

# International Student Enrollment Increases at SWOSU

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The number of international students attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford continues to rise.

Dr. Randy Beckloff, coordinator of the international student affairs program, said 140 students from 28 countries are currently enrolled at SWOSU.

“Over the past year, there has been a 55% increase of international students that have chosen to attend SWOSU and a 20% increase since the fall semester,” Beckloff said. “In this new global age that we’re in, it’s great to see the diversity on the SWOSU campus.”

The majority of SWOSU international students—59—come from Saudi Arabia. Other countries represented include: Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Canada, China, Croatia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Mali, Nepal, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sultanate of Oman, Sweden, Taiwan, Vietnam and Zambia.

Beckloff said he anticipates the international student population to continue increasing because the students enjoy the campus and because of the strong academic programs that are offered at SWOSU. The university continues to boast 15 nationally-accredited academic programs—the most among Oklahoma’s regional universities.

The economic impact is also very important to SWOSU and western Oklahoma. The increase alone within the past year has resulted in over a \$1 million impact in the area.

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