

International Student Programs Office of Diversity Affairs

Purpose

The purpose of International Student Programs at Messiah University is to meet the unique needs of international, missionary, and third culture students by providing **holistic support** through services, programs, and mentoring that allow students to experience **personal success** and explore **meaningful engagement** with the campus community.

What We Do

- Coordinate International Student Orientation (fall and winter)
- Work closely with International Admissions as new international, missionary and third-culture students are accepted to the university
- Provide F-1 student visa advising to students while serving as Designated School Officials (DSOs)
 - This includes advising them after they graduate as they remain on an F-1 visa for Optional Practical Training (OPT) and STEM OPT
- Advocate for students in and outside of the classroom
- Prepare and implement programming and events for all international, missionary and third culture students (including the annual International Gala in April)
- Teach GEST 140 “Adjusting to Life in the U.S.” to all first-year international, missionary and third-culture students in the Fall semester
- Address developmental needs of international, missionary and third-culture students through individual mentoring, advising and appropriate referrals
- Ensure every international, missionary, and third-culture student has a personal evacuation plan
- Serve as a resource to the Community of Educators as they have questions or concerns about any international, missionary or third-culture student

Professional Staff

Amy Nicols, Director of International Student Programs

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Contact if you have questions or feedback about the Office of International Student Programs, which includes individual student care concerns, International Orientation, the GEST 140 course, and the Rafiki Houses. Amy also is available to give presentations and provide resources about international, missionary or third-culture students.

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Contact if you have questions or feedback about advising F-1 students in or outside of the classroom, questions about SEVIS and F-1 visas, or the Friendship Family Program. Minoska also attends to many of the administrative and organizational tasks in the Office of International Student Programs.

Multicultural Student Programs Office of Diversity Affairs

Purpose

The purpose of Multicultural Student Programs at Messiah University is to meet the unique needs of domestic underrepresented students by providing holistic support through mentoring, diversity education and exploration, as well as safe and transformative learning environments for all members of the university community.

What We Do

- Address the developmental needs of underrepresented domestic students of color through individual mentoring, appropriate referrals, and educational programming
- Directly advise Multicultural Council core, including La Alianza Latina, Asian Student Association, African Student Association, International Student Association, and Black Student Union.
- Work closely with Multicultural Admissions to coordinate Multicultural Scholarship Day
- Direct & Implement the Lloyd & Lois Martin Scholarship Program
- Direct & Implement the Rachel Helen Flowers Scholarship Program
- Coordinate campus-wide cocurricular programming focused on racial/ethnic history/heritage month celebrations
- Coordinate Martin Luther King Jr Commemoration Week
- Plan and facilitate Multicultural Student Orientation for all incoming multicultural students

Professional Staff

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