

## International Center

The International Center, under the leadership of the Assistant Vice President for International Education, is responsible for partnering with a wide range of internal and external stakeholders to advance the comprehensive internationalization of the university through the alignment and integration of policies, programs, and initiatives designed to position the university as more globally oriented and internationally connected. The work of comprehensive internationalization takes place over a broad range of domains, including but not limited to the following:

- Education Abroad
- International Students
- International Scholars
- International Partnerships

### Education (Study) Abroad

The International Center provides a wide range of programs and services related to the design, development, implementation, and evaluation of programs for students seeking, engaged in, or who have returned from overseas programs. Programs are offered at a variety of times through the year, at a variety of costs, and in a variety of disciplines and locations in order to suit the full spectrum of Norwich students. In addition to programs through external partners, the International Center also works with Norwich faculty to develop program offerings that are specifically designed with Norwich students in mind. There are also opportunities for Norwich students to participate as an exchange student through one of the many exchange agreements that the university maintains with institutions abroad.

To participate in a Education Abroad/Study Away program for credit toward an undergraduate degree, students must:

- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher at the time of application
- Demonstrate satisfactory academic progress as determined by the Registrar and Student Financial Planning
- Have no financial, disciplinary, or academic holds on their account
- Receive acceptance from a recognized Education Abroad program, International University or a domestic Study Away program
- Be approved for their chosen Education Abroad/Study Away program by their Academic Advisor and the NU International Center
- Visit the International Center or attend a scheduled Education Abroad Information Session presented by the International Center, for the most current application procedures
- ROTC contracted students must make specific arrangements with their ROTC Unit to complete their ROTC requirements to continue their contracted status.

A student who receives approval for Study Abroad/Study Away will be considered as an enrolled full-time Norwich student.

### International Students

The International Center provides a wide range of programs and services related to the full life cycle of an international student, including but not limited to issuance of initial immigration documents, pre-arrival outreach and communications, orientation and ongoing social and cultural programming, immigration advising, and general support services and programs to ensure academic success and retention. The International Center coordinates a comprehensive, multi-day orientation for new international students, helps students maintain their immigration status once they are in the US and at the

university, offers a variety of programs and activities, and advises students on everything from adjusting to a new culture to applying for work authorization. The International Center also works closely with academic advisers and student services offices to ensure the success of international students.

### International Scholars

The International Center facilitates the process of bringing international visiting scholars to the university to engage in joint teaching and/or research projects with the faculty. The university regards the presence of international visiting scholars as being of strategic importance to fostering international education and the internationalization of the institution.

### International Partnerships

The International Center works closely with academic and administrative units throughout the university to develop and maintain a wide array of sustainable international partnerships designed to enhance the internationalization of teaching and learning at the university and to facilitate the discovery and sharing of knowledge between Norwich University and the world. These partnerships include, but are not limited to, faculty exchange agreements, student exchange agreements, joint research agreements, joint or dual degree programs, etc.

The International Center is also responsible for ensuring university-wide compliance with a wide range of federal regulations relating to the enrollment and/or employment of international students. Staff members in the International Center who work with international students must be certified by and registered with the US Department of Homeland Security and the US Department of State as Designated School Officials (DSO) and Responsible Officers (ROs).