

The Spring 2013
Teaching and Learning Series
Knowing Our Students: Empowering Success

***Internationalizing the Campus: Understanding the
Cultures of UWSP International Students***

April 5 • DUC - Room 374 • 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Presented by the UWSP ESL Program Staff:

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International students who study at UWSP must meet English proficiency standards for admission to undergraduate study. In addition to language proficiency, they also face tremendous cultural adjustment as they adjust to an American university environment. This presentation will focus on understanding the educational and cultural backgrounds of Chinese and Saudi students, the two largest groups of ESL Program students.

Join the ESL program staff as they answer questions and lead discussion about language and learning. The ESL Program is an academic English language school on the UWSP campus, whose goal is to prepare students for success in postsecondary study by improving language proficiency, teaching effective study skills, and assisting with cultural adjustment. Each year, the ESL Program enrolls more than 100 students from a dozen countries. More than half of these students matriculate to study at UWSP.

Questions to be addressed will include:

- What are the cultural and educational barriers Chinese and Saudi students must overcome for university success?
- What are best practices to encourage participation within the international classroom?
- What campus resources are available for international students who are struggling in a university class? What different learning strategies do they need because they use English as a foreign language?
- How can UWSP improve global education in the classroom by using the background and experience of ESL and international students?

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