

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, PROGRAMS, AND SERVICES

The Global Engagement Office (GEO) was established in 1973. The GEO provides essential support services for international students, visiting scholars, education abroad, and the National Student Exchange. The GEO 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 GEO 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 GEO advising staff assists international students during their transition to American higher education and life at WCU. The GEO 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 non-immigrant alien students. The GEO also maintains certification from the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to issue immigration documents leading to F and J visas, as well as coordinating the University-based English as a Second Language (ESL) program.

The Global Engagement Office is located on the 3rd Floor in Mitchell Hall. More information is available by visiting the Global Engagement Office (<http://www.wcupa.edu/international/>) website, calling 610-436-3515, or emailing international@wcupa.edu. (international@wcupa.edu)