

TOP TEN TIPS for advising degree-seeking International students transitioning from INTO OSU Programs

- 1. Be patient & understanding.** International students can transition to OSU from several INTO OSU programs and can have varying levels of English-language capability and knowledge of OSU programs and policies.
- 2. Understand that there are 3 main programs offered through INTO OSU** from which international students can be admitted to OSU degree-seeking status: Pathways, Academic English, General English.
- 3. Remember most international students are still adjusting to US & US Higher Education Culture.**
On average students progressing to degree-seeking status from INTO OSU will have had ~3 terms on the OSU campus.
- 4. Be clear and firm with deadlines, policies, decisions and boundaries.**
- 5. Understand & help students learn that some policies & procedures at OSU differ from those of INTO OSU:**
On-campus Housing, Tuition & Billing, Student Services
- 6. Use email & links to informative websites to help communicate with transitioning international advisees.**
Many international students prefer to communicate and via email instead of in-person or phone advising meetings.
- 7. Keep a log of frequent questions from transitioning international students.**
We can network and work together to build a comprehensive International Student Advising FAQ guide & develop programming.
- 8. Help students understand reasonable response-time expectations for email & other requests.**
INTO OSU Student Services has a general 24-hr email-response rule, so students may be seem demanding of immediate answers.
- 9. Promote student involvement and engagement in student clubs and extra-curricular activities.**
- 10. Communicate & Network! If you have questions/concerns regarding international students, please contact us.**
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