



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS

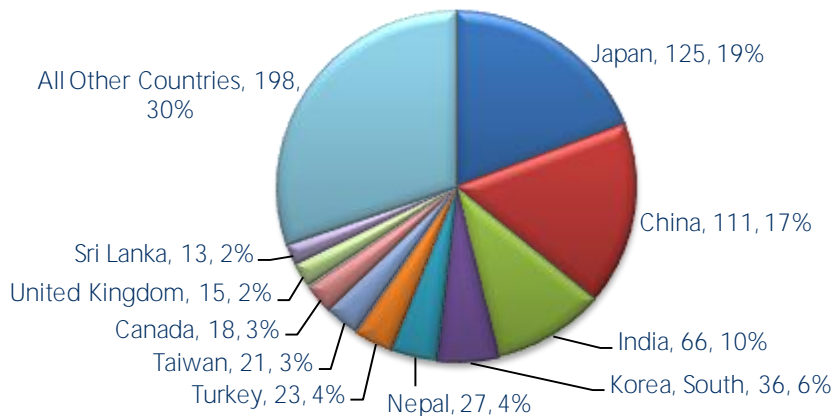


The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) promotes mutual understanding between Nevadans and citizens of other nations by encouraging students and researchers from other nations to come to Nevada. The international community at the University of Nevada, Reno is made up of approximately 680 students and 250 researchers and faculty from over 70 nations from around the globe. The staff at the OISS provides information and advice regarding visa categories, international student admission, employment options, and cultural adjustment. Programs, workshops, and activities that foster intercultural understanding and enhance the skills needed to be successful in an increasingly interconnected world are offered throughout the year.

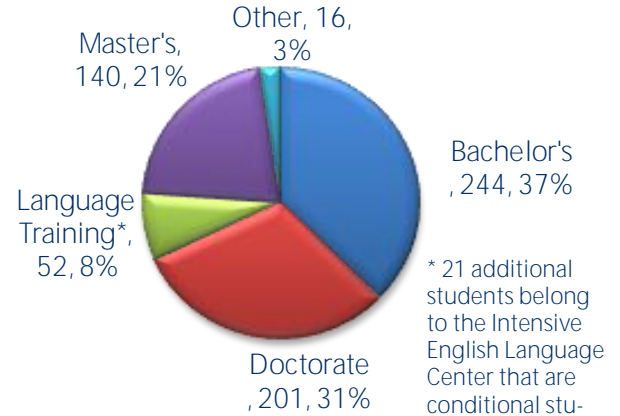
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Spring 2009 International Students

10 Most Represented Countries



Education Level



* 21 additional students belong to the Intensive English Language Center that are conditional students currently included in under/graduate programs

Top 10 Undergraduate Majors	#
Business Administration and Management	86
Psychology	18
Biology	11
Education	8
Journalism	8
Physiology	8
International Affairs	7
English Language and Literature	6
Mechanical Engineering	6
Biochemistry	6

Top 10 Graduate Majors	#
Civil Engineering	34
Chemistry	30
Physics	28
Mechanical Engineering	26
Physiology	18
Computer Science	15
Metallurgical Engineering	14
Business Administration and Management	10
Biochemistry	9
Electrical Engineering	9



International Club (I-Club)

The International Club seeks to further fellowship among diverse students and to enhance understanding and acceptance of a variety of cultures. This **group's focus is to enlarge the range of ethnic and cultural backgrounds it represents.** They work to maintain the idea that **we are all "citizens of the world"** and to be a facilitator for members of the community who are interested in connecting with other cultures and sharing their cultures. Also, the I-Club is dedicated to creating a comfortable transition for international students. International Club organizes the largest student-run event on campus, Night Of All Nations (NOAN). With performances, food, and community members from over 60 countries, NOAN has grown to be a well-known event in the Reno area, bringing in about 4000 attendees. Through NOAN and other activities and events, the club provides an opportunity for other student organizations, including culturally-based clubs, and community members to build a connection between cultures. Other activities that this club hosts are: movie nights, restaurant hops, and trips to Reno's surrounding cities.



MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR NIGHT
OF ALL NATIONS
FRIDAY, APRIL 3,
2009!
6 - 10 PM
LAWLOR EVENTS
CENTER



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Student Spotlight: Jeffrey Pannell



Jeffrey Pannell, a current senior at the University of Nevada, Reno has been selected to go to Japan for the 2009-2010 school year on the Hiroshima exchange program between the University of Nevada, Reno and Hiroshima University. Pannell is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in International Affairs and already has completed three minors in History, Asian Studies, and Japanese. He was born in Reno and raised in Fernley, Nevada. Pannell had a very diverse and adventurous childhood. At 10 years old, he traveled with his grandmother to Costa Rica, Colombia, and through the Panama Canal. His father lived in Japan and spoke Japanese which sparked Pannell's interest in Japan's language, history, and culture. His family hosted students from Japan and Germany throughout his childhood and they are still in contact with them today. Pannell's sister speaks Italian and works as an Italian translator. He hopes this exchange to Hiroshima, Japan will enhance his knowledge of the Japanese culture and political system. Pannell is actively involved at the University. He began

working at the Office of International Students and Scholars in the summer of 2008. He is an active member of the International Club and is helping organize their annual event, Night of All Nations. He is also the President of the Japanese Talk-Talk Club. Besides Japanese, Pannell is also interested in Chinese and is currently taking a Chinese class. He helped create the Chinese Talk-Talk program. While in the process of establishing the Chinese Talk-Talk program, Pannell made friends with current exchange students from Taiwan who increased his interest in the Chinese culture even more. He hopes to participate in exchange programs to China in the near future.

By Gurpreet Kaur

Alumni Spotlight: Henrik Nordmark



"The primary purpose is not what do we know, but how do we know it," Aristotle.

This has been one of the driving forces behind Henrik Nordmark's academic accomplishments. Nordmark comes from an intercultural family, his father is Swedish and his mother is Mexican. Nordmark grew up in California while his father was completing his PhD at UC Berkeley. After his father completed his PhD program, the family moved to Mexico City, Mexico. While in Mexico, Nordmark was surrounded by the Mexican and French culture. After completing the French equiva-

lent of high school, Nordmark was confused about where to go to pursue his future educational goals; his options were to either study in Mexico or France. Since Nordmark wanted to broaden his education, he decided to study in the United States. Another reason the U.S. seemed more appealing to Nordmark was because his father studied at the University of Nevada, Reno in the 1970's. Nordmark came to UNR as an international student in Fall 1999. He quickly noticed the importance of intercultural communication on campus and joined the International Club (I-Club). While in I-Club, Nordmark served many terms as an officer in various positions. Along with fellow I-Club officers, Nordmark helped move I-Club's yearly event, Night of All Nations, to a bigger platform: the Lawlor Events Center. This move catapulted Night of All Nations to be one of the largest student run events on campus. He graduated with

High Distinction in the summer of 2003 with a dual degree in Mathematics and Psychology along with a minor in Philosophy. After finishing his education at UNR, Nordmark decided to move to the Netherlands to start a Master of Science program in Logic at the University of Amsterdam. He kept in touch with his alma mater and recently returned to UNR to give a talk on the excursion into Math, Philosophy, and Logic. Nordmark recently moved to London, United Kingdom, where he has reunited with some of his friends and colleagues from the International Club. He fondly recalls his time in Nevada as "a wonderful four years surrounded by friends from all over the world, I loved how easily approachable and friendly all my professors were!" For more information on the International Alumni Chapter, please visit <http://www.unr.edu/oiss/alumni/index.html>.

By Gurpreet Kaur

International Agreements

The University of Nevada, Reno has over 11 international agreements with educational institutions around the world. International agreements are initiated and administered by faculty members who have traveled overseas and established linkages with overseas faculty. There are several types of agreements:

1. Cooperative Agreement: A general agreement between institutions that promotes academic collaboration, increases linkages between departments, and stresses teaching, research, and cultural understanding.

2. Exchange Agreements: Allows for a equal number of exchange students, typically no more than 2 per academic year; each student pays tuition at the home institution and brings receipt/evidence of payment to the host institution. Exchange agreements allow students to study abroad at lower-than-average costs for a semester or year. These agreements must be reciprocal.

3. Special Program of Study: Agreements that outlines a prescribed program of study for a student or groups of students; may be a one-way agreement. Allows students to engage in research and/or to be non-degree students with a prescribed program of study that often includes independent research. Funding is determined by the host department, an international funding agency, a foreign government, or by the international student.

4. Articulation Agreement: Agreements between like-departments at different universities that outline transfer credit agreements. These agreements facilitate the transfer credit process and allows students to enter at a higher educational level (may include 2+2 programs – 2 years at another university, and 2 years at this university).

5. Bilateral Agreement: An agreement between two or more universities outlining principles and procedures to promote faculty collaboration and student participation in a particular field of study.



City, Country	Institution
Perth, Australia	Curtin University
Vienna, Austria	University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU)
Santiago, Chile	Pontificia Universidad (PUC)
Catania, Italy	L'Università degli Studi di Catania
Hiroshima, Japan	Hiroshima University
Okinawa, Japan	University of Ryukyus
Almaty, Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan Institute of Management, Economics and Strategic Research (KIMEP)
Cluj-Napoca, Romania	Cluj-Napoca University of Agricultural Sciences
Taipei, Taiwan	National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU)
Istanbul, Turkey	Koc University
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Other Programs

1. Fulbright: The Fulbright Educational Exchange Program, established in 1946, is the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program. The program has expanded significantly in the past few years, and offers a wide range of opportunities for faculty which include the following U.S. and Visiting Fulbright Scholar Program, Fulbright Senior Specialists Program, German Studies Seminar, International Education Administrator Seminars.

