Office of International Programs

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The Office of International Programs (OIP) is responsible for coordinating the University’s resources and expertise to support international education on and off campus, to expand the University’s global presence, and to facilitate the engagement of students, faculty, and staff with its global agenda. It also connects the metropolitan Detroit community with other university constituencies, locally and abroad. OIP encompasses the followings programs and activities:

- the Office of International Students and Scholars
- Study Abroad and Global Programs
- the English Language Institute

Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)
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Director: Kelli Dixon
http://www.oiss.wayne.edu

The mission of OISS is to support and enhance the educational, cultural, and social experiences of the more than 2000 international students and scholars at Wayne State University. OISS is the University’s main point of contact for issues related to international students and scholars’ immigration regulation compliance.

OISS staff advise students and scholars on immigration regulations and issues of cross-cultural adjustment; provide educational, cultural and social programs and activities, including a comprehensive orientation program and written materials designed to help arriving students and scholars achieve their educational and personal goals; assist University departments in the hiring of foreign national employees, consult and interact with University units, governmental organizations and other agencies.

Academic Progress for International Students

Department of Homeland Security regulations require:

1. That F-1 and J-1 students maintain a full course of study and make normal academic progress toward program completion at the institution they have been authorized to attend.
2. Graduate students must successfully complete at least eight credits each semester (excluding continuing students who qualify for an annual vacation semester during Spring/Summer or have been granted an exception to full-time enrollment). Undergraduate students must successfully complete at least twelve credits each semester (excluding continuing students who qualify for an annual vacation semester during Spring/Summer or have been granted an exception for full-time enrollment).
3. Graduate Teaching Assistants and Graduate Research Assistants must successfully complete at least eight credits each semester (excluding students who qualify for a vacation semester during Spring/Summer or an approved annual vacation). If GTAs/GRAs need to take less than eight credits, they must complete the OISS Request for Exception to Full Time Enrollment form and obtain approval from OISS. Students should consult an OISS advisor for details on compliance with this and other requirements.

New International Students and Scholars

New International Students and Scholars receive the OISS welcome booklet with their visa document (Form I-20 or DS 2019) before they leave their home country. The booklet provides information on a wide variety of important topics such as housing, health insurance, expenses, immigration status, local climate, and air transportation. New students and scholars from abroad must report to OISS as soon as they arrive and must participate in a comprehensive orientation program. This program is designed to meet immediate needs in terms of housing information and University registration procedures; introduce them to U.S. culture and the University’s educational system; and provide information on banking, health insurance, safety, and immigration regulations. In addition, a number of social and recreational programs and activities are planned to assist students and scholars in making a smooth transition to their new environment.

Non-Immigrant International Students

Before registering for classes, all non-immigrant international students must report to OISS to complete check-in procedures and have immigration documents reviewed, purchase mandatory health insurance (see below), and obtain an orientation schedule. Transferring F-1 students from other U.S. institutions must have their previous school release their Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) record to Wayne State University and must complete transfer procedures as provided in the federal regulations within fifteen days of the first day of class. F-1 students must notify the OISS of any change in name, address, program (including changes in level and field of study), and full-time enrollment. OISS must provide this information to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). J-1 exchange visitors, including students, may not make a change in level, field, or category without the advance approval of the Department of State, and may be precluded from change of visa status until a two-year home country residency requirement is met.

Commuting Canadian Students

Canadian students (commuters) enrolled less than full time must obtain a part-time I-20 from OISS each semester they are enrolled and should consult with an OISS advisor to determine the impact of their status on future immigration benefits including the availability of practical training.

International Faculty and Research Scholars

The University provides foreign professors and research scholars with opportunities to engage in research, teaching, consulting, and lecturing with colleagues at Wayne State; to participate actively in cross-cultural activities; and to share their experience as well as increase their knowledge about the United States, Wayne State University, and the metropolitan Detroit community. OISS provides centralized support services necessary to enable and assure the employability of such non-U.S. citizens within government regulations. Offers of employment to foreign nationals must be authorized by OISS, and only this Office may sign immigration forms and petitions related to employment on behalf of the University. All foreign national employees must complete USCIS Form I-9, ‘Employment Eligibility Verification’ and present evidence of
their identity and employment eligibility at OISS before commencing employment at Wayne State University.

