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Resources for IEDP International Students

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Penn GSE Organizations – For International Students

Organization	Description	Contact Information
Japanese Student Association (JSA)	Designed to help Japanese students exchange information about issues at GSE, job and career opportunities, and to strengthen friendships between Japanese students.	sachie@gse.upenn.edu (Sachie)
Korean Student Association (KSA)	Established to help students interested in Korea share information related to academia as well as life in Philadelphia and at Penn. They hold regular meetings to discuss current educational issues in Korea and in the States.	jeonheon@gse.upenn.edu (Heon Jeon)
Penn Chinese Educators (PCE)	Student organization within the Graduate School of Education. In order to promote Chinese language and culture, we offer free Chinese language, Business Chinese and Chinese Culture classes to students at UPenn. We also host teacher training program for teachers who serve for PCE and other cultural events open to all students. Currently, we are finding experienced teachers who are interested in teaching Chinese and students who are interested in promoting Chinese culture and language.	weiliu1@gse.upenn.edu (Wei Liu)
UPenn TESOL Taiwanese Student Association (UTTSA)	Provides a forum where students can discuss how to combine TESOL theories with practice, how to improve English skills, and how to manage course work. UTTSA also coordinates networking opportunities with alumni, where current students can learn about their work experiences and the PhD application process.	elva5782@yahoo.com.tw (Yi-Hung Wu (Elva))

<http://www.gse.upenn.edu/students/orgs#International>

Announcements of events for all GSE student organizations can be found on the Student Lounge bulletin board and by email (Inside Penn GSE).

Organizations at Penn – For International Students

Organization	Description	Website / Events / Email
Chinese Students and Scholars Association at Penn	Strives to improve the mutual understanding and friendship among CSSAP members, to protect members' legal rights, to provide members with necessary services, and to contribute to cultural diversity of the Penn community.	Website: http://www.cssap.org/ Events: http://cssap.org/event/ Email: cssapsurvey@yahoo.com
International Student Advisory Board (ISAB)	ISAB is one of the first student boards in the Ivy League community to provide the Director of International Student & Scholar Services and other administrators with advice and guidance to help make the university a more warm, welcoming and respectful environment for international students.	Website: http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss/isab Email: rudiea@upenn.edu (Rodolfo R. Altamirno, Director of ISSS)
Korean Graduate Student Association	<p>Korean Graduate Students Association (KoGSA) was established to promote fellowship among Korean graduate students in various departments.</p> <p>Through social, academic, and cultural events, KoGSA allows students to exchange scholastic and cultural information. Also, KoGSA strives to introduce Korean culture and tradition to the University of Pennsylvania community in collaboration with undergraduate Korean student associations.</p>	Website: http://www.pennkogsa.org Email: haky@seas.upenn.edu
LAGAPSA (Latin American and Latino/a Graduate and Professional Student Assembly)	LAGAPSA, the Latin American and Latino/a Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, works to enhance the quality of life for graduate and professional students of Latin American, Latino and/or Hispanic descent at the University of Pennsylvania. Through programming, services, and advocacy, we aim to act as both lobbyists and the campus-wide political voice of our communities.	Website: http://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/lagapsa/index.htm Events: http://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/lagapsa/events.htm Email: lagapsa@dolphin.upenn.edu

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Peking University Philadelphia Alumni	Alumni from Peking University.	Website: http://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/pupa/ Email: pupa@dolphin.upenn.edu
Penn Asian-American Graduate Student Association	<p>The Penn Asian-American Graduate Student Association (PAAGSA) seeks to improve the academic and social lives of Asian American graduate and professional students at the University of Pennsylvania, and increase their awareness about Asian American issues.</p> <p>Through our various on-campus and off-campus events, we seek to establish connections between Asian American students across the graduate and professional schools, thereby fostering a sense of community among Asian American graduate students.</p>	Website: http://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/paagsa/ Events: http://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/paagsa/events.html Email: paagsa@gmail.com
Rangoli: Indian Association at Penn	<p>Rangoli - Indian Association at Penn is a fully incorporated University of Pennsylvania organization, receiving university funding, and with membership open to any member of the university community. Rangoli is proud to embark upon its 12th year. We at Rangoli have always strived to keep alive the many traditions and cultures from different sects of India here at the University of Pennsylvania.</p>	Website: http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~adhruv/rangoli/ Events: http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~adhruv/rangoli/events.html

