

Ohlone International Student Newsletter

Fall 2011

Growing International Student Population!

We have a record number of international students at Ohlone this semester: 339! 62 of those students are in the ELI program and the other 277 are degree-seeking. We hope to see many more new students this coming Spring semester.



Enrollment Message

As you should already know, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) regulations require that F-1 Visa-holding students maintain enrollment in 12 or more units throughout the entire semester. You should not drop any courses unless you will remain above 12 units after the drop. If you drop and receive a 'W' grade, those units do not count towards the 12 units. And, if you do not attend classes regularly, your instructor may drop you from the course.

If you do drop below 12 units at any point during the semester we will attempt to preserve your Visa status by automatically enrolling you in 1 to 3 units of ELI English Improvement classes for degree students. You are responsible for the cost associated with those classes and they are not repeatable.

However, if you are still not able to obtain 12 units with the ELI classes, and you have not already been approved for a reduced course load, your I-20/F-1 Visa status will be Terminated.

There is limited availability in classes which has made it extremely difficult for students to switch/add classes after the semester begins. Please let us know if you have any questions at all.

Have you moved since you first arrived at Ohlone?

Immigration regulations require that students inform their school of their new address within 10 days of any move. You can email international@ohlone.edu with your new address, and we will update it for you.

The Ohlone College International Club (IC)

The Ohlone College International Club (IC) is one of the biggest and most active clubs on campus. IC has over 300 members; our members include both international and local students. IC offers various social and educational events for members each

semester. This semester, IC has organized the following events: Welcome Party for new students (September 9th), Sports Day (October 14th), and Transfer Workshop (November 4th). IC will be involved in the upcoming International Education Week; IC Officers and members will be introducing national costumes from different countries on November 17 (in front of Building 5). On December 2nd, IC will have an election for next semester's IC Officers. If you are a current IC member and interested in becoming an officer in Spring 2012, please contact Matt Chanda, IC President at ohlone.international.club@gmail.com

Are you Traveling over Winter Break?

If you are traveling be sure to bring a completed "International Travel Form" to the International Programs and Services office at least 2 weeks prior to your travels. You can print a copy of this form from our International Programs website or you can pick up a copy from our office. You will need to bring your I-20 and passport with you when you bring your completed form in so that we can check your documents and sign Page 3 of your I-20. This signature will allow you to return to the U.S. after your travels.



Out-of-State Tuition Waiver Scholarship. We are happy to announce the recipients of the scholarship for the 2011-12 academic year. Each of these students received a one semester waiver of out-of-state tuition for either the Fall or Spring semester.



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We will be sending out information about applying for the Out-of-State Tuition Waiver for the 2012-13 academic year in the coming weeks