - Reporting failure to maintain status or complete program
  - Reporting early graduation
  - Reporting disciplinary action taken by ISU
Institution: Units Potentially Influencing Immigration Advising
Campus: Units Potentially Influencing Immigration Services

- DSO
- Admissions
- Registrar
- Financial Aid
- Intensive English
- Colleges & Departments
- Insurance Office
- HR/Personnel
- Others
DSO Roles and DSO Influences/Constraints

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DSO: Decision-Making Process

**What/Why?** What action or benefit does the student need?

**Who?** Who is responsible for process? Who is eligible?

**When?** When is student eligible? When must action be taken?

**Why not?** What are the consequences of an action for the individual?

**Where?** Which government office is involved?

**How?** What are the procedural steps? Supporting documents? Application or SEVIS notification? Re-entry?
Statutory Authority

Immigration & Naturalization Act (1952)

- Established Immigration & Naturalization Service (part of Department of Justice)
  - INS replaced by in 2003 by
    - US Citizen & Immigration Services,
    - US Immigration & Customs Enforcement, and
    - US Customs & Border Protection—
  - all under Department of Homeland Security

- Basis for US Immigration & Naturalization policy
# Federal Categories of Aliens

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U.S. and State Governmental Agencies

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
U.S. Department of State (DOS) (visas)
Social Security Administration (SSA)
U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) (employment regulations)

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
State agency for issuing driver’s licenses
DHS Agencies

Citizenship and Immigration Services

California Service Center
Nebraska Service Center
Texas Service Center
Vermont Service Center
USCIS District Offices

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Student & Exchange Visitor Program
Enforcement Agents

Customs and Border Protection

Ports of Entry—airports, seaports, and land border crossings
Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Agencies

- **Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)**
  - District Service Centers located in:
    - California; Nebraska; Texas; Vermont

- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**
  - Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)
  - Enforcement agents

- **Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**
  - Ports of entry
Thank You!

• Questions

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