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Taiwanese Graduate and Professional Student Association	<p>TGAPSA aims to provide a network and community for not only Taiwanese Penn graduate students, but also those who are interested in Taiwanese affairs. Different from Undergraduates' Penn Taiwanese Society, we attract graduate and professional students university wide. Monthly events and programs are held to foster the cultural enrichment for both TGAPSA members and the greater Penn community. Event examples: Chinese New Year Celebration, basketball tournament, educational workshops, food trips, karaoke, and etc. TGAPSA also strives to hold strong relationships with Penn GAPSA with the goal of promoting unity at Penn</p>	<p>Email: PennTGPSA@gmail.com</p>
Turkish Student Association	<p>Provides a platform for bringing Turkish community in Philadelphia together, for promoting exchange of information, and for introducing Turkish culture and Turkey to the international Penn community.</p>	<p>Website: http://www.linkedin.com/in/upenntsa</p>

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<p>United Minorities Council</p>	<p>The United Minorities Council (UMC) is a 33 year old undergraduate student coalition of Penn's Caribbean/African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Latino, and Native American student organizations. The UMC strives to provide a forum of advocacy, reflection and action on issues of concern to students of color at Penn. The UMC also host two major university activities during the academic year: Unity Week in the Fall and Celebration of Cultures in the Spring.</p> <p>The UMC consists of the following student groups: -Asian Student Union, Bengali Students Association, Black Students League, Caribbean American Student Association, Check One, Chinese Students Association, Club Singapore, Dessalines Haitian Student Association, Grupo Quisqueyano, Hype, Japan Student Association, Korean Student Association, Koreans at Penn, Minority Association of Pre-Health Students, Penn African Students Association, Penn Arab Student Society, Penn NAACP, Penn for Palestine, Penn Philippine Association, Penn Taiwanese Society, Queer People Of Color (QPOC), Sangam, Natives at Penn (Native American), South Asia Society, Vietnamese Student Association</p>	<p>Website: http://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/umc/index.html</p> <p>Events: http://www.dolphin.upenn.edu/umc/events.html</p> <p>Email: unitedminoritiescouncil@gmail.com</p>

Centers / Houses at Penn

Center / House	Description	Website / Events / Email
Graduate Student Center	Penn's Graduate Student Center provides a home base for graduate and professional students. Located in the heart of campus on Locust Walk, the Center hosts a variety of activities including cultural trips, recreational outings, dissertation support workshops, film nights and more.	Website: http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/ Events: http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/orientation/ http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/activities/ Email: center@gsc.upenn.edu
Greenfield Intercultural Center	Greenfield Intercultural Center (GIC) was established in 1984 to serve the needs of Penn's students of color by promoting understanding and interaction between students of all backgrounds. GIC offers an array of programs and services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Programs in Awareness and Cultural Education (PACE), which offers a Spring class designed to strengthen communication and cross-cultural skills. * Alliance And Understanding (A&U), a program for students interested in exploring the history of Black and Jewish communities. * Seeking Common Ground, a program that brings students of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students, as well as allies, together to explore issues of common interest. * Internships/clerkships opportunities for graduate students interested in studying intercultural issues in higher education. 	Website: http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/gic/ Email: gic@dolphin.upenn.edu
International Student and Scholar Services	Provides advice and information for international students including New Student Immigration Document and Visa process, and social and personal adjustments to a new culture, etc.	Website: http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss/ Events: http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss/orientation#events Email: oipadm@pobox.upenn.edu

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La Casa Latina	La Casa's Services are beneficial to educating Latinos about their community, campus and information important to our futures. Students are given the resources to make their Penn experience successful and fun. As part of the educational mission, La Casa houses a resource library, which includes a collection of books, journals, magazines, videos, films and scholarship/internship information. La Casa's Services provide students with the opportunity to access information and network with alumni and community leaders.	<p>Website: http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lacasa/</p> <p>Events: http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lacasa/index.php</p> <p>Email: lacasa@zimbra.upenn.edu</p>
Pan-Asian American Community House	The Pan-Asian American Community House (PAACH) is the University of Pennsylvania's central resource for advising Asian American and Pacific Islander students, student organizations and their activities. As a center with an educational mission, PAACH works with its academic partner, Penn's Asian American Studies Program (ASAM), to provide co-curricular events focusing on Asian American research, culture, history, politics and social issues. As a community center, PAACH develops and implements innovative programs for leadership development and community service in close collaboration with student and community groups. In addition to advocacy for students, PAACH also strives to provide support for Asian American and Pacific Islander alumni/ae, staff, and faculty. The center is open to all members of the University of Pennsylvania and the surrounding community who have an interest in issues relevant to Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Drop by PAACH to browse through the library of ASAM books and videos, learn about leadership initiatives, and chat with our staff about upcoming talks and programs.	<p>Website: http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/paach/</p> <p>Events: http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/paach/</p> <p>Email: paach@lists.upenn.edu</p>
International House (Not part of Penn)	Located in West Philadelphia, the International House coordinates the Philadelphia Festival of World Cinema and other internationally focused events	<p>Website: http://ihousephilly.org/</p> <p>Events: http://ihousephilly.org/category/events/month</p> <p>Email: programs@ihphilly.org</p>