Health Insurance (International Students and Scholars)
416 Welcome Center; 313-577-3422; Fax: 577-2962
Health Insurance Advocate: 313-577-0724

International students and scholars, and their dependents holding F1/ F-2 status and J-1 exchange visitors and their dependents holding J-1/ J-2 status are required to comply with the health insurance requirements of the University. Commuting Canadian students may waive the health insurance requirement by providing proof of OHIP coverage prior to each semester of enrollment. The mandatory international insurance program is designed to provide international students, exchange visitors, and their eligible dependents with continuous insurance protection and access to quality affordable health care services. The University is mandated by federal law to terminate from its program all exchange visitors and their dependents who do not meet minimum insurance requirements. For additional information or to purchase health insurance please access the OISS website (http://www.oiss.wayne.edu) or contact the Health Insurance Advocate in OISS; telephone: 577-0724 or e-mail oissmail@wayne.edu

Cross-Cultural Activities
The OISS provides cross-cultural activities in order to provide exposure to American society, culture, and institutions. Activities include: International Education Week, new international student learning community, a free international coffee hour held in the Activity Room in the Towers Residential Hall every two weeks on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Coffee hour provides opportunity for dialogue with and among international students and scholars, American students, and the WSU community. Other activities include monthly sessions on employment options, internships, cross cultural adjustment and more.

Study Abroad and Global Programs Office
906 W. Warren Avenue; 131 Manoogian Hall; 313-577-3207
Director: Kelli Dixon
http://www.studyabroad.wayne.edu

Study Abroad and Global Programs coordinates international educational activities at Wayne State University. Key activities include:

1. the management of WSU faculty-led study abroad programs and exchange agreements;
2. the administration of the Hostelling International Travel Award for students to encourage international study, research and internship abroad initiatives;
3. the administration for the NSEP - David Boren Scholarship;
4. the administration of the U.S. Student Fulbright Program;
5. the coordination and support of internationally-themed events; and
6. the development and management of international outreach activities and off-campus programs including agreements between Wayne State University and universities outside the United States.

Study Abroad programs are offered in collaboration between academic departments and faculty of both U.S. and foreign institutions, in order to combine academic study with a cross-cultural learning experience in a foreign environment. A variety of program options have been developed to address the diverse needs of students. Programs vary in length, level, academic focus, teaching format, language requirements, cost, and degree of independence demanded of the participant.

The office provides a full range of support services to students on such issues as program selection, academic planning, registration, credit, financial aid, and cultural adjustment. In addition, program materials have been designed specifically to assist students in preparing for their study abroad experience. Books, brochures, catalogs on academic and travel/ study programs in foreign countries are available at the Study Abroad Resource Center, including information on Wayne State’s thirty-three study abroad programs and other programs sponsored by American and foreign institutions.

For a complete and current list of WSU Study Abroad programs, learning experiences, and services, please contact the Study Abroad and Global Programs Office (http://studyabroad.wayne.edu).

Arabic Language and Culture at the Lebanese American University, Beirut
This program provides opportunities for WSU students to study Arabic language and culture abroad. During the summer, WSU students may take a variety of language and culture classes while living abroad in Lebanon.

Japan Center for Michigan Universities
The Japan Center for Michigan Universities (JCMU) is a consortium consisting of the fifteen State-supported Michigan public universities, the Michigan Japan Foundation, and Shiga Prefecture. JCMU offers semester- and year-long study opportunities in Hikone, Japan.

The Center’s academic program is designed for students interested in acquiring knowledge about Japanese language and culture, including those not majoring in Japanese studies. It provides semi-intensive Japanese language courses and several core courses on Japanese culture to Michigan and other American university students. Academic credit may be granted by a student’s home institution upon successful completion of JCMU courses; independent study is also available. The program also features home-stays in a Japanese community, field trips, and participation in cultural events.

