

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Where Campus Meets the World

Programs and Activities

International Student Services (ISS) is dedicated to helping international students succeed at UW-Madison academically, professionally, and personally. To do this, the office hosts both ongoing and short-term programs and activities throughout the year to provide support and to offer opportunities for development, service, cultural exchange, and recreation.

Spring and Summer 2012

February



Ice Fishing and Fun in WI

Sunday, February 5, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Meet in Room 106, Red Gym & Armory

Take part in a great Wisconsin tradition, ice fishing! Meet at the Red Gym, then fish on Lake Mendota. Warm up after with hot chocolate and visit information tables to learn about Wisconsin winter fun activities and destinations!

Searching for Scholarships, Grants & Awards

Tuesday, February 7, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Room 126, Memorial Library

Learn how to search for scholarships, grants and awards that can help fund your studies and special projects. In these hard economic times, a little extra money never hurts! You'll be amazed to find out how many scholarships and grants are out there and all the different ways you can find them. You only need one to make a big difference. Students are encouraged to bring their own laptops so they can follow along with the presenter as she demonstrates how to use different search engines.



Taste of Cultures: Discover Brazil!

Thursday, February 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Great Hall, Memorial Union

Expand your world view by learning about the cultures and customs of Brazil from UW-Madison students from that country. Enjoy authentic Brazilian food. Free, but space is limited so arrive early!

Ice Skating Party!

Friday, February 10, 4:30 - 7:00p.m

*Pre-event Party: Union South, TITU / Skating at the Shell,
1430 Monroe Street (on campus next to Randall Stadium)*

Join students with the ISS Student Program Planning Committee and WUD Global Connections for free hot chocolate and snacks, then head out to ice skate at the Shell. Fee to skate in the Shell is \$3 and skate rentals are available for \$2. Brief lessons will be provided. Come join the fun and learn how to enjoy winter through one of its most popular sports. Be adventurous and try something new this winter!



Employment Visa Options for International Students

Thursday, February 16, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Media Room, Red Gym & Armory

Are you hoping to take employment in the United States upon your graduation? Would you like to learn of the various options for doing that? Take in this workshop and learn about various immigrant and nonimmigrant visas that are available to make that happen. Learn about options after graduation, including the H-1B Visa! Gain essential knowledge in navigating U.S. job requirements as an international citizen.

Badger Hockey Party and Game

Friday, February 17

Party: 5:00 p.m., Room 106, Red Gym / Game: 7:00 p.m., Kohl Center

Join ISS to watch the Badger men's hockey team play the Denver Pioneers. A great night of ice hockey, food and fun! Tickets are limited and only \$15! Sale begins **February 1 at ISS office.**



Success Lunch: Academic Success and Integrity

Wednesday, February 22, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

On Wisconsin Room, Red Gym & Armory

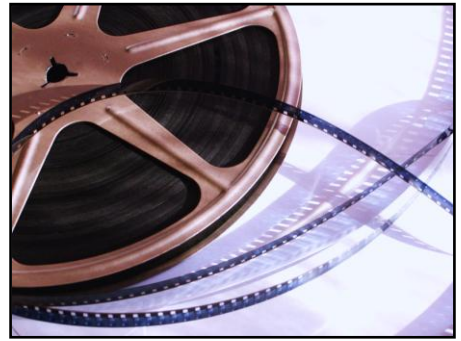
Join ISS and others to discover tips for succeeding academically, managing your time well, and dealing with stress. Presenters will also discuss critical issues like plagiarism and what you need to know to avoid problems. A free box lunch is included, but limited to the first 30 to sign up at issprograms@studentlife.wisc.edu.

International Film

Thursday, February 23, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Media Room, Red Gym & Armory

Join ISS, the LGBT CC, and the MSC for an LGBT/international-themed movie night with popcorn, soda, and treats. The film will be selected and announced early spring semester. Watch *Access ISS* for details.



Millennium Development Goals Poster Exhibit

Monday, February 27 - Friday, March 9, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Gallery, Red Gym & Armory

Learn about the eight United Nations Millennium Development Goals through colorful posters and interactive displays. How much do you know about poverty, hunger, gender equality, global health, sustainability, and business solutions? Take time to learn about the problems and to imagine solutions!

Interviewing for a U.S. Employer

Tuesday, February 28, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Room 3070, Grainger Hall

Do you have an interview for a job or internship coming up? Want to make sure you'll give the best interview possible? Join ISS and UW Career Advisors for a workshop designed to aid international students in preparing for an interview in the US. Tips for preparing for the interview, dealing with nervousness, providing clear answers, and asking good questions will be covered. The session will be highly interactive and participants will leave with examples of successful interviews. Learn how to prepare well and stay confident through the tough questions.

MARCH



Dining Like a Diplomat

Friday, March 2, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

South Dining Room, Pyle Center

Which fork do you use first? What happens if you knock over a glass of water? Where do your elbows go? Many job interviews include a formal dinner with members of the Search and Screen Committee. Be prepared to dine in the proper way for your next big interview.

Enjoy a delicious three course meal as you learn how to safely negotiate the interview luncheon or reception. Business casual attire is requested and attendance for the full program is required. A fee of \$10 will be charged. Sign-up details will be announced in *Access ISS*.

