**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

**International Education, Programs, and Services**

The Center for International Programs (CIP) was established in 1973. The CIP provides essential support services for international students, visiting scholars, education abroad, and the National Student Exchange. The CIP seeks to develop, serve and support international education at West Chester University (WCU) as a way of building understanding and peaceful cooperation between peoples, cultures and nations. The CIP exists to assist international students gain entry to WCU, to serve these students once enrolled and to educate U.S. students globally by fostering opportunities for education abroad and exchange programs.

The experienced CIP advising staff assists international students during their transition to American higher education and life at WCU. The CIP can provide basic information and assistance with a variety of other visa classifications. Advisors connect new and current international students and help them make a comfortable transition to the University. The staff provides continuous immigration guidance and support throughout the duration of the student’s academic program.

This school is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students. The CIP also maintains certification from the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to issue immigration documents leading to F and J visas as well as coordinates the University-based English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

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