



# ISSS 2012-2013 Annual Report



UNIVERSITY  
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International students from left to right: Paolo Bocchio Socolich (Perú), Gian David Panetta (US) and Sandra Benny (Singapore).



# OUR EIGHTH YEAR OF GROWTH



**Abe Schafermeyer**

Director International Student  
and Scholar Services

It has been yet another year of exciting growth and change for International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) at the University of Oregon.

For the eighth year in a row, we've seen record numbers of international students coming to live and learn on our campus. We've also maintained a steady international scholar cohort teaching, researching and significantly contributing to the UO's strong record of academic excellence.

These 2,524 students share their perspectives in residence halls, classrooms, as well as in the Eugene/Springfield community, and represent over 10% of the student body. Every day these students greatly impact our lives while having their own transformative experiences that will forever help shape their world view.

We currently have students from over 90 countries represented on our campus. They study, teach, research and publish in seven colleges and 99 departments throughout the year.

Not only do we continue to see growth in students coming from China and Saudi Arabia, but we are excited about emerging student trends from Brazil and Vietnam.

This past year, we were proud to offer over \$1.3 million in student aid to international students that would otherwise not have been able to afford higher education in the US. By these measurements alone, it is obvious that the UO is actively working to ensure that the internationalization of our campus enriches all of our lives.

In the years to come, the UO community can expect this growth to continue. The International Student and Scholar Services staff is committed to playing a central role in ensuring that these students and scholars have the opportunity to not only successfully engage our academic curriculum but that opportunities provided by their presence can be maximized through meaningful and varied connections around campus.

Through our annual report, we offer you a more comprehensive look into the international student and scholar population. We hope that this in-depth report can provide further context, and encourage us to work together to engage and support the UO's international students and scholars.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abe Schafermeyer', written in a cursive style.

# ISSS

## 2012-2013

### the record report

International students clockwise:  
Joyce Kinyange (Tanzania), Sandra  
Benny (Singapore), Cameet Appadu  
(Mauritius), Fahd Abu-Adel (Yemen),  
Chi Nguyen-Pham Minh (Vietnam),  
Gian David Panetta (US), Paolo  
Bocchio Socolich (Perú), and Aigerim  
Tulepbergenova (Kazakhstan).

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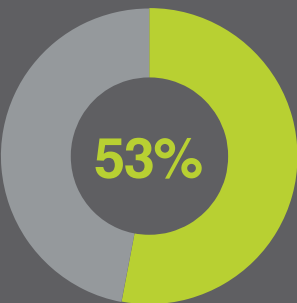
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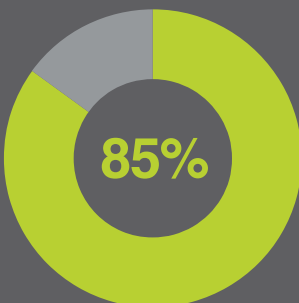
# STUDENT FAST FACTS

