

International Student Services



Mission

The mission of UVU's International Student Services (ISS) is to promote international student success, retention, graduation, and life-long learning.

Student Outcomes

We accomplish our mission by designing engagement opportunities and experiences so that international students will be able to do the following:

- Feel a connection and sense of belonging at UVU and in our ISS space.
- Have a desire to stay and graduate at UVU.
- Have a broad, full, and engaged experience while at UVU.
- Encourage friends and family to attend UVU.
- Gain the credentials, learning, and experience to achieve life goals.

Key Programs and Services

Student Advisement

- In International Student Services (ISS), we serve UVU's international students from arrival through alumni relations.
- We also act as the expert on ISS matters for the UVU faculty, staff, and the greater Utah Valley community. Our main impact on students comes by way of one-on-one advisement on matters such as U.S. immigration, employment, scholarships, academic planning, and social adjustment.
- All ISS personnel are also Federal Designated School Officials (DSO). Thus, we have a dual reporting line to UVU and to the U.S. Federal Government.

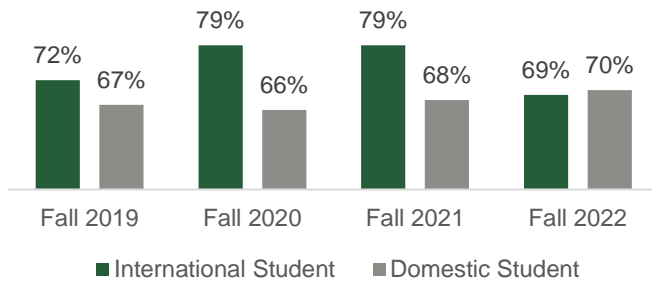
International Student Council Mentoring

- All International students at UVU have been assigned to an International Student Council (ISC) Mentoring group. Each mentoring group is headed by two members of the ISC.
- The ISC Mentors are responsible for onboarding new students and mentoring existing students towards graduation. ISC Mentors make weekly contact with their mentees. Also, each group organizes several monthly activities for their mentoring group.
- For the 2024 academic year, there were over 250 ISC Mentor activities.
- [International Student Council \(ISC\) Video](#)
- [Instagram](#)

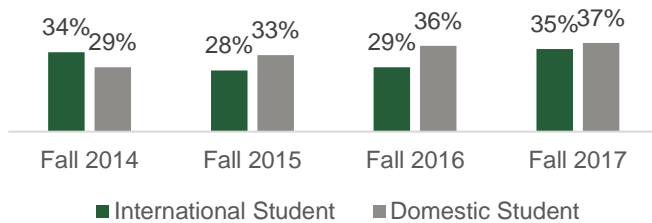
Key Data

- 450 F-1 international students. updates
- 70 Countries represented.
- Approximately \$500,000 of non-governmental student financial aid awarded each year.
- Students who attended at least one ISC Mentoring activity are 35% more likely to persist.

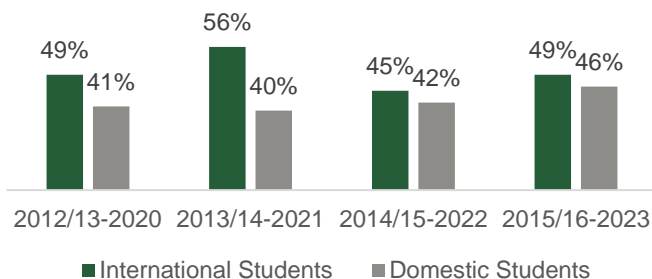
Fall Cohort Retention Rate



6 Year Graduation Rate



8 Year Outcome Measure



VICTORIA EKPOMA
Outstanding Alumni

Home Country: Nigeria
Languages: English, Ishan, & Yoruba
Major: Nursing

As a child growing up on the streets of Lagos Nigeria, Victoria dreamed of someday changing the world by helping everyone around her. While working at the grass roots level to bring healthcare to her local community, her passion for service and excellent work ethic singled her out for an opportunity to study Nursing at UVU as an under-graduate.

At UVU, Victoria has been an exceptional student. True to her dreams she works with the UVU Inclusion committee, the International Student Council, Academic Tutoring and Science/Health departments to help other students achieve academic excellence and to have a richer college experience.

Victoria has the deepest gratitude to UVU's inclusivity that accepts her as she is and offers her a place to be her best. She has loved and enjoyed the community and belonging that UVU and UVU's Nursing school have provided her since she left her home and family.

"Now that I am back as an assistant professor of Nursing, I see friends everywhere at UVU, along the hallways, in the classrooms, and offices," Victoria shared. "I would not have made it this far without them, people who truly care about you and your success, that's family right there."