Other International Opportunities: Numerous short-term special international study trips for credit are available to Wayne State students.

International Students requiring information on study at Wayne State University should contact the Office of International Students and Scholars (http://www.oiss.wayne.edu).

Resource Center
Books, brochures, catalogs and advising on travel/study programs in foreign countries are available at the Resource Center, including information on Wayne State sponsored study abroad programs and programs sponsored by U.S. and foreign institutions. Course credit is available on approval for many study abroad programs; credit approval usually must be obtained prior to entering a study abroad program.

Honors College
The Irvin D. Reid Honors College has study abroad experiences; for information, see the Honors College section in the WSU Undergraduate Bulletin.

Fulbright Grants and other grants for graduate study abroad
The U.S. Fulbright student program (http://us.fulbrightonline.org) is designed to give recent B.S and B.A. graduates, masters and doctoral candidates, and young professionals and artists opportunities for personal growth and international experience. Each year the Fulbright Program allows Americans to study or conduct research in over 100 nations. Application deadline depends on the specific program but generally it must be submitted to the campus Fulbright advisor by September of the year prior to the foreign study experience.
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program (http://eca.state.gov/fulbright/fulbright-programs/program-summaries/fulbright-hays-program): Provides grants to colleges and universities to fund individual doctoral students to conduct research in other countries in modern foreign languages and area studies for periods of 6 to 12 months. Proposals focusing on Western Europe are not eligible.

English Language Institute (ELI)
351 Manoogian Hall, 313-577-2729
Director: Bruce Morgan
http://www.Eli.wayne.edu

As the only intensive English language program in the metropolitan Detroit area, the English Language Institute (ELI) has specialized in teaching English communication, cultural orientation, and academic preparation skills to non-native speakers of English from all over the world for more than forty years. The ELI is committed to assisting individuals at all levels of English proficiency to develop their communication skills in the shortest possible time by using the newest language-teaching methodology and the most up-to-date audio, video, and computer technology available. Small classes and highly trained instructors make it possible for students to improve their English rapidly and effectively.

Programs

Intensive Program: For students interested in improving their academic skills in a relatively short period of time, the ELI offers up to twenty-four hours per week of instruction at varying levels from beginning to advanced. While beginning levels focus on basic communicative skills, advanced classes emphasize mastery of the academic skills needed to succeed in the university such as research paper writing, essay test-taking, note-taking, and presenting information to an audience.

In addition to attending class, ELI students are encouraged to participate in weekly extra-curricular activities in order to become integrated into the English-speaking community. Each semester the ELI offers field trips around the metro-Detroit area, conversation partner practice with native speakers, and socio-cultural activities while at the same time encouraging students to take advantage of all university facilities and services.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Testing and Reporting: To ensure international students will be successful in the University, all must meet Wayne State's English proficiency requirements. The ELI administers the TOEFL ITP® monthly on the main campus. Scores are then reported to the applicants as well as Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) Training and Testing: All prospective GTAs whose native language is not English must pass the SPEAK® test, rated by ELI faculty, with a score of at least fifty (out of sixty) to be cleared for teaching. A score of forty-five allows a person to teach while enrolling in ELI 0520, a course taught by two ELI faculty members. The final exam, also rated by ELI faculty as well as a faculty member from the academic department, is a teaching demonstration in the GTA’s field of study. The SPEAK® test is offered at various times throughout the academic year. ELI 0520 is offered fall and winter semesters.

Scholarly Writing for Graduate Students: Non-native English speaking Ph.D. candidates who need to publish in scholarly journals and meet other professional obligations can take a course designed specifically to meet their needs. ENG 5850 is a course supported by the Graduate School and taught by ELI faculty each semester.

English Language Institute Courses (ELI)
The following courses, numbered 0100-0999, are not offered for degree credit. For registration in any of these courses students should contact the English Language Institute.