2. International Undergraduate Research Program: In 1991, the University of Nevada School of Medicine established this program with universities in Britain and Ireland. Students are placed for one year in a research environment within the Departments of Physiology & Cell Biology and Pharmacology. To date over 100 such students have participated in this program and have performed research in a variety of areas including cardiovascular and gastrointestinal research using a variety of scientific techniques.



International Scholars in the News...

In 2008 - 2009, UNR received 5 international Fulbright Scholars from China, Egypt, Germany, India, and Morocco. The following is a *Nevada News* highlight of our Chinese Fulbright Scholar.



Fulbright Scholars bring diversity to University

It is hard to imagine the challenge of relocating across the world and embracing a new culture, friends, language and school while at the same time pursuing an academic degree. That is exactly what a campus-record five Fulbright Scholars are doing at the University of Nevada, Reno this year. U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright started the Fulbright program after World War II to promote peace and understanding between countries. The grant program offers both students and educators the chance to spend time in a culture that is foreign to them while conducting research in their fields of study. Since its inception, the program has spread to 144 countries and is now one of the most prestigious educational exchange opportunities available. "We're very excited to have so many Fulbright students," said Susan Bender, director of the campus' Office for International Students and Scholars. "It's a big honor for the University."



Lin Li, a visiting Fulbright Scholar at the University, while on vacation at Longwood Garden in Philadelphia.

Lin Li, a Chinese Fulbright Scholar, is enjoying her time in Nevada despite the culture shock. "I got used to the new place quite easily, since there is a nice Chinese community in Reno that makes me feel quite at home," she said. Li, who uses *Linda* as her English name, said it has been helpful to have an unbiased and curious personality while learning about a new country. "I did not need to make very big adjustments, since I always keep an open mind and like to communicate with people to learn something new," she said. She has noticed that unpredictable weather and the presence of casinos are two of the biggest differences between Nevada and her Asian home.

Li, studying English and environmental literature, attends a weekly workshop as well as having regular discussions with her supervisor to keep up to date on all research in her field. The regular consultations with her supervisor convinced her the Fulbright opportunity at Nevada is a boon for her academic career. "I also feel the academic training here is very well organized, which impresses me greatly," she said. "It provides pre-academic training and enrichment seminars, and I file a progress report regularly and get informative feedback," Li added. "That helps a lot for all my studies." Li hopes to continue to learn about American culture after she returns home at the end of the semester. "I feel post-doctoral training would be quite attractive to me," she explained. "I'm thinking about applying for a post-doctoral fellowship in the U.S. after I receive my Ph.D. back home in China."

The other four Fulbright Scholars studying at the University this spring are: Mohamed Goher from Egypt, an animal science major; Thomas Pijanowski from Germany, majoring in international business; Indian student Vidya Sarveswaren, majoring in English and environmental literature; and Siham El Farchi from Morocco, an international affairs major.

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Phi Beta Delta—ETA Chapter

Phi Beta Delta is an honor society that recognizes scholarly achievements in International Education. The Society, founded at California State University - Long Beach in 1986, was established as a national organization with 38 chartered chapters in 1987, and has grown to become an international society with over 150 chapters.

"Phi Beta Delta honors those who serve internationalism - the idea of a world connected, of respect for different traditions, of the need for education to enhance knowledge of the many cultures that are part of a globe that we all must share." Members include faculty, students, and administrators.



Φ - Phi (philomatheia) - love of knowledge

Β - Beta (biotremmonia) - valuing of human life

Δ - Delta (diapheren) - achieving excellence



SPRING 2009 EVENTS

Month of April
Annual Intercultural Month
Hosted by The Center for Student Cultural Diversity

Thursday, April 2
Women In Dialogue Speaker Series
6:30 - 8:30 PM, Joe Crowley
Student Union, Ballroom A

Friday, April 3
Night of All Nations
6 - 10 PM, Lawlor Events Center

Monday, April 30 - Friday, May 1
Mackay Week
Hosted by Flipside Programming and Mackay School of Mines

Wednesday, May 13
OISS Graduation Reception
4 - 5:30 PM, Susan Bender's House

Friday, May 15
Advanced Degree Commencement
3:30 - 6:30 PM, University Quad

Saturday, May 16
Undergraduate Commencement
8 AM - 12 Noon, University Quad

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