

ELP 6610 - International Student Survey Summary
Spring 2008

51 Respondents
44 Completed (86.27%)

Gender

Male	54.90%
Female	45.10%
Other	0.00%

Academic Status

Undergraduates	29.41%
Graduate Students	70.59%

Marital Status

Married	29.41%
Partnered	9.80%
Single	60.78%

9.80% of respondents reported having children.

15.69% of respondents reported being at the U of U for 1 semester.

84.31% reported being at the U of U for more than 1 semester.

54.00% of respondents reported participating in programs for International Students.

When asked about the campus programs in which they participate, responses were:

25.00%	International Student Council
33.33%	Cross-Culture Club
29.17%	Ambassador Program
25.00%	Friendship Family Program
16.67%	Language Exchange Program
12.50%	International Women's Association
4.17%	Global Community Corps
33.33%	Other International Clubs
79.17%	International Night
50.00%	International Week events

When asked about the main benefit of their participation responses were as follows:

33.33%	Sense of community for international students
8.33%	Practice of language skills
33.33%	It helps me meet new friends
4.17%	It helps me overcome homesick feelings
12.50%	Leadership opportunity
8.33%	Other
	Helps me understand different cultures and appreciate them (1)

To be with friends and for free food of course (1)

When asked how programs for international students could be improved, respondents reported as follows:

25.00%	Involve more international students
2.27%	Involve more faculty
20.45%	Involve more domestic students
11.36%	Organize more programs that help me learn about American culture
13.64%	Organize more recreational activities
9.09%	Different times/weekends
9.09%	Different formats (workshop style, panel discussion)
9.09%	Other
	Better marketing/advertising, more involvement of domestic students, more enjoyable programs, etc. (1)
	More details, some people in the international center can't answer a few basic questions (1)
	None (1)
	Stop asking and actually spend the money to do something (1)

When asked how they hear about the programs on campus, responses were as follows:

81.82%	ISC list
18.18%	Word of mouth
9.09%	Other club e-mail lists
6.82%	My department
25.00%	Fliers or bulletin boards
25.00%	The International Center
2.27%	Other
	Stop screening ISC list. Freedom of speech (1)

When asked what additional programs they would suggest, responses were as follows:

36.36%	Global dialogues (discussions between international students & American students on compelling topics)
29.55%	Tutoring
29.55%	Advising
45.45%	Program to help you get a job
20.45%	Program to help diminish culture shock
40.91%	Peer Advising for new international students
11.36%	Other
	Knowing the city (1)
	None (1)
	See comments below (1)
	Social Activities to/with American Family (1)
	Sports activities/outdoor (1)

When asked what other programs they belong to, respondents indicated:

9.09%	ASUU
20.45%	Department club
2.27%	Single Parent Association
0.00%	Mom's Club
2.27%	Food Co-op
6.86%	Other
	AAU, Sustainable Prog., Local Japanese Speaking Community (1)
	Chinese students' union (1)
	KSA (1)
65.91%	None of the above

When asked to share any other ideas or comments about programs that would benefit them as international students, responses were as follows:

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Being involved as a volunteer into different activities, get some free tickets to basketball games with American students, etc. (1)

Less bureaucracy (1)

The more attractive activities, the better (1)

Travel activities inside the state or the other states and make camps for females and males separately (1)

If somebody can be an expert in country by country laws regarding visa and immigration issues, that would be great. The international office sometimes refer people to the respective embassy websites, which may or not be helpful, the website for the US embassy in my country wasn't very helpful for me, and took a while to find out what I needed to find out. And even then, what I found out wasn't complete, I had nobody who could answer my questions. If somebody in the international office knows all these things without referring to a website, that would be great. Most questions I've had before mainly got general answers or "I don't know" answers. Most US cultural introduction programs are not helpful to me, since I know a lot about it already. Programs on say, how to make/prepare your own taxes, would be great. Programs on say... getting your driver's permit or license, negotiating a car/home/condo sale or purchase by a non-citizen. How to get an H1 visa, a green card, citizenship, dual citizenship... and the where to find lawyers or more expert advice without paying an arm and a leg, for example. (1)