Walden University
International Club: Who We Are!
Our Vision

Educational, cultural, and professional opportunities transcend borders to foster a peaceful and interconnected world where all people achieve their full potential, think and act as global citizens, and build inclusive, thriving communities.

The international club is committed to its goal of *Opening Minds Worldwide*...
The following core values guide all that we do:

• **Integrity.** All our actions and relationships are based on honesty and trust.

• **Global awareness.** Achieving diversity within our program helps increase mutual understanding of our world and its people.

• **Collaboration.** Working together creates a better result by tapping into our collective wisdom.
The following core values guide all that we do:

• **Professionalism.** All our actions reflect on ourselves and our partners. We act and communicate with courtesy, respect, and discretion.

• **Excellence.** Passion, innovation and a commitment to serve is what drives us.

• **Service.** We care deeply about our students and colleagues and respond to their needs with flexibility, reliability, and dedication.
About Us...

- Walden University currently has students from 150 different countries around the world.
- The International Club was created to provide support and assistance to any student who wishes to join.
- Students have the opportunity to meet fellow classmates that share many of the same goals and visions, as well as similar concerns.
About Us...

• Students are given the opportunity to get involved in campus activities beyond the academics.

• Taking advantage of the rich array of interest groups and diverse student populations can help students explore new passions, and become a more well-rounded and attractive candidate for future employers.
Walden University International Club

• There is a wonderful value attached to a Walden education. Critical thinking and a liberal education can give international students a competitive edge in the global job market.
Did You Know?

• The International Club accepts students from all departments and programs.
• Both international and non-international students can apply for the club (all are welcome).
• We presently have a membership of 275 students.
• The International Club houses several mini clubs within it, such as a travel club, book club, a APA writing tips group, a global information club, and “Ask Dr. Palestis”, etc.
The International Club Very Much Like Walden University’s Programs Is:

- Holistically designed to create an integrated student experience for a diverse audience.
- Designed in a Collaborative Model and promotes collaborative student experiences.
- Designed to create an inspiring and transforming student experience.
- Designed to encourage students to foster positive social change.
- Designed to push the boundaries of access to higher learning.
- Designed to expose students to diverse ideas, opinions, perspectives, and experiences.
Some comments from student members;

• I have so much fun in the international club. I have made friends that will last a lifetime.

• Joining this club has really helped me! When I have a question to ask and I don’t know where to ask it, I come here to our club house and there is always someone there with the answer.

• Dr. Palestis shared some excellent advice with me. I am now about to graduate. I owe many thanks to Dr. Palestis.
Some comments from student members;

• I almost dropped out of school but my friends in the international club gave me the courage to stay.

• When I need help or just someone to talk to the folks in the international club are there to listen.

• I love Dr. Poag’s travel club. She has traveled everywhere! It is so much fun sharing our travels with her.
How Can the International Club Help You Help Society

Presented By Dr. Ernest Palestis
How can the international student club help you to help society?

• You transition to American based on-line higher education norms
• You find comfort, acceptance, and support
• You escape isolation – you are not alone
• You receive help to avoid misunderstanding of due dates or university policies
How can the international student club help you to help society?

• You are helped to navigate the world of American educational acronyms
• You are assisted in developing a positive professional relationship with your instructors
• You learn practical student skills – “Do’s and Don’ts”
• You are assisted with time zones and technology issues – what to do!
Why Student International Clubs?

• They Embrace and celebrate diversity.
• They provide community for achievement and advocates who work tirelessly in their corners of the world and in partnership with one another, world-wide in promoting excellence in education and helping those that are interested in this field to reach their goals.
• They contribute the skills (coaching, tutoring, studying, etc.) to the group and in communities around the globe.
What do our current members say?

• I want to express my sincere gratitude for the extra tips and clues you were sharing on the discussion board. Your questions and follow up motivated me to challenge my knowledge and opened up my eyes to new possibilities I have never thought of before. The continuous comments on each and every post helped me to form new connections and to come up with creative ideas.

• Precisely, I learned from you how the efficient usage of questioning technique can improve students performance and the learning outcomes and how it can craft an enjoyable environment where students are challenged to discover and think divergently. The arguments you were posting were triggering my thinking; this was one of the fewest time that I reached and enjoyed aha moments.

• Also, the extra materials you were providing enriched the course content and helped me to construct my own digital library.

• You are a kind of professor that makes Walden University a great place to learn.

• Thank You Professor!
Connecting in Online Learning

Presented By Dr. Sharon Poag
Walden University not only has students from all over the world but from quite a diverse population. Our students come from different generations and ethnic backgrounds. They possess different experiences, family responsibilities, and have different goals and interests.
Why is Being Connected Important?

• As teachers we know and research has shown that the stronger connections we have to our students the better they perform and the more engaged they will stay.

• Connecting in a total online environment presents different challenges that a traditional face-to-face class.

• The International Club is just one avenue Walden has to help our global community come together and share ideas, get answers to questions, and participate in global change.
How does connecting with students impact learning and retention?

• Instructors can better understand their audience and therefore deliver more relevant lectures, and use more appropriate examples and classroom activities resulting in more engaged students and enhanced learning.

• Students will feel more comfortable expressing their feelings in or out of class.

• Students are more likely to get excited about the course content and improve their class participation.
Connecting continued......

• Students will feel valued and therefore more willing to be intellectually challenged by the instructor.

• Having strong rapport creates a mutually beneficial and exciting learning environment.

By participating in the International Club, Walden continues to connect, care, and contribute to the needs and well being of their students and to each other.
Fun Facts from Facebook

- Facebook has 1.65 billion active users
- Users log into Facebook at least once a week
- 42% of Facebook users only do so on their phones
- 7 out of every 10 minutes on a cell phone are logged into Facebook

What is your favorite social media site?
Foreign Students In American Institutions: Skills Needed For Success

Presented By Dr. Kim Winkelman
Skills Needed For Success

• A command Of the English Language is required for achieving a high level of success; Walden resources are designed to provide support and assistance and consist of several resources from our writing center, etc.

• A Basic Knowledge of APA Format, Understanding of Internet Citations, and for doctoral students an understanding of how to achieve IRB Approval.

• The use of Critical Analysis Skills and what is viewed as accepted; American Academic Institutions and the Methodologies associated with them.
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