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What is LI?

More than 1,400 students come from 43 states and more than 50 countries to experience Lawrence University's unique blend of academic and extracurricular offerings.

About ten percent of Lawrence's student population is international, making Lawrence one of the most internationally diverse colleges in the United States. Beyond the numbers, Lawrence is a place where different views and values are treated with respect.

The office of International Student Services (ISS) is devoted to the unique personal and educational goals of the diverse international community at Lawrence University. The office strives to promote awareness, perspectives, and understanding of international cultures to cultivate informed global citizenship. ISS is led by Tim Schmidt (picture), coordinator of international student services.

Lawrence International is the largest organization at Lawrence University, connecting the international community with American students on campus. It organizes campus-wide events including dance formals, ethnic dinners, picnics, and so much more. International students themselves describe LI as “a culture-absorbing sponge, an anytime-helpful hand, a long-lasting carnival” (Mingxia Zhu, ’13), “the comprehension and interaction of all the cultures around the world” (Vicky Jhong Chung, ’14), and “Home away from home” (Angela Ting, ’11). Approximately 180 Lawrence students (out of 1,420) identify themselves with the international community, either through citizenship or personal background. Current Lawrence students call the following countries home:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, China, Cyprus, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Japan, Korea (ROK), Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Russian Federation, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, United Kingdom, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe
The LI Board organizes events such as ethnic dinners and Cabaret to bring cultural diversity to the Lawrence campus and the Appleton community. They also arrange LI formals, field trips, movie nights, and pizza parties to enhance the connections within LI members.

10-11 LI Board Members:
President: Siddhant Dayal
Vice President: Slavena Molle
Event Coordinators: Aimen Khan, Mei Gong, Luyuan Li
Publicity Manager: Ornella Hills
Communications: George Levy, Nhi Nguyen
Waseda Representative: Katsuhiro Kimura

11-12 LI Board Members:
President: Aimen Khan
Vice President: Ornella Hills
General Board Members: Hashim Allah-Morad, Camila DeMeo, Regina Hammond, Elodie Jegu, Vicky Jhong Chung, Archie Masawi
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Japan

Thomas Hendriksen
The Netherlands

Yoshiaki Ito
Japan

Yuka Iwasaki
Japan

Katsuhiro Kimura
Japan

Eri Kitani
Japan

Aiko Maenohara
Japan

Viera Mackievic
Belarus
EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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Chisa Nishiyama
Japan

Ayumu Niwa
Japan

Takeru Okada
Japan

Yurie Suzuki
Japan

Hiroya Tatekawa
Japan

Alexandre Tremblay
Canada

Beryl Van Gelderen
The Netherlands

Shunichiro Yamamoto
Japan

Shizuka Yurie
Japan
CLASS OF 2014—FRESHMEN

Amal Abbas
Iraq

Helina Asefa
Ethiopia

Thu Thu Aung
Myanmar

Deji Baizhen
China

Wintana Belai
Ethiopia

Alexander Causwell
Jamaica

Qianyu Chen
China

Xi Cheng
China

Biyue Dai
China

Camila De Meo
Brazil
CLASS OF 2014—FRESHMEN

Kabindra Dhakal
Nepal

Hai Ha Du
Vietnam

Pablo Galvan Tello
Mexico

Fei Gao
China

Ollin Garcia Pliego
Mexico

Kenneth Goh
Canada

The Gia Hoang
Vietnam

Pravin Jayasinghe
Sri Lanka

Elodie Jegu
Brazil/ France
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Victoria Jhong Chung
Peru

Yimeng Jiang
China

Valerie Kessie
Ghana

Korapin Kuo
Hong Kong/ UK

Oluwadamiola Lasisi
Nigeria

Feiyu “Edward” Li
China

Rousang “Elvira” Li
China

Xiaoting Liu
China

Anarkali Mahmood
Pakistan
Class of 2014—Freshmen

Pier-André Marquis
Canada

Shari McCarthy
Jamaica

Thao Nguyen
Vietnam

Margaret O’Connell
US

Seung Taek “Edward” Oh
Republic of Korea

Armelle Otou Minkala
Cameroon

Tuyet Pham
Vietnam

Harrison Pickett
UK/US

Xian Qu
China

Maisha Rahman
Bangladesh
CLASS OF 2013—SOPHOMORES

Hashim Allah-Morad
Afghanistan/US

Maria Ayala Valencia
Ecuador

Anish Bajracharya
Nepal

Christina Bettencourt
United Kingdom

Yagmur Esemen
Cyprus

Kofi Fosu
Ghana/US.

Zhan Guo
China

Regina Hammond
Ghana

Yang Hua
China

Hyeonsu “David” Im
Republic of Korea
CLASS OF 2012—JUNIORS

Isabel Maria Andrade Egues
Ecuador

Yiwen Deng
China

Van Hong Do
Vietnam

Natalie Fordwor
Ghana

Miya Gentles
Jamaica

Nigar Jasmine Hamid
Bangladesh

Ornella Hills
Jamaica

Tamanna Hossain
Bangladesh

Gis’elle Jones
Jamaica
CLASS OF 2012—JUNIORS

Nidal Kram
Sudan/US

Annie Larsson
Sweden

Yong Su Lee
Republic of Korea

Luyuan Li
China

Xiang “Michelle” Li
China

Ya “Sarah” Liu
China

Kevin Lokko
Ghana/Canada

Archibald Masawi
Zimbabwe

Miryana Moteva
Bulgaria
CLASS OF 2012—JUNIORS

Kyu-Po Pyun
Republic of Korea

Fangzhou "Fred" Qiu
China

Mai Nou Vang
Thailand/US

Ranga Wimalasuriya
Sri Lanka

Mya Win
Myanmar

Jinglei Xiao
China

Xiao Hong Zhang
China/US

Zhe Zhang
China

Lin Zhao
China
CLASS OF 2011—SENIORS

Syed Komial Abbas
Pakistan

Zenabu Abubakari
Ghana

Meareg Amare
Ethiopia

Yihang Bai
China

Salem Barahmeh
Germany/Palestine

Tatyana Biryukova
Russia

Fanny Briceno
Honduras/U.S.

