Welcome to Fall ‘09

This past summer was a busy one for the ISP office who welcomed more than 400 new international students to our campus.

The Intensive Summer program students enjoyed field trips to the beautiful cities of San Francisco, Monterey & Carmel.

The New Students’ Orientation program concluded with a warm Welcome Dinner sponsored by International Students Inc. & Valley Church of Cupertino.

From the Director...

We hope you had an enjoyable summer vacation. On behalf of all the staff at International Student Programs (ISP), we look forward to seeing you.

One of the most discussed topics in recent months has been the economic crisis. This is a global crisis and some students may experience financial difficulties due to poor economy in your home country. If you need some advice as to how to manage your budget or need to know what resources are available, then please come and speak to one of the International Student Counselors at ISP.

In California, the education sector is heavily impacted by the budget crisis. 2009-10 will be a year of uncertainties. Many changes have been made to address the loss in funding at community colleges, CSUs, and UCs, as well as private universities. Fewer classes are offered, tuition and fees are raised, admissions to universities have changed, etc. As students, you are strongly encouraged to plan early for your transfers.

Stay informed and be connected. ISP will send updated information about important issues and changes in immigration rules and regulations via email to all international students. Please read them carefully. Attend ISP workshops. You will be a successful student if you take responsibility in knowing all the policies, manage your time well, have good study skills, and see the counselors and advisors when you have questions.

Good luck to a successful year!

Marilyn Cheung
Director
U.C., Private, CSU, or Out-Of-State?

Tips for a successful transfer

- Write the personal statement (offline from the admissions website) and answer the two prompts. The maximum number of words for both responses can be no more than 1000 words.
- Have all transcripts ready (DeAnza College and any other college or university you have attended, including ones in home country).
- Plan out your course enrollments for Winter and Spring quarters.
- BE COMPLETE and do not have any time gaps for your educational history since graduation from high school. Include in language school attendance, periods when you may have been doing volunteer or paid work, or attendance in college or university in home country.
- BE ACCURATE in reporting personal information coursework, awards, activities, etc. Applications which are "questioned" are set aside.
- Proofread for accuracy for information, spelling and punctuation by printing out the application.
- Submit the application when perfect as early as possible. Some campuses are processing applications as they are filed, which is termed, "rolling admissions". A great date for target submission date for UC application is November 15th.
- Submit CSU and UC applications no later than November 30th.
- Private and Out of State applications may have different due dates than Nov. 30th and also have different formats. READ carefully and complete the applications accurately. Many schools request students submit Letters of Recommendations and it is wise to plan ahead by asking professors now.

For further assistance in completing applications, attend one of the upcoming workshops or schedule an appointment to see myself, Susanne Chan or our other counselor, Cleve Freeman in the ISP office as soon as you can.

Workshops

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Please visit http://www.deanza.edu/international/workshops.html for description of workshops.
Looking for a major that will help you enter a career in business or industry? Consider transferring to UC Davis in the managerial economics major. True, this major does not have the word “business” in its title, but don’t let that throw you. Managerial economics has repeatedly landed in UC Davis’ top five most popular transfer majors list for years because it has a proven track record preparing students for a career in any kind of business-related career field.

The managerial economics major at UC Davis is not limited to traditional economics. It blends a thorough grounding in economic theory with business knowledge and real-world applications. Combining strong preparation in microeconomic theory and quantitative methods, the program prepares students for the analysis of management and policy issues in business, finance, production, agriculture, food distribution, natural resources, the environment, resource allocation, and markets in developed and developing economies. UC Davis also offers a variety of business-related courses in other departments to help students sharpen their knowledge in a particular area of business, such as marketing, world trade, organizational change and regional development. Internships and study abroad further shape a managerial economics student’s experience, world view and undergraduate resume.

Successful graduates from the program have entered careers in every area of business and industry throughout the world, including marketing, analysis, consulting and financial service. They work with organizations such as Apple Computer, Bogle Vineyards and Pacific Bell. Many have also become entrepreneurs, launching businesses in areas as diverse as real estate, technology and magazine publishing. Others have entered advanced degree programs in business management, resource planning and law, including programs offered by UC Davis’ own Graduate School of Management, ranked among the top 50 business schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report.

To fully prepare to enter the managerial economics major at UC Davis, students should complete the proper lower division courses for the major and general requirements for university transfer. For a detailed description of the requirements and courses available at De Anza College, see www.assist.org. Or check with De Anza’s Transfer Center for upcoming UC Davis visits on campus.

As school starts and Winter flu season approaching, students need to be more diligent in maintaining good health.

There is also the H1N1 flu concerns. It is very important that we seek out the facts about H1N1 from reputable sites like the Center for Disease Control & Santa Clara County Public Health [http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1FLU/].

Make sure you clean your hands frequently. If you are not feeling well, go to the Student Health Service as soon as possible. Student Health Service is located in the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center [www.deanza.edu/healthservices].

The International Student Health Insurance Handbook for 2009-10 is now available at ISP. Pick up a copy and be familiar with insurance coverage.

Staying Healthy

The 2009 H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu)

Cheating & Plagiarism

International students may not understand the parameters of what constitute cheating, especially if the act they engaged in may not be regarded as cheating or plagiarism in their country.

These acts are regarded as serious academic violations in the United States which could lead to penalties such as a failing grade, academic suspension, and/or disqualification from the school.

For example, if you copy a statement or statistics directly from another source without proper references or footnotes, this is plagiarism. If a student submits an assignment that is not his/her own work, this is cheating.

If you are not familiar with this concept, speak to your instructor or the International Student Counselor and refer to your Counseling 100 notes.
International Students Snap Shot

Dipin—Iran
Business Administration

I like De Anza’s diverse population and the fact that it is one of the top community college in the country. Some of my favorite places I have traveled to are Hollywood, Las Vegas, & San Diego. I love to read books and my favorite author is Jeffrey Archer. I think the ISP office should have more counselors available and we should get earlier registration dates!

Cyndia—China
Business Administration

I like De Anza very much. My advice to new students is to make friends with everybody. For fun I enjoy shopping, watch movies & Karaoke!

Yasen—Bulgaria
Electrical Engineering

De Anza has amazing professors, and I have to study very hard. I plan to transfer to a U.C. school. I play ping-pong, tennis, & soccer. I enjoy visiting my girlfriend in San Diego.

Kajetan Reiter—Switzerland
Economics

I’m positively surprised by the instructors here, they communicate with students well and they are very entertaining. They are also very well prepared in their subjects. I like to hang out and spend time with my friends. I play soccer, golf, tennis ping pong & volley-ball. I recommend new students to get out of this residential area more often to visit beatiful San Francisco and vicinity. There is much to explore! I enjoy the family atmosphere in the ISP office and that I’m recognized every time I walk in.

Won Woo—Korea
Business Administration

I like the diversity here @ De Anza, but I hate the budget crisis and the impact on classes. My Critical Thinking class has 40 seats but about 50 people are enrolled; therefore 10 students sit on the floor every day! My favorite place to visit is Lake Tahoe because I snowboard & ski. I also enjoy the Giants’ games in San Francisco.

Jini—Korea
Child Development

This is my first quarter at De Anza and I’m still adjusting, but I think the people in the ISP office are very special and the orientation was very helpful. Even though I’ve just started at De Anza, I look forward to getting more information on transferring.

Wing Chi Mak—Hong Kong
Linguistics

I’m a new student at De Anza and I like it because it is a big school compared to the community college I’ve transferred from in Washington where I stayed for 1 year. I think here I’ll have better possibilities to transfer to either UCLA or UCB.

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