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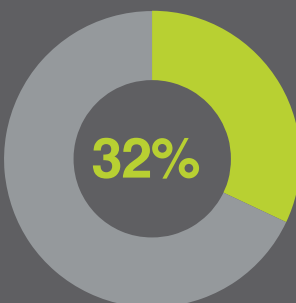
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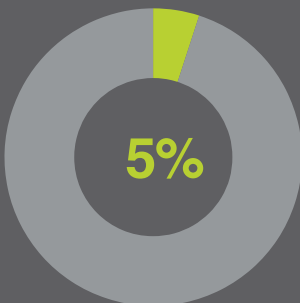
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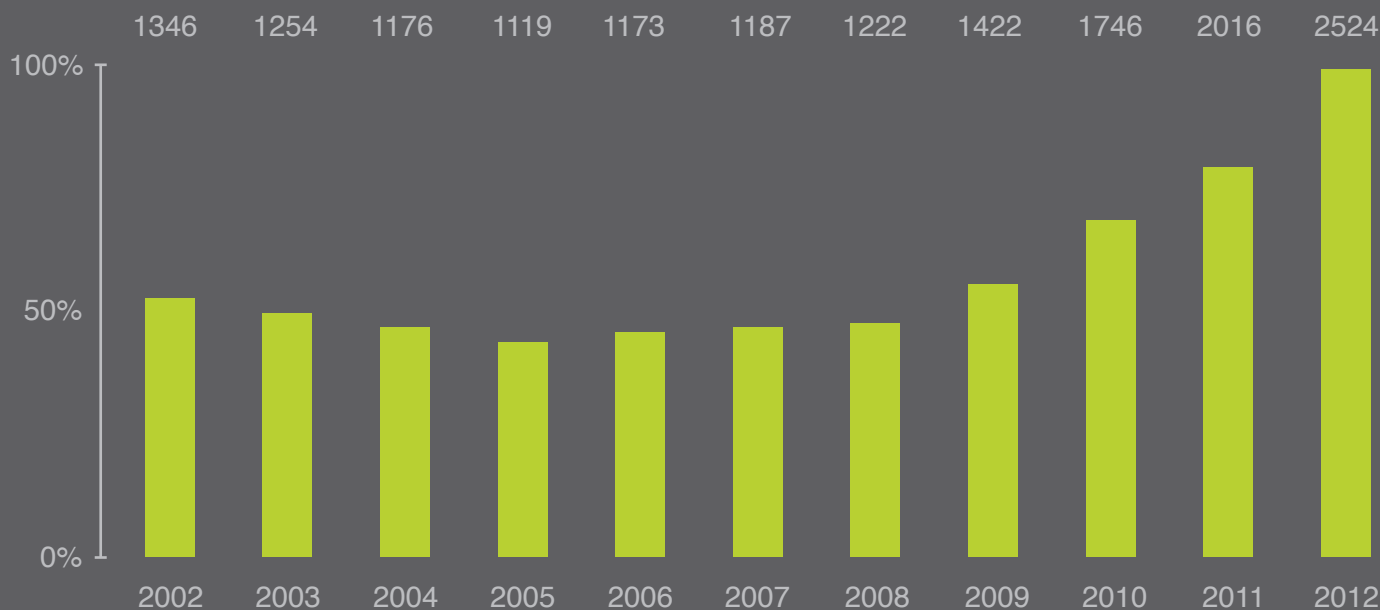
Undergraduate students



Are business majors



Non-degree seeking



Enrollment over time

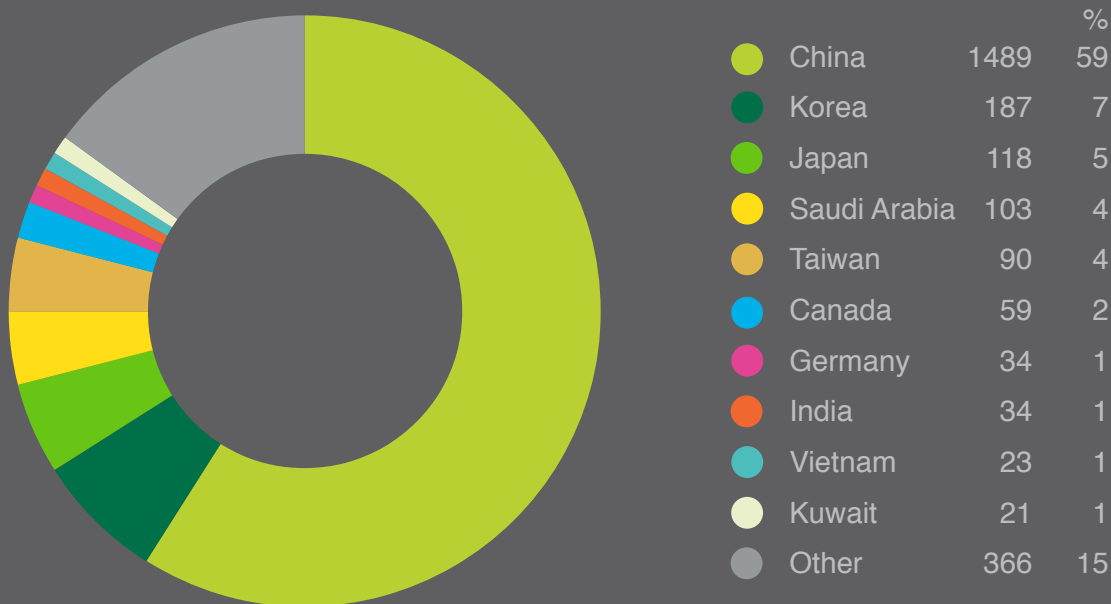
25%

Enrollment increase from previous year

88%

Enrollment increase since 2002





Top 10 countries of citizenship

“In the past 10 years, undergraduate enrollment has increased 152%. During this same timeframe, graduate enrollment has decreased 22%.

