

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER



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ECC INTERNATIONAL CLUB

College clubs play a vital role in helping students find community and diversity within their higher education experience. With that in mind, the ECC International Club was established to facilitate cultural exchange between international and domestic students. The club achieves this through hosting engaging events, promoting cultural exchange ideas, and embracing the diversity within the international student community.

In addition to these initiatives, the club has also been successful in creating a supportive and familial environment to F1 visa students who have left their homes to pursue their academic goals abroad. If you are looking for a safe environment that embraces cultural differences, this is the right club for you! Meetings are held every Wednesday from 4 -6pm. For more information on meetings and events, please follow them on Instagram @eccinternationalclub.



Niiko Hara, Club's President

Get to know the Club's President: Niiko Hara

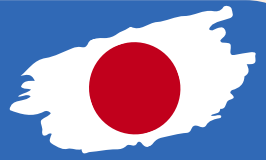
Niiko Hara, originally from Kanagawa, Japan, is 20 years old and majoring in Biology. Her goal is to transfer to a University and pursue a career in the ecology field. Niiko's hobbies include anime, reading, and playing sports. After graduating from High School, Niiko was undecided about her major and whether she wanted to pursue a University in Japan. That is when she decided to come to ECC and become an International Student. According to Niiko, she was motivated to run for the president position after being encouraged by her friends and after participating in the club's events.

"I would like to welcome everyone to join our club. The members and I would love to have you and your friends as part of our International Club community".

- Hara, Niiko.

WORKING AS AN INTERN

By Shota Yasukawa



Hi. My name is Shota and I'm from Chiba prefecture, which is near Tokyo Disneyland. At my home university in Japan, I study economy. However, for the past month, I have been working as an intern at the International Student Program office. I have two reasons why I wanted to travel to and work in the U.S. for these four weeks.

First of all, when I was in a high school in 2020, I was chosen as a Goodwill Ambassador of my city and supposed to go to our sister city - Orlando, Florida. However, because of the COVID, this Ambassadorship was canceled the day before my flight. It was regretful for me so, I made up my mind to go to this country another day in the future.

The second reason to come to the U.S. is for English. I have been studying English for 15 years and I had not had the opportunity to use my my skills. That's why I chose to participate not in a study abroad program but in an internship program.

I really like this workplace because we help each other even between different offices. Also, co-workers are so kind to teach me how to deal with the problems They help me if I can't understand what they are talking about and so on.

I found many cultural differences while I stay in the U.S. Such as clothes at workplace, transportation system, gratuity and so on.

This experience to come to the U.S. not only improved my English skills, but also gave me confidence for everything- including trying to solve the problem which looks hard for me.



Open Class for F1 Visa Students

HDEV-101-2589 Orientation College/ Ed Planning

Instructor: Dr. Amy Herrschaft

Course unit: 1.0 HYBRID

Location: New BSSC Building 221

Time: Friday 9:45 am- 11:50 am

Schedule: 10/25/2024 - 12/13/2024



Available for International Students only. Please Scan the QR code and fill out the form to register for the class.

Important Dates

- Monday, September 2nd : Labor Day Holiday (Campus Closed)**
- Sunday, September 8: Last day to Add with a code (Full Semester)**
- Friday, September 27: Native American Day (Campus Closed)**
- Tuesday, October 1: ISP Field Trip to Marina Del Rey**
- Wednesday, October 2: CSUDH in ISP Office**
- Friday, October 4: OPT Workshop - Virtual**
- Wednesday, October 9: CSULB in ISP Office**

Registration Requirement

As we approach the deadline for adding classes, International Students must fulfill their **Registration Requirement** of 12 units, with 9 units in person or hybrid and up to 3 units may be online.

Lewermark Scholarship Contest

The Make Your Mark Scholarship Contest is **open for applications!** This fall's theme is "What role does food play in the heart of your culture?" The application deadline is **October 31, 2024.**
<https://www.lewermark.com/international-scholarship-fall-2024/>

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