

OKANAGAN COLLEGE IS... WELCOMING A GLOBAL VISION



Okanagan College is developing an internationalization plan that will create a diverse, global educational environment with opportunities for international activity for all Okanagan College employees and students.

GROWING NUMBER OF **INTERNATIONAL** STUDENTS

In 2015-16, 743 international students attended Okanagan College in certificate, diploma and degree programs, an increase from 450 in 2005-06.

Including study tours and other programs, Okanagan College hosted a total of 1,156 students in 2015-2016.



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DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

International students came from 44 different countries to Okanagan College. The top countries of origin represented: India, China, Jamaica, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, United Kingdom, Hong Kong, Macau, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

2ND LARGEST

BC hosts the second-largest international student population in Canada. Nearly 39 percent of international K-12 students in Canada were enrolled in BC in 2014.



\$2.6B

In 2013-14, International students represented a \$2.6 billion impact on the economy of British Columbia, contributing to the development of 27,000 jobs. Proportionately, international students in the province's southern interior represent about a \$156 million impact.



EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Okanagan College has educational partnerships with more than 20 post-secondary institutions in 16 countries.



34 PROGRAMS

International students registered in 34 different Okanagan College certificate, diploma, degree and post-baccalaureate programs in January 2017. The biggest cohort (227) is in the Business Administration diploma.



FIRST STUDENTS

The first international students to come to Okanagan College were from Libya: nine arrived in 1987 to take civil engineering technology.



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

Many organizations help support international events for OC students and the larger community, including Chinese New Year celebrations, Diwali, and International Education Week.

COLLABORATION



Okanagan College is working with UBC Okanagan, and School Districts 22, 23 and 67 to collectively promote the region internationally as an education destination.

EQUALITY FOR ALL



In 2010, Okanagan College was among a group of regional organizations that developed a community protocol to respond to racism.

OTHER THINGS WORTH KNOWING:

There is significant interest locally in global issues:

The Okanagan region is home to 345 organizations working internationally or on global issues

An increasingly global sector:

81% of Canadian universities offer collaborative academic programs with international partners, a major increase over the last eight years

Enhancing the learning experience:

72% of Canadian universities engage in initiatives to internationalize the curriculum

Okanagan College is committed to aiding youth to prepare for employment & careers in multi-cultural, multi-ethnic environments

Preparing for the future:

96% of Canadian universities include internationalization as part of their strategic planning