Workshops and Services at Penn

Workshop	Center/Organization	Description	Website / Email
Academics Plus (A+) Workshops	Weingarten Learning Resources Center	The Weingarten Learning Resources Center, comprised of the Office of Learning Resources and Student Disabilities Services, supports and enhances the academic experiences of Penn's undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. At the beginning of each semester, they conduct the Academics Plus (A+) Workshop Series which addresses issues related to making the transition to the American classroom, reading and study skills, writing and exam taking, and managing time and stress.	Website: http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lrc/r/aplus.php Email: lrcmail@pobox.upenn.edu
Academic Writing Coach Service for International Students	Penn GSE	<p>The Graduate School of Education is offering free assistance to international students in all GSE programs who would like support when academic assignments. The writing coaches will be able to assist with such areas as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * interpretation of assignments * structure and organization * clarity of argument and evidence * academic style and tone * identification of grammar, word choice, and mechanical errors <p>Note: Writing coaches are NOT proofreaders or line-by-line editors.</p> <p>They will not correct errors in grammar, spelling, or punctuation.</p> <p>To arrange a 30 minute coaching session, access Canvas at: http://penngse.instructure.com.</p> <p>Be sure to bring assignment instructions and any articles you used in writing your draft to the appointment.</p>	Website: http://penngse.instructure.com

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Language Chats	Graduate Student Center	Practice and improve your language skills as you join other graduate students in conversation!	Website: http://www.gsc.upenn.edu/activities/chats.php#events Email: chats@gsc.upenn.edu
Various Workshops	International Student and Scholar Services	ISSS offers various workshops throughout the year. Please see the calendar for details.	Website: http://www.upenn.edu/oip/iss/calendar Email: oipadm@pobox.upenn.edu
WRIT 011: Global English (Writing Seminar)	Critical Writing Program	Run by the Critical Writing Program, this tutorial service, staffed by well-qualified student and faculty writing specialists, is intended to provide individual writing guidance and feedback. The staff can assist you with the organization of your paper or other problems related to the content of your written work. They are not able to edit or proofread your paper. The service is free of charge.	Website: http://writing.upenn.edu/critical/seminars/choosing_the_right_seminar.php Email: critwrit@writing.upenn.edu

Programs at Penn

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Intercultural Leadership Program (ILP)	International Student and Scholar Services, The Office of Student Affairs, the Greenfield Intercultural Center, Weingarten Learning Resources Center, the Penn Women's Center, and the Graduate Student Center	This program has been designed to foster an intercultural community of leaders who are ready to take on issues they are passionate about, learn more about communities different than their own, and make a lasting impact at Penn and beyond.	Website: http://www.upenn.edu/ojp/iss/ijp Email: kozuma@upenn.edu (Hikaru Kozuma) rudiea@pobox.upenn.edu (Rudie Altamirano)
English Language Programs	English Language Programs	ELP offers daytime and evening courses in conversation skills, writing, grammar, and TOEFL preparation year round and at all levels.	Website: http://www.sas.upenn.edu/elp/ Email: elp@sas.upenn.edu

Handbooks at Penn – For International Students

Handbook	Center/Organization	Description	Website
International Student & Scholar Handbook	ISSS	Campus Basics, Academic Life, University Policies and Procedures, Staying Safe, Healthcare and Medical Insurance, Resources for Families, Exploring Philadelphia and Beyond, Coping with a New Culture, What are Americans Like, Intercultural Topics	Website: http://www.upenn.edu/ojp/iss/handbook