International Student Affairs Office

The International Student Affairs Office seeks to serve international students in every aspect from application to graduation and internship. Here are a few outstanding services we offer:

Student Life:
One of the major goals of ISAO is to help international students adapt to life in America, and specifically life at Truman. At the beginning of each semester, we greet incoming freshmen and introduce them to various aspects of Truman life through Orientation. International students living on campus also have International Hall Hosts* advise and help for everyday life. In addition, there are monthly socials throughout the academic year to help students reconnect with each other and the office staff.

Academics:
In addition to addressing the major academic concerns of our international students and offering advice, ISAO formed the Student Success Society*, an academic mentoring program aimed at helping new and continuing international students develop stronger study skills, adjust to the different academic environment, and perform their best academically.

Immigration:
At the beginning of each semester, ISAO helps international students with their social security application as well as offering free trips to the Social Security Office. We also do our best to provide help on finding internships and jobs. We advise our students to enroll in national programs including Optional Practical Training and Curricular Practical Training.

Miscellaneous:
The health care system in the United States is complicated, and medical expenses can be very high, so we make sure every international student is covered under an insurance plan. If a student gets sick, he or she pays only a $20 health center fee. Any medical expense beyond that is fully covered in the insurance fee paid at the beginning of the semester. This insurance covers students anywhere in the world except for their home country.

*For more information on Student Success Society and International Hall Hosts, please see February and March newsletters on our website: http://isao.truman.edu/prospective/newsletters.asp

International Student Profile

Kun Zhang is a sophomore History and Economics major from China. Let’s hear what she says about Truman!

What attracted you to Truman State University?
The outstanding education, affordable cost, and warmthness expressed while I was applying.

What is your favorite thing about Kirksville?
Kirksville is a relatively quiet community that provides a great environment for studying. There’s always something to do. The people are very welcoming here.

How does Truman support international students?
Whenever I encounter any problems, there’s always someone at the International Student Affairs Office to help out. There are monthly socials for international students which introduce me to new people and a warm community.

How is Truman preparing you for the future?
Coming to Truman is one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. Before college, I never thought I would become interested in history and humanities. As a liberal arts university, Truman opened my eyes and broadened my perspective.

Exciting Things Going on at Truman

- A recipient of the Innovative Academic Initiative Grants, the Truman Blues Project is wrapping up its inaugural semester with performances and a blues festival. The project combines academics, composition and performance, and civic engagement.
- Various on-campus organizations sponsored 8 environmental activities throughout Earth Week 2010, April 19th-23rd.
- A group of Truman students recently returned from Panama will share their experiences after completing “Latin American Experience: History and Conservation Biology of Panama,” a 15-credit hour course.
- The Truman Chapter of the American Marketing Association recently participated in the 32nd Annual International Collegiate Conference in New Orleans.

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