ELI 0100 Level 1: Oral Integrated Cr. 2,4
Focus is simple, basic oral communication in English for speakers who have very little knowledge of English. Students will acquire the ability to understand slow spoken English and interact with others in English about simple topics such as weather, weather, food, clothing, transportation, people, housing, health, workplace, and education. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.
Repeatable for 4 Credits

ELI 0110 Level 1: Written Integrated Cr. 2,4
Focus is simple, basic written communication in English for speakers who have very little knowledge of English. Students will acquire the ability to write numbers, common words, phrases and simple sentences in English with very basic grammar. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.
Repeatable for 4 Credits

ELI 0120 Level 1: Intensive Reading and Vocabulary Cr. 2,4
Basic reading course in which students will learn to read isolated words and phrases that are familiar to everyday life. Students will recognize familiar names or words and read for information to understand announcements and follow directions. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.
Repeatable for 4 Credits

ELI 0200 Level 2: Oral Integrated Cr. 2,4
Focus is to increase the student’s ability to comprehend and produce common spoken English with high frequency vocabulary. Students will be asking and answering questions, taking notes on main ideas, and participating in short social exchanges. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.
Repeatable for 4 Credits

ELI 0210 Level 2: Written Integrated Cr. 2,4
Students will acquire the ability to write simple sentences and progress to writing complex sentences using clauses. Students will form a well-organized paragraph with a topic sentence, supporting details, and examples with transitions. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.
Repeatable for 4 Credits

ELI 0215 Level 2: Intensive Reading and Vocabulary Cr. 1,2
Focus is to increase students’ comprehension of printed material and increase vocabulary. Students will read a short text and identify main ideas, details, and interpret vocabulary from context; will be able to follow written directions and announcements; and will be able to make inferences from written information. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.
Repeatable for 2 Credits
ELI 0220 Level 2: Communicative Grammar Cr. 1-2
Builds communicative competence, or ability to communicate effectively, naturally, and appropriately in a variety of real life situations. In order to build communicative competence, grammar points will be introduced and practiced with an emphasis on the productive skills of speaking and writing. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment limited to students with a class of Freshman or Sophomore; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0300 Level 3: Oral Integrated Cr. 2,4
Students will increase their ability to communicate in clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered at work, school, leisure, etc. Academic vocabulary will be introduced/increased. Students will increase their ability to comprehend the main points of longer lectures and take notes on main ideas. Students will have group discussions and give short presentations. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute. Repeatable for 2 Credits

ELI 0310 Level 3: Written Integrated Cr. 2,4
Students will produce a well-developed paragraph with organization: topic sentence, transitions, two to three main points with two to three supporting details and examples, and concluding sentences. Grammatical structures will be introduced to help students practice compound and complex sentence variety for precision and detail in writing. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0315 Level 3: Intensive Reading and Vocabulary Cr. 1,2
Focus is to increase vocabulary and comprehension of varied reading passages. Students will be able to identify topics, main ideas, and details as well as recognize point of view, purpose and tone. Students will use strategies to discern meaning of words from context and use dictionary skills to increase vocabulary. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0320 Level 3: Extensive Reading Cr. 1-2
Students will increase their reading fluency, or speed and ease of reading. The focus of their reading will be on identifying overall meaning of texts. Class Readers will be assigned to help the students acquire the art of extensive reading, to improve their skills, and to monitor their progress closely. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment limited to students with a class of Freshman or Sophomore; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0400 Level 4: Oral Integrated Cr. 2,4
Focus is the enhancement of communication skills in an academic context. Students will learn pronunciation rules, take notes on main ideas and details, orally summarize what was presented, offer opinions on various topics, and give longer presentations on topics using a variety of rhetorical modes. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute. Repeatable for 4 Credits

