

# International Student Services



## Mission

The mission of UVU's International Student Services (ISS) is to promote international student success, retention, graduation, and life-long learning.

## Student Outcomes

We accomplish our mission by designing engagement opportunities and experiences so that international students will be able to do the following:

- Feel a connection and sense of belonging at UVU and in our ISS space.
- Have a desire to stay and graduate at UVU.
- Have a broad, full, and engaged experience while at UVU.
- Encourage friends and family to attend UVU.
- Gain the credentials, learning, and experience to achieve life goals.

## Key Programs and Services

### *Student Advisement*

- In ISS, we serve UVU's international students from arrival through alumni relations. We also act as the experts on ISS matters for UVU faculty, staff, and the greater Utah Valley community.
- Our main impact on students comes by way of one-on-one advisement on matters such as U.S. immigration, employment, scholarships, academic planning, and social adjustment.
- All ISS personnel are also Designated School Officials (DSO). Thus, we have a dual reporting line to UVU and to the U.S. federal government.

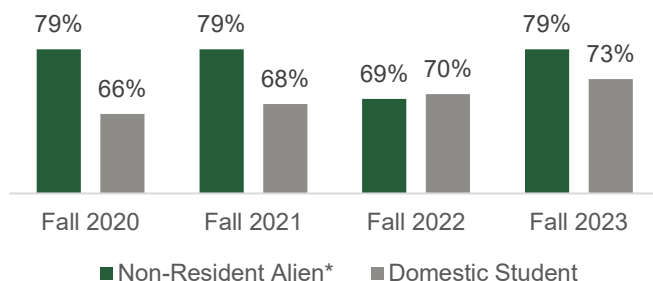
### *International Student Council Mentoring*

- All international students at UVU have been assigned to an International Student Council (ISC) mentoring group. Each mentoring group is headed by two members of the ISC.
- The ISC Mentors are responsible for onboarding new students and mentoring existing students towards graduation. ISC Mentors make weekly contact with their mentees. Also, each group organizes several monthly activities for their mentoring group.

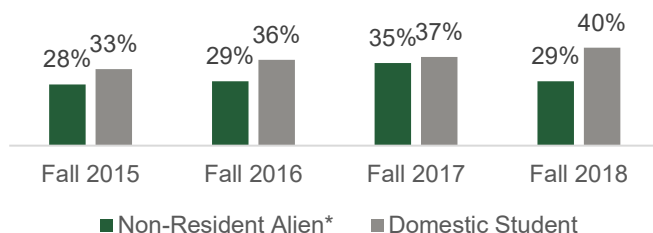
## Key Data

- 450 F-1 international students
- 70 countries represented
- Approximately \$500,000 of non-governmental student financial aid awarded each year
- Over 250 ISC Mentor activities
- Students who attended at least one ISC mentoring activity are 35% more likely to persist

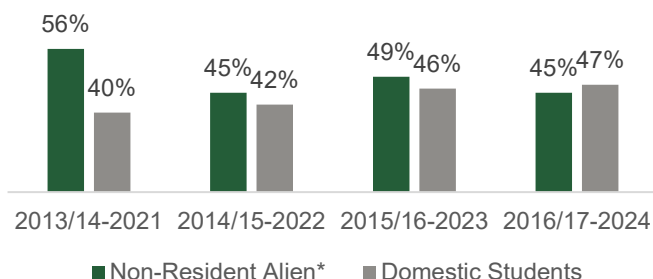
### Fall Cohort Retention Rate



### 6 Year Graduation Rate



### 8 Year Outcome Measure



*\*Non-Resident Alien: IPEDS term for a student who is not a U.S. citizen and is in the U.S. on a visa or temporary basis without the right to remain indefinitely. This may include students not on an F-1 visa.*



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*Outstanding Alumni*

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My journey at UVU has been incredible. I have grown so much, both personally and professionally. From switching majors a few times to finally finding my passion in IT, and now pursuing my MBA, I have always felt supported. The professors, advisors, friends, and especially the International Student Council (ISC), all played a part in helping me feel like I belonged. UVU truly is a place for everyone, no matter where you come from.

Being part of ISC was one of the most meaningful parts of my time at UVU. Every role, from mentor to team lead to president, helped me grow, from learning how to be there for my mentees, to leading a team, to overseeing all the ISC mentors. As an international student, I know how important it is to feel seen and supported. I am proud I got to pay that forward to others. Through ISC, I built lifelong friendships, developed leadership skills, and gained experiences that continue to shape me today.

After graduating with my bachelor's in IT, I jumped right into the MBA Tech Management program. It has been a challenging but exciting journey, and I am grateful every day for the foundation UVU gave me.