Wright State University transforms the lives of students and the communities it serves. The **University Center for International Education (UCIE)** advances this mission by creating access to international and cultural exchange opportunities and through collaboration with academic departments and global partners to internationalize the curriculum. As the institutional home for International Student and Scholar Services, education abroad, and the Dayton Council for International Visitors, the UCIE provides critical cross-cultural experiences that prepare faculty, staff, students, and the community to become competent global citizens.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AND SCHOLAR SERVICES**

Wright State University is host to nearly 1,700 matriculated international students, more than 150 English as a Second Language students, and over 50 international faculty and scholars from more than 60 countries. UCIE serves as the primary point of contact for the university’s international community. UCIE’s professionally trained advising staff helps students and scholars navigate federal regulations and university policies to ensure success, and UCIE also offers integration and acculturation programming designed to acclimate students to the United States and its system of higher education. The diversity that these talented students and scholars bring to the campus provides critical cross-cultural experiences that enrich lives, instill global competency, and strengthen our community.

**FAST FACTS:**

- 90% of study abroad alumni found their first jobs within six months of graduation compared to only 49% of recent college graduates in the general population who found jobs within a year, according to IES Abroad.
- The net contribution to Ohio’s economy by foreign students and their families during the 2011—12 academic year was $717,289,000, according to the National Association of Foreign Student Advisors (NAFSA).
- For every seven international students enrolled, three U.S. jobs are created as a result of international student spending on tuition and living expenses while in the United States also according to NAFSA.
- More than 35 current and 300 former chiefs of state or heads of government are U.S. Department of State professional exchange program alumni, according to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.
EDUCATION ABROAD

With more than 45 exchange partners on six continents, UCIE empowers faculty, staff, students, and alumni to innovate and collaborate on a global scale. Cutting-edge research, faculty exchange programs, service-learning, and internships abroad enhance the pipeline of opportunities to generate national and international recognition. UCIE also sends nearly 300 students to more than 40 countries each year and hosts approximately 50 exchange students from 10 countries. We accomplish this by our commitment to provide outreach to the campus community, as well as service and support to students studying abroad, and by partnering with faculty and staff to facilitate participation through integration into the curriculum. Education abroad experiences transform lives, and UCIE promotes access to these transformative opportunities for our diverse population of students, faculty, and staff.

THE DAYTON COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

As the host institution for the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Congress professional exchange programs, Wright State promotes citizen diplomacy at the grassroots level through the Dayton Council for International Visitors (DCIV). The DCIV designs and implements short-term programs for current and emerging foreign leaders in a variety of fields. These distinguished visitors experience our campus and Dayton’s professional community firsthand and cultivate lasting relationships with their American counterparts. In the past two years, The DCIV has hosted more than 100 leaders from over 50 countries and collaborated with local governments, organizations, and institutions, including the Dayton Council on World Affairs, to provide opportunities for global networking and professional development.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

UCIE offers insightful and engaging events for faculty, staff, students, and the community. Throughout the academic year, our office hosts brown bag lunch seminars on topics in international education and coffee hour activities designed to facilitate cross-cultural understanding among domestic and international students. Each November, UCIE celebrates International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, with a series of speakers, multimedia presentations, and events focusing on the benefits of global exchange. The academic year culminates in the annual International Friendship Affair, a celebration of Wright State’s international community.