World-class higher education

What does it mean to be world-class? For the University System of Ohio, it means that its students have the necessary knowledge and experience to compete anywhere in the global marketplace. The System is thinking globally by encouraging its students to explore educational opportunities abroad and by attracting international students to study in Ohio.

During the 2009-10 academic year, almost 10,000 Ohio students took advantage of the opportunity to study abroad. What's more, over 22,370 international students from over 100 countries are currently attending Ohio colleges and universities. Ohio ranks ninth in international student admissions.

To help increase these numbers, the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents established the International Higher Education Advisory Council, which includes representatives from both public and private Ohio institutions, and works collaboratively to:

- Market and promote Ohio's higher education offerings across the globe;
- Share the costs of international student recruitment;
- Identify Ohio companies that have a significant global presence and provide them with higher education resources to support their work in other countries;
- Develop internship opportunities for Ohio students;
- Help solve skilled manpower shortages overseas through sponsored training and recruitment of foreign nationals to Ohio institutions;
- Collect international educational data on students, scholars, and research activities, so that Ohio's higher education institutions can aid in the attraction and retention of businesses in the state.

Ohio's economy is the 18th largest in the world and includes 600 foreign-based corporations from 28 countries, which employ approximately 200,000 Ohioans.

University System of Ohio

From cutting-edge urban research institutions to small-town liberal arts colleges, from world-class sporting events to premier arts programs, from the great outdoors to rich cultural amenities and everything in between – Ohio is the place where you can thrive in every aspect of your college experience.

Ohio's comprehensive system of higher education provides students with a diverse range of academic and financial options to ensure that you will get a high-quality and affordable education, putting you ahead of the curve in today's global economy. Ohio truly provides a perfect balance of world-class education, diverse cultural experiences, and high standard of living.

For more information about international programs at Ohio's colleges and universities visit www.uso.edu/studyohio