Bettina Luescher, North American Spokesperson, UN World Food Programme

Thursday, March 8, 4:30pm, Holy Cow! From the UW to CNN to the UN; 7:00pm, Quakes, Wars &

Celebs: Fighting Hunger Worldwide. Tripp Commons, Memorial Union. Friday, March 9, 1:30pm, Globetrotting to End Hunger, Auditorium (Room 121), Pyle Center

Ms. Luescher, an international UW-Madison alumna, will talk about the work of the World Food Programme, especially as it relates to the Millennium Development Goals. She will also give a special presentation on her journey from UW to the UN, and her current work traveling the world to end hunger.

International Student Photo Contest Deadline

Sunday, March 18, Midnight

Details on entry and submission will be released early in the spring semester in *Access ISS*. Eligibility to participate: Contestants must be UW-Madison international students or family members of an international student all holding F or J visas only. Submissions are accepted electronically.



Taste of Cultures: Discover Italy!

Thursday, March 22, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

On Wisconsin Room, Red Gym and Armory

Expand your world view by learning about the cultures and customs of Italy from UW-Madison Italian students. Enjoy samples of authentic Italian food. Free, but space is limited, so arrive early!

Wisconsin State Tax Presentation

Tuesday, March 20, 11a.m – 12:30pm and repeated at 3:00 – 4:30pm, Marquee Theatre, Union South
Filing Wisconsin State income taxes can be confusing for international students. Learn about your requirements and how to file a State tax return when WI Dept. of Revenue staff will provide an overview of filing a nonresident State tax return. *Participants are strongly encouraged to have their federal tax documents already completed and to bring a copy to the presentation.*

APRIL

Applying to Grad School

Wednesday, April 11, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Media Room, Red Gym & Armory

Most grad school applications are due in December or January, so it is good to start planning now! This workshop covers the search for the right graduate program, the application process, general information on assistantships, and an opportunity to ask questions of current graduate students.

Cross-Cultural Experiences Abroad: Panel and Social

Thursday, April 12, 5:30- 7:30 p.m.

Panel: On Wisconsin Room, Red Gym, Social: Room 106, Red Gym

Join ISS and others for an inclusive international and US student panel exploring experiences living/studying in another country. What are the challenges and rewarding aspects? How do students bridge cultural gaps and issues? What is it like identifying as a minority within a host

culture? Make American friends and socialize after the panel with globally-minded Badgers and good food! Come share your own wisdom, stories, and cross-cultural experiences.

MDGAP Community Service

Saturday, April 14, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Community Service Site TBA

Make a difference in the world by volunteering. Learn about important issues in the Madison area that have global implications and then be a part of the solutions! Site for the day will be selected in early spring semester. Watch *Access ISS* for details and sign-up information.

Success Lunch: Returning Home

Tuesday, April 17, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

On Wisconsin Room, Red Gym & Armory

School will soon be out for the summer! Whether you are returning home for good or just a short visit, be prepared to experience home again. It might be harder than you think! This event is free, but limited to the first 30 to sign-up at issprograms@studentlife.wisc.edu.



MAY

International Graduation Celebration

Friday, May 4, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Ameritech and Alumni Lounges, Pyle Center

Graduating international students and departing exchange students are invited to celebrate their achievements with the Wisconsin Alumni Association and ISS.

Summer 2012

JUNE



Visit the Schultz Family Farm

Sunday, June 24, 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Schultz Farm, Cottage Grove, WI

Visit a working farm in Wisconsin! Take a horse drawn wagon ride, drive a tractor, play with farm animals, enjoy outdoor games for both adults and children, check out farm equipment and talk with farm suppliers. There will be games for children and adults, as well as live music! These are just some of the activities for international students and their families when ISS goes to the farm! Watch *Access ISS* for sign-up, cost, and transportation details.

Mallards Baseball Game

Date and Time: To Be Announced

Warner Park Stadium, Madison, WI

How about a fun, relaxing evening of watching one of America's favorite summer pastimes...baseball? Join ISS in a pre-game "tailgate party" prior to the game, then sit back and enjoy Madison's own team play a worthy opponent in the Northwood's League. A unique Wisconsin opportunity and summer fun you won't want to miss. Details forthcoming in *Access ISS*.

ONGOING PROGRAMS



INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATION AND COFFEE HOUR

Every Friday, February 3 – May 4, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Union South, TITU

All students, faculty, staff and Wisconsin Union members are invited to enjoy free coffee, sweets, and stimulating conversation with other globally-minded members of the campus community. Take a few moments away from studies or work to unwind, socialize, and make new acquaintances in a relaxing environment. Come for ten minutes or two hours, whatever length of time suits your schedule.



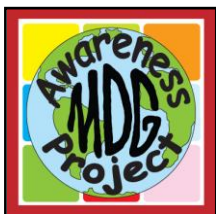
BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP PROGRAM

Each semester BRIDGE pairs new international students with American students based on similar interests, personalities, and needs. BRIDGE provides new international students with a friend, ally, resource person and cultural navigator. To learn more, visit <http://iss.wisc.edu/bridge/>.



INTERNATIONAL REACH

Reach is a unique volunteer program which places international students and family members in local schools, campus venues, and community organizations for short presentations on their countries, cultures and current global issues. Learn how to enroll at <http://iss.wisc.edu/reach/>.



MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS AWARENESS PROJECT

MDGAP educates the campus community about the United Nations' eight major goals for international development by giving presentations in classrooms and to requesting groups. The project also hosts guest speakers and links students with goal-related research, internship, and hands-on volunteer opportunities for furthering job skills, fostering global talent, and advancing the goals. For more information see iss.wisc.edu/mdgap.

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