



OIP Strategic Plan: 2021-2031

Office of International Programs: Mission Statement

Established at UNC Charlotte in 1975, the Office of International Programs (OIP) strives to strengthen international education and global learning at the University as well as in the Charlotte community. On campus, it seeks to make international understanding, intercultural competency and global awareness a fundamental part of the curriculum and an integral part of campus life through innovative and accessible programming.

OIP – Strategic Planning Goal 1

Elevate awareness and importance of international education and cultural competency.

- » **Objective 1:** Enhance and expand current institutional profile of international education and global learning to align with the needs of UNC Charlotte’s strategic plan.
- » **Objective 2:** Expand college-level engagement to increase student and faculty level of activity.

OIP – Strategic Planning Goal 2

Design and implement accessible, innovative and high impact international experiences to prepare students to successfully navigate in an increasingly globally interconnected world.

- » **Objective 1:** Create faculty and staff development opportunities and resources to support strengthened campus internationalization and global learning across curricular and co-curricular learning experiences.
- » **Objective 2:** Develop and expand the number and type of study abroad opportunities and international service learning to increase participation in international educational experiences from a more diverse range of students and disciplines.
- » **Objective 3:** Streamline education abroad processes and procedures to create a more user-friendly, seamless and effective experience for all education abroad stakeholders.
- » **Objective 4:** Develop a comprehensive study abroad curriculum integration model across all program types to better align department-specific curricula with education abroad program offerings.
- » **Objective 5:** Expand virtual international education programming offerings to increase the number of academic departments engaged and the number of student participants.
- » **Objective 6:** Strengthen connections between international education and UNC Charlotte’s institutional diversity, equity and inclusion goals.
- » **Objective 7:** Increase the number of on campus curricular and co-curricular internationalization opportunities.
- » **Objective 8:** Increase OIP engagement with and partnership in the Charlotte community to expand student opportunities.



OIP - Strategic Planning Goal 3

Increase the number and scope of international research collaborations to support faculty and students in addressing complex global challenges.

- » **Objective 1:** In collaboration with Division of Research, develop a plan to highlight and increase support for faculty research activities through innovative international cooperation.
- » **Objective 2:** Expand network of international partnerships and collaborations.
- » **Objective 3:** Strengthen infrastructure through support services to visiting scholars and international faculty.

OIP - Strategic Planning Goal 4

Strengthen the international student ecosystem to increase support to and engagement with international students and alumni.

- » **Objective 1:** Through collaboration with campus partners, enhance international students' sense of belonging and promote more meaningful interactions between domestic and international students.
- » **Objective 2:** Educate students and advocate with campus partners on the unique financial challenges of international students in the U.S.
- » **Objective 3:** Improve International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) administrative efficiencies to provide better service to its international population and to ensure individual and institutional compliance with federal immigration regulations.
- » **Objective 4:** Support international students' career development by partnering with campus units such as the University Career Center and Center for Graduate Life and Learning.
- » **Objective 5:** Facilitate meaningful international alumni engagement in collaboration with campus partners.
- » **Objective 6:** Develop strategies to increase international student enrollment (degree seeking and non-degree seeking students).
- » **Objective 7:** Create new, innovative program offerings that meet the needs of English language students.

OIP - Strategic Planning Goal 5

Strengthen OIP's comprehensive and centralized international education infrastructure.

- » **Objective 1:** Examine OIP infrastructure to position the department to better support changing international education needs of campus.
- » **Objective 2:** Evaluate current funding streams and explore new possibilities for funding.

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