ELI 0410 Level 4: Written Integrated Cr. 2,4
Students will acquire the ability to organize and write a four- to five-paragraph essay using a variety of sentence types, rhetorical modes, and transitions. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0415 Level 4: Intensive Reading and Vocabulary Cr. 1,2
Students will identify the structure, purpose, and connection between ideas in academic texts by finding main ideas, topic sentences, and supporting details in a passage. Students will use strategies to discern meaning of words from context and use dictionary skills to increase vocabulary through word forms. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0420 Level 4: Extensive Reading Cr. 1,2
Students will increase reading fluency by identifying overall meaning of texts. Class Readers will be assigned to help the students acquire the art of extensive reading, to improve their skills, and to monitor their progress closely. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute. Repeatable for 2 Credits

ELI 0500 Level 5: Oral Integrated Cr. 2,4
Focus is on mastering communication skills in an academic context. Students will take notes on main ideas and details, orally summarize what was presented, offer opinions on various topics, and give longer presentations on topics using a variety of rhetorical modes in academic/professional fields. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0510 Level 5: Written Integrated Cr. 2,4
Students will develop critical thinking skills through reading, writing, and classroom discussion. Students will write well-developed five- to eight-paragraph essays and relate assigned readings to their own experience. Students will learn how to incorporate outside sources into their essays and use appropriate citations. Advanced grammatical structures will be reviewed and expanded as necessary Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute. Repeatable for 4 Credits

ELI 0515 Level 5: Research and Writing Cr. 1,2
Introduces academic writing and research at the university level. Breaks the traditional research paper into shorter writing assignments while focusing on academic writing skills such as paraphrasing, summarizing, and using correct citations. Students will learn how to search for and evaluate academic sources in the library and online databases. Offered Every Term.
Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute. Repeatable for 2 Credits

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ELI 0520 English for Teaching Assistants Cr. 2
American English language skills to improve teaching effectiveness of non-native speakers of English. Pronunciation, stress, intonation, speaking rate; oral presentation practice; cultural factors in U.S. university classroom. Not offered for degree credit. Offered Every Term. Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0530 TOEFL/TOEIC Essay Writing Preparation Cr. 1-2
Class designed to enhance student's ability to understand and perform on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) for the paper-based and iBT(Internet)-based formats. Offered Yearly. Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0860 Communication and Culture Cr. 4
Provides a greater understanding of American culture and recent events via extensive reading from novels and texts as well as print media, leading to integrated learning outcomes such as written assignments, oral presentations, and discussions. TV and radio programs, as well as films and documentaries will provide input for activities and assignments. Offered Every Term. Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0810 Oral Skills I Cr. 3
This course integrates listening and speaking in English and introduces culturally appropriate interaction in speech. Students learn to dialogue, newscasts, and short lectures; give short presentations on a variety of topics; and receive individualized feedback on pronunciation. Offered Every Term. Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment limited to students with a class of Freshman or Sophomore; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0820 Writing Skills II Cr. 3
This course integrates reading, writing, and grammar and will emphasize how reading and writing are related. Rhetorical modes of essay writing will be introduced, authentic texts will be read, and more advanced grammar points will be covered. Offered Every Term. Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment limited to students with a class of Freshman or Sophomore; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0830 Oral Skills II Cr. 3
This course integrates listening and speaking in English and focuses on refining students’ abilities to understand academic and informal spoken language by listening to academically-themed lectures and extended dialogues. They will develop critical thinking skills for responding to questions and giving presentations. Offered Every Term. Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment limited to students with a class of Freshman or Sophomore; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0840 Writing Skills III Cr. 4
Course integrates reading, writing and grammar; focus on reading authentic materials and writing essays. Students work to improve their understanding and use of American English, grammar, and mechanisms for academic settings. Offered Every Term. Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0850 Oral Skills III Cr. 4
Course integrates listening and speaking in English and will help students increase their aural/oral fluency through participation in academic/content-based discussions and various other forms of speech in formal, informal and academic settings. Offered Every Term. Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students; enrollment is limited to students with a major, minor, or concentration in English Language Institute.

ELI 0860 Communication and Culture Cr. 4
This course will involve writing and oral presentations based on Academic Readings and Cultural Experiences. Additional instruction in grammar and sentence structure will be provided based on students’ needs. Offered Every Term. Restriction(s): Enrollment is limited to English Language Institute level students.