Rebecca Cavalcanti de Carvalho
Brazil

Jian Liang “Alex” Chee
Malaysia

Keun Hee Cho
Republic of Korea
CLASS OF 2011—SENIORS

Sunghun Cho  
Republic of Korea

Faraz Choudhury  
Bangladesh

Chris Corsbie  
Jamaica/US

Siddhant Dayal  
India

Marc Deheeger  
France/US

Belaynesh Dejue  
Feleke  
Ethiopia

David Frempong  
Ghana

Dominique Goldson  
UK/Jamaica

Jian Gong  
China
CLASS OF 2011—SENIORS

Mei Gong
China / U.S.

Sae Goto
Japan

Naveed Islam
Bangladesh

Heung Jo “Ernie” Ji
Republic of Korea / Peru

Mulu Kebede
Ethiopia

Driftney Martinez
Dominican Republic / U.S.

Aamir Mir
Pakistan

Tashfique Mirza
Bangladesh

Maki Miura
Japan

Slavena Molle
Bulgaria

Tu Nghiem
Vietnam
CLASS OF 2011—SENIORS

Hazim Suhadi
Indonesia

Shin Wei “Angela” Ting
Malaysia

Mari Tsugawa
Japan

Raymond Verceles
Philippines/U.S.

Ye “Dan Dan” Wang
Hong Kong/U.S.

Chongyue “Anmy” Xu
China

Jieling Xu
China

Lu “Lucy” Yu
China

Hui Zhao
China

Songxun Zou
China
The Friendship Family program is designed to supplement the students’ academic experience by getting them off campus and into our community. Students meet with families once in a while to experience real, that is, non academic American culture. ISS typically holds two or three casual events a year for the whole group, like picnics or potlucks. Outside of these events, students connect with families for things like meals, shopping, family gatherings, day trips, or whatever students and families are comfortable sharing.
Dressing up with my girl friends is always the BEST part of going to formal!!
- Maki Miura
Ethnic Dinners

With multiple ethnic dinners organized every year for students, friendship families, faculty and staff, LI creates a unique opportunity to taste delicious food from around the world.

Fall Term Ethnic Dinner: “Rice from around the globe”
Rice is prepared differently throughout the world. This ethnic dinner explored some of the variances.

Winter Term Ethnic Dinner: “Home-cooked by LI”
This Ethnic Dinner was ‘home-cooked’ by our very own international students. LI members enjoyed Vietnamese egg soup, Malaysian Curry, Ethiopian Beef Stew and much more in the comfortable and cozy International House.
In Spring Term, we had a wonderful ethnic dinner after Cabaret, celebrating our performance. It tasted so much better because of our hard work at Cabaret. We had Ethiopian chicken, Jamaican pork, Indian sweet potato, Korean cabbage, and Greek dessert.
The bubble tea at China Town brought me home again!
- Elvira

Shedd Aquarium was fascinating! I had no idea how huge fish can be before!
- Nhi
Lawrence International Presents Cabaret 2011

Unity in 57

Saturday, Apr. 16, 2011, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Apr. 17, 3 p.m.
Stansbury Theatre

International dinner following Sunday’s show only
Somerset and Pusey rooms, Warch Campus Center

Tickets: Lawrence Box Office (932-6740) and Warch Campus Center
Adults: $8 (show only) or $17 (with dinner), children under 4 are free
LU Students: $5 (show only) or $5 + $7 culinary cash (with dinner)

Lawrence University
Appleton, Wisconsin
Cabaret 2011: “Unity in 57”

LI Board Members’ Intro!
Let’s get started!

Sambistas
—Brazilian Percussion

Fearless
—Chinese Dance
Ethiopian Dance

A capella “Global Warming”

Fashion Show 1

Bangladesh & India
Ethiopia

Lavonicha—Belarusian dance

Bharatnatyam—Classical Indian dance

Cracking—Ghanaian dance
LU Hip-Hop: Street Dance

Joy of Children—Modern Chinese piano solo

Lelambatan: Gamelan
Cahaya Asri (Balinese)
A Little Bit of Brasil

Sabor Latino: Bachata - Dominican Republic

Bollywood Dance - India
Traditional Chinese Song

Afro-Caribbean Cultural Fusion

So-ran Bushi—Traditional Japanese Dance
The Spring Formal theme was *Spring Fever*. As usual we danced, mingled, and took a lot of pictures!

The formal was a great way to finish off four exhilarating and exciting years at LU. I had a lot of fun!

- Syed Abbas
I laughed and learned while living with friends that I will keep for a lifetime.

- Mei Gong

When I felt alone after coming to America for the first time, international students were there for me from the very beginning. We’ve been family for four years and I know we’ll stay connected forever. — Jihyun Shin
Life at Lawrence has opened me up, both my heart and my mind. I may not have done much, but I believe I will be able to do more. – Lu Yu