INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

International Programs (INPR) was established in 1973 to provide for the encouragement, development, and coordination of the University’s international programs. Current programs under INPR include:

UNO Education Abroad
UNO Education Abroad offers a variety of information on study, internship, and travel abroad opportunities. The office assists students in choosing an education abroad program, identifying sources of financial aid, scholarship sources, and obtaining visas and passports. For further information, contact the Education Abroad Office at 402-554-3168, Arts & Sciences Hall 220, or by email at unostudyabroad@unomaha.edu (world@unomaha.edu).

The Center for Afghanistan Studies
The Center for Afghanistan Studies (CAS) serves as the only institutional base in the United States specifically and exclusively concerned with Afghan affairs. The Center has unique resources in the following areas: research concerning Afghan geology/geography, natural resources; culture and education; collecting, classifying and writing of materials on Afghanistan; disseminating information on Afghanistan to other institutions; language translations; and providing consultation and expert advice on matters related to Afghanistan.

Center staff assisted in establishing the Arthur Paul Afghanistan Collection (http://www.unomaha.edu/international-studies-and-programs-center-for-afghanistan-studies/academics/arthur-paul.php) at UNO’s Criss Library. This collection is considered by many to be the finest collection of Afghan primary and secondary materials in North America.

The Center serves as a base for Afghan university capacity building, teacher training, literacy, and basic skills vocational education projects in Afghanistan with funding from the United States government and other donors. The CAS also conducts short- and long-term orientation seminars for personnel from American government and private organizations preparing to work in Afghanistan. For additional information, contact the Center for Afghanistan Studies at 402-554-2376, Arts & Sciences Hall 238, or by email at srahmanzai@unomaha.edu.

Intensive Language Program (ILUNO)
UNO’s Intensive English Language Program (ILUNO) offers instruction in English as a Second Language to international students who plan to pursue academic degrees in the United States. This pre-academic program provides 21 hours of instruction per week over five eight-week sessions or one seven-week summer session scheduled throughout the year. Classes are offered at five levels of proficiency, with emphasis on the development of writing, listening, pronunciation, reading, and communication skills. Students with TOEFL scores of 460 or higher may take university coursework along with English as a Second Language classes. For further information, please contact the Director of Intensive English at 402-554-2293, Arts and Sciences Hall 238, or by email at srahmanzai@unomaha.edu.

Faculty and Student Exchange Programs
Faculty and student exchanges with sister universities around the globe are important components of UNO’s commitment to global education. For further information, contact the Education Abroad Office at 402-554-3168, Arts & Sciences Hall 220, or by email at unostudyabroad@unomaha.edu (world@unomaha.edu).

International Student Advising
International Student Advising has the responsibility for the full range of advising services for all UNO international students and scholars. These support services include orientation, airport pickup, housing assistance, immigration advising, planning and conducting cross-cultural activities, serving as liaison with volunteer community support groups, and medical and health insurance referrals. For further information, please contact International Programs by phone at 402-554-2293, Arts & Sciences Hall 241, or by email at world@unomaha.edu.

International Professional Development
International Professional Development (IPD) is designed for working professionals who want to improve their English language skills for business purposes. Participants are typically sponsored by transnational corporations seeking to develop their global workforce. IPD offers classes in Global Business Communication, Business Management Practices, Business Writing, and Business Reading. The program also designs and conducts customized training for clients from around the world, including faculty and staff development workshops. For further information, please contact the Director of Intensive English at 402-554-2293, Arts and Sciences Hall 241, or by email at world@unomaha.edu.

Critical Languages Instruction
In collaboration with the UNO Department of Foreign Languages, International Programs provides opportunities for students to study crucial languages and cultures. Japanese and Arabic Language classes are offered each academic year. Dari language is also offered to participants of the Afghanistan Immersion Seminars. For Dari language information, contact the Center for Afghanistan Studies at 402-554-2376, Arts & Sciences Hall 238, or by email at srahmanzai@unomaha.edu. For Japanese language and culture, contact the program coordinator at 402-554-3548, Arts and Sciences Hall 220, or by email at world@unomaha.edu.

Global Studies Conference
This annual gathering of scholars and students from around the world and across the US meets each October in Omaha to discuss issues concerning the developing nations of the world and global strategic and security issues. For further information, please contact International Programs at 402-554-2293, Arts and Sciences Hall 241, or by email at gsc@unomaha.edu.

Community and Civic Engagement
International Programs (INPR) occupies a visible community profile, primarily through its educational outreach efforts and international student and scholar activities. Special grant projects allow INPR to bring students and scholars to UNO or take UNO faculty, staff, and students abroad. INPR maintains a speakers bureau for international issues and events. The state of world affairs ensures a constant stream of requests from service clubs, elementary and secondary schools, community organizations, and businesses for UNO staff, faculty and international participants to serve as informed presenters at their meetings.

International students and scholars are hosted by Nebraska communities for visits under the innovative Nebraska Neighbors program. International participants serve as ambassadors for UNO through presentations in local schools and service organizations. INPR hosts several State Department sponsored institutes teaching civic engagement and service learning to international students and scholars. For further information, contact International Programs at 402-554-2293, Arts and Sciences Hall 241, or by email at world@unomaha.edu.

For additional information about all of INPR’s activities, check out: world.unomaha.edu (http://world.unomaha.edu).