Many new students have joined the UO through a university conditional admission program where students begin at the American English Institute (AEI). When including students who study at AEI and those using their Optional Practical Training period, ISSS provides services to 3,377 international students from over 90 countries.”

48%

Enrolled in College of Arts & Sciences

79%

From East Asia region

# CHOICES AND TRENDS



Business	801
Economics	261
Undeclared	212
Accounting	103
Computer Science	87
Psychology	70
Journalism	54
Biology	47
Other	<40 per major

Most popular majors among international students

“The King Abdullah Scholarship Program continues to bring in students from Saudi Arabia at a record pace.

We expect to have increased enrollment of students from Brazil with the establishment of the Scientific Mobility scholarship program.

**Brazil**  
**Saudi Arabia**  
**Vietnam**

Countries to watch

**Canada**  
**Japan**  
**Taiwan**

Countries with declining presence

Arts & Sciences	1,120
Lundquist College of Business	940
Architecture & Allied Arts	104
Journalism & Communication	101
Education	87
Music & Dance	33
Law School	14
Graduate School	2
Total	2,401

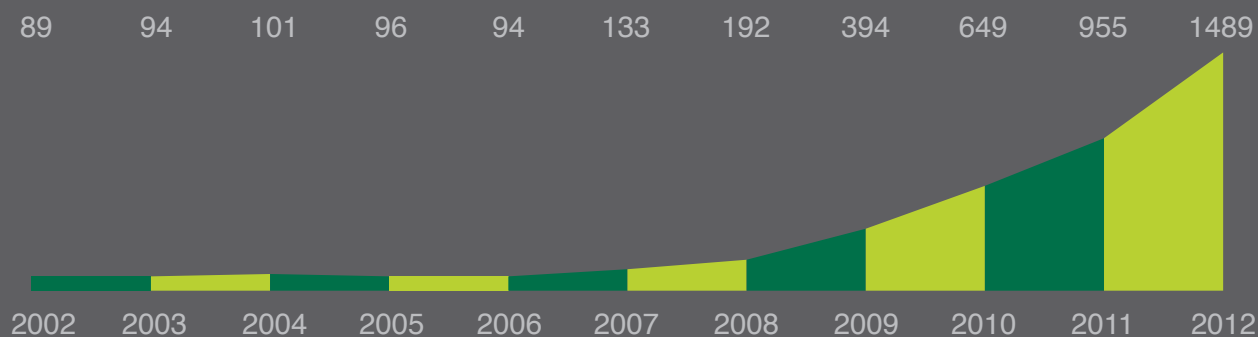
Degree seeking students by college

Arts & Sciences	87
Lundquist College of Business	16
Architecture & Allied Arts	5
Journalism & Communication	5
Education	6
Music & Dance	2
Law School	2
Graduate School	0
Total	123

Non-degree seeking students by college

Changes in the global economy make Vietnam account for an increasing number of international students in the US.

Business, economics and accounting continue to be the most popular majors among international students.”



Enrollment of Chinese students increased 56% from 2011 and >600% since 2002



International student and ICSP Leader: Seipati Mabuya (South Africa).

