International Students and Scholars (ISS)

International Students and Scholars (http://www.apu.edu/international/scholars) assists all international students and scholars at APU with academic, spiritual, and community support, and promotes international awareness and involvement on campus. An international student or scholar at APU is defined as any individual who has an appropriate nonimmigrant visa to study or do research in the U.S. (typically F-1 or J-1 but others are also approved). Any applicant to APU who needs to acquire or already has a nonimmigrant visa that allows study in the U.S. is required to apply through International Enrollment Services (IES) (https://www.apu.edu/international/enrollment).

The ISS team oversees Global Student Orientation (GSO) (https://www.apu.edu/international/scholars/orientation), U.S. immigration services, cross-cultural training and events, International Chapel (I-Chapel) (https://www.apu.edu/international/scholars/programs/chapel), and support services for all international students and scholars residing on and off campus. All legal and official documents are processed within this office.

Orientation for international students acquaints them with the university, U.S. laws, and culture. During orientation, ISS helps students obtain a bank account, cell-phone service, California ID, and off-campus housing as appropriate. Students may also obtain a Social Security number with the help of ISS if a student obtains on-campus employment. ISS sponsors I-Chapel once a week each Friday, which is open to international and domestic students alike. In addition, ISS sponsors numerous other special activities to introduce students to Southern California.

ISS hosts various activities and student panels throughout the year to promote international awareness on campus. A few of these activities include Global Vision Week, Night Market, International Student Awareness Month, Journey groups and international awareness training sessions for student leaders. ISS develops and mobilizes a vibrant group of student volunteers to establish and promote global community at APU.

International Campus Fellowships

International Campus Fellowship groups meet weekly on campus to promote understanding of the Christian faith as well as to provide opportunities for building friendships. There are numerous groups that meet regularly. These groups are supported by ISS and the Center for Student Action (http://www.apu.edu/studentaction). For details on meeting times for various groups, please contact ISS at (626) 812-3055.