Global Engagement
Fall 2022 New International Student Survey
Graduate Responses
For undergraduate responses, see: Global Engagement - By the Numbers

Overview & Survey Respondents
Survey opened October 24, 2022
Survey closed November 8, 2022
Response rate: 46% (159 responses from 346 surveyed new undergraduate students)

School/College
- School of Engineering: 66%
- Leavey School of Business: 11%
- Jesuit School of Theology: 6%
- School of Education and Counseling Psychology: 4%
- School of Law: 1%
- College of Arts and Sciences: 13%

First Generation
- No: 58%
- Yes: 2%
- Unsure: 10%
- No response: 10%

Gender
- Male: 52%
- Female: 38%
- Other: 10%

Places of Origin
- India, 53%
- China, 16%
- Philippines, 3%
- Vietnam, Tanzania, South Korea, France, Cameroon, 1%
- United Kingdom, Turkey, Togo, Taiwan, Russia, Nigeria, Germany, El Salvador, Canada, Burundi, Austria, <1%
- No response, 42%

For demographics of SCU’s international student population see the International Student Census in Global Engagement - By the Numbers.
How long have you been in the US?

- 125 responses
- 1-2 years: 8
- 2-3 years: 4
- 4 years or more: 6

Why did you choose to study at Santa Clara University?

- 143 responses
- The geographic location of SCU: 94
- The academic quality of SCU: 81
- To learn more about US culture and people: 38
- A friend or family member attended SCU: 25
- Research opportunities: 22
- SCU was the first school that sent me an I-20/DS-2019: 15

During my time at SCU I want to:

(select all that apply)

- 121 responses
- Join academic and professional development clubs: 101
- Participate in International Education Week: 58
- Join cultural clubs: 57
- Attend SCU athletic events: 52
- Study abroad (outside the US): 7
Living in the US, I am most concerned about... (select all that apply)

141 Responses

- securing a job in the US after graduation (90)
- finding a good balance between school work and free time (70)
- having adequate financial support (63)
- finding on-campus employment (56)
- understanding how to access US medical care (41)
- understanding US medical insurance (40)
- being able to make new friends (38)
- communicating in and understanding American English (31)
- finding satisfactory housing (23)
- securing a job in my home country after graduation (15)
- the conflict between my personal goals and my family’s goals for me (12)
- being discriminated against by Americans (11)
Summary of other concerns:

Securing an internship

ISS response time and appointment availability

Understanding lecturers who speak quickly and not clearly

Finding ways to connect with the local people who live in Santa Clara/experience the culture of the area

Difficulty with commute for 7 AM classes

Understanding details around whether visa allows travel home during summer break

Communication with advisors in the Counseling Psychology department

Electrical Engineering course load feels too heavy
Please indicate your agreement with the following: I know...

- how to use the library: 114 responses
- who my academic advisor is: 107 responses
- how to access the Cowell Health Center: 99 responses
- who to go to if I am experiencing challenges with my academic program: 90 responses
- where I can practice my religion: 69 responses
- how to access the HUB Writing Center: 76 responses

Choose the reasons you have contacted International Students and Scholars: (select all that apply)
121 Responses

- immigration and visa questions: 77 responses
- employment matters: 59 responses
- academic matters: 55 responses
- letters, documents, and signatures: 42 responses
- International Students and Scholars specific activities: 33 responses
- financial aid: 11 responses
- personal/family matters: 7 responses
- tax questions: 5 responses
Summary of other comments/questions:

Challenges with:

- cultural adjustment
- visa processing times
- meeting other students from student’s home country
- finding a campus job that supports academic goals, like research and teaching assistantships

Onboarding process could have been more engaging

The JST community offers a very supportive environment for theological studies, especially for lay international students like me. Thank you for that!

It was a great experience.

All's well, thanks.