# FINANCIAL AID ACHIEVEMENTS

**87**

Total IDEA Awards

**\$6k**

Average amount awarded to IDEA recipients

**26**

Endowed scholarships awarded

**49**

Total ICSP recipients from 33 countries



# INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS

266

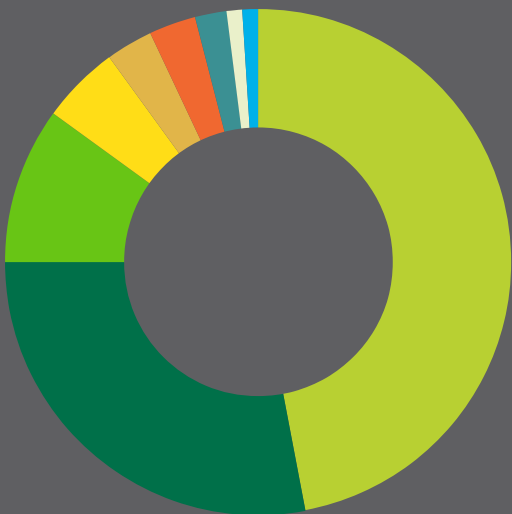
Total international scholars

49

Total countries represented

50/50

Gender split in H1b visa holders

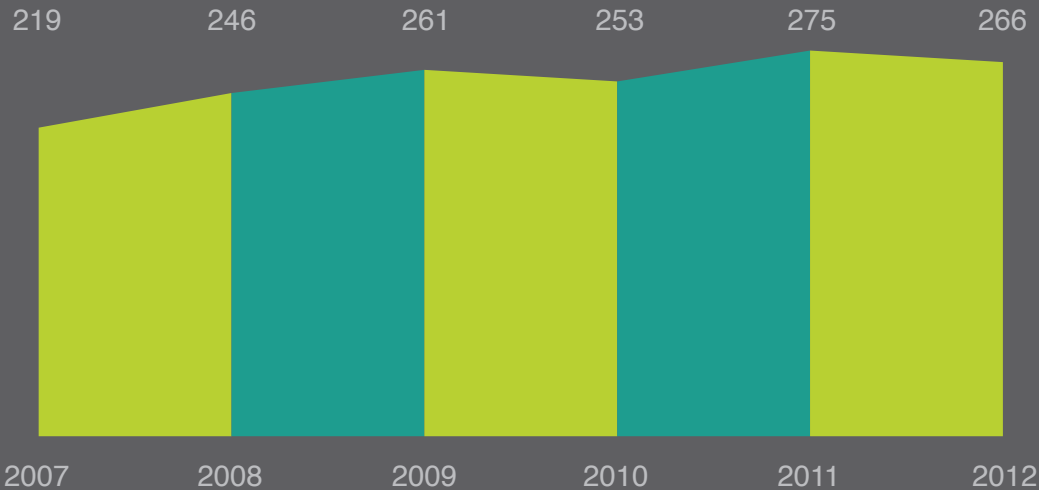


International scholars by region

East Asia	125
Europe	74
Canada	28
Latin America	13
Africa	8
Central Asia	7
Southeast Asia	5
Middle East	4
Oceania	2

China	56
Korea	47
Canada	28
Germany	22
Japan	15
France	8
Taiwan	7
UK	6

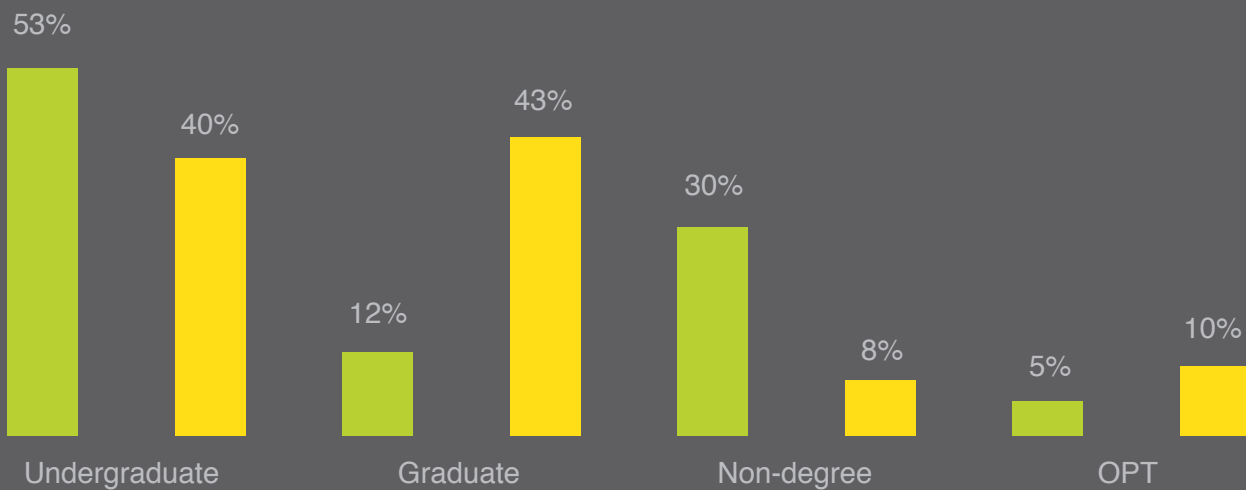
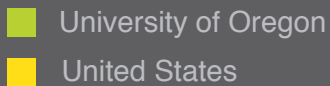
Top countries of citizenship



