Mission and Purpose Statements, International Programs Office
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

The International Programs Office provides leadership in the development of international initiatives that support the mission and strategic goals of the UMass Dartmouth campus.

The International Programs Office:

Provides leadership in various venues on campus to establish a plan for internationalization of the campus of UMass Dartmouth.

Collaborates with the Colleges and Schools in identifying international program priorities and aligning program options with curricular objectives and learning goals, and assessing student achievement in those areas.

Supports and promotes existing international partnerships and exchanges in the areas of research, teaching, and study overseas in order to advance the educational and research needs of the institution; assists in the development of appropriate new international partnerships and exchanges.

Seeks to identify and works to support interdisciplinary international initiatives that maximize benefits for the largest possible number of students and the university as a whole.

Supports faculty and staff in the development of overseas initiatives that directly link to their discipline and may include faculty-led short-term programs during the January Intersession, summer, or during spring break.

Coordinates the Hessen Exchange program across the five campus system of the University of Massachusetts.

Manages the selection of and agreement oversight for third-party providers made available to UMass Dartmouth students for study abroad.

Advises and supports incoming exchange and outbound study abroad students before, during, and upon return from an overseas program.

Collaborates with various administrators and offices across campus in order to advocate for the needs of both study abroad and exchange students and international engagement of faculty and staff.

Provides opportunities for the UMass Dartmouth community to engage in cross-cultural programming and training throughout the academic year.