

Going Global: Internationalizing the Office for Student Affairs at the University of Minnesota

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Since 2011 the Office for Student Affairs (OSA) has been engaged in an intentional internationalization effort. This effort is intended to help Student Affairs staff meet the unique needs of international students, ensure that our staff have the intercultural competency needed to serve an increasingly diverse student body, facilitate interactions between domestic and international students, and provide opportunities to promote a world view to all students, particularly those who do not study abroad. Since our work began much has been accomplished, including developing a strong partnership with the University's Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, conducting a series of focus groups with international and domestic students, researching the opinions of internationalization of OSA directors, and enhancing curricular and co-curricular leadership opportunities with a global perspective.