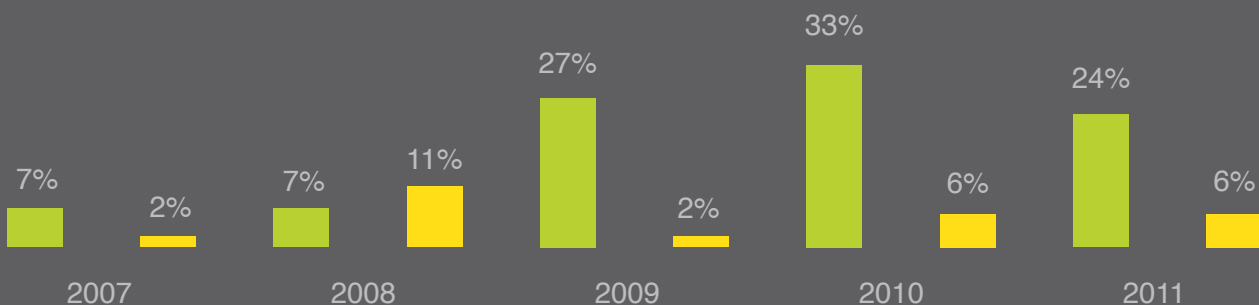
Total international scholars over time

# UO COMPARISON

All U.S. data in this section was calculated by the Institute of International Education, Open Doors report. These numbers include Optional Practical Training (OPT) students and English as a Second Language (ESL) students for the UO and the U.S. In the 2011-2012 academic year, the number of international students in the U.S. increased 5.7% to a record high of 764,495 students. Similarly, the UO has increased international enrollment by 25% to a record high of 2,524 international students, ranking 52 in the country.



Ratio of international students studying at the UO compared to the national average 2011



Comparison of percentage changes in international undergraduate enrollment at UO to the national average



## How we serve the international UO community:

### U.S. Immigration

ISSS is responsible for tracking the visa status of international students, scholars and their dependents and ensuring compliance with U.S. federal immigration regulations. ISSS provides federal immigration advising support and advocacy for international students, scholars and their dependents, including the creation of documents for nonimmigrant visas and the processing of H1B petitions.

### Advising

ISSS advises international students, scholars and their dependents on U.S. federal immigration regulations as it pertains to their academic program and personal adjustment to the U.S. educational system. International student advisors advise students and scholars on enrollment issues, temporary leave of absence, travel, complete withdrawals, medical leave, academic changes, financial changes, national & international disasters and emergencies, change of visa status, change in academic status, and more. Drop-in hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 2-4pm. Individual appointments outside of drop-in hours can be made by calling 541-346-3206.

### Orientation

At the beginning of each academic term, ISSS offers a comprehensive orientation program for all international students. International Student Orientation (ISO) is intended to assist new international students with their transition to the UO and the Eugene/Springfield community. Individual orientations are given to visiting scholars.

### Friendship Programs

Through the Friendship Foundation for International Students (FFIS), ISSS matches international students, scholars and their dependents with volunteer host families for a short-term homestay experience at the beginning of fall, winter and spring terms. Students and scholars can also be matched with an FFIS volunteer (which includes UO domestic students as well as community members) for conversation exchange and friendship during the academic year.

### AEIS

Academic English for International Students (AEIS) is a program designed to help international students, both undergraduate and graduate, develop expertise in English for academic purposes. AEIS classes should be completed during the first academic year and are taken concurrently with regular UO classes. ISSS provides advising coordination to students in the AEIS program.

### Financial Aid and Scholarships

ISSS awards over one million dollars in scholarships and financial aid each year, and offers work-study awards to international students. International students experiencing financial crisis may apply to ISSS for short-term emergency loans or financial aid.

### International Cultural Service Program (ICSP)

The ICSP scholarship program is designed to bring a diverse representation of international students to the UO and our community to share their cultural traditions, and to help develop greater cross-cultural understanding. These scholarship recipients receive full or partial tuition remission in exchange for 80 hours of volunteer time during the academic year where they share their culture through presentations, panel discussions, demonstrations of regional dance, music, food and many other forms of cultural expression.

### Exchange Student Programs

Every year the UO takes part in international exchange programs with foreign universities, greatly enhancing the intellectual and programmatic value to many faculty, departments, schools, colleges and students. UO students study abroad at our partner universities and, through ISSS, partner university students are able to participate in UO classes and integrate with international student programming and campus-wide activities.

### Sponsored Student Programs

ISSS awards scholarships to bring the brightest and most innovative students selected by Fulbright, USAID, AMIDEAST and LASPAU. ISSS coordinates the recruitment, admission and award process for these students, and serves as a main point of reference.

**No matter where you come from,  
we will speak your language.**



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