What Is International Education Week (IEW)?

The goals of International Education Week are to increase knowledge of the world’s cultures, peoples and languages; to promote exchange programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study in the United States; and to affirm the role that international education and exchange programs play in fostering peace in the world. IEW was launched by President Clinton in 2000 and is a joint initiative of the U.S. Departments of State and Education. Every year since then, the current U.S. President issues a proclamation declaring that International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide.

What Can I Do To Support International Education Week?

- **Host an "Open Classroom" event.** During the week of November 16 - 20, we encourage internationally minded faculty to give a lecture on an international topic or a topic that involves the world's cultures, politics, geography, languages, art, music, film etc. and allow members of the SF State community to sit in and audit that particular lecture.

- **Present an internationally-themed event** (for example, lecture, demonstration, music, dance lesson, fashion show, etc.).

- **Encourage your students to actively participate in International Education Week events** perhaps through "extra credit" initiatives or class projects.

Why Should I Support International Education Week?

- **For you** - The Office of International Education will write a wonderful “thank you” letter to all presenters/event organizers – perfect for enhancing your tenure portfolio.

- **For SF State** - San Francisco State University is committed to promoting internationalism on campus by providing our students, faculty, and staff with international experiences, perspectives, and competencies. The more members of the SF State community who participate in international education forums, the closer we will come to fulfilling the goal of preparing knowledgeable and competent graduates to lead the way in a diverse and changing world.

Who Do I Contact For More Information?

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Please help us make INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK a success!