Important Dates

**Spring Semester**
- 1/18 - Spring Semester Begins
- 3/11 - Last Day to change to/from Audit or 50% of course
- 3/15 - Deadline to apply for Spring Graduation
- 3/21-25 - Spring Vacation
- 5/9-11 - Final exams
- 5/13 - Commencement Ceremony
- 5/18 - Spring Grades due from Faculty by 5pm

**Summer Semester**
- 4/4 - Summer/Spring online registration begins
- 5/16-8/12 Summer Session
- 6/15 - Tuition Due by 5:00pm, Last day to drop 100% refund
- 7/4 - Independence Day
- 7/15 - Last day to withdraw
- 7/29 End of Term

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**Welcome Back to CSI...!**

The international program office is here to provide support, inspire involvement, and provide you with opportunities and encourage making your semester the best ever. You need to take the lead by deciding the areas that you have an interest in or a passion for and then commit your energy and time towards it. If we can help you achieve those dreams and goals, let us know. We are your partner in this enterprise of obtaining a comprehensive and engaging education!

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**Stop By and Say HELLO!!**

Left to Right: Beauty Chabuka, Samra Culum (Advisor) Murielle Shimba, Millicent Zarate.

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**Did you know...**

In the summer you pay in-state tuition i.e.

**$105/credit**

This is a chance for you to catch up on classes or get a head start. If you are interested, make sure you sign up for classes early!

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**Be our friend...!!**

Join our facebook page at [International Programs of CSI](http://www.facebook.com/InternationalProgramsOfCSI) for current international student news and updates. Our office is located in upstairs in the SUB, Student Activities office room 235
ATHLETICS: GO EAGLES.!!!

Hi my name is Beauty Chabuka and I am an international student from Zambia. I am a Business major. I currently hold the treasure position in the Student Senate and I was a former Senate lesion for Ambassador council. I was also an Ambassador and a Chair for Diversity Council. Being involved in school did not only help me improve on my leadership and communication skills but I also benefitted by forming life long relationships with advisors and other students from different countries.

Hi my name is Barbara Alcantara but most people call me by my nickname Ba. I am from Brazil and I play for the CSI Volleyball as a setter. This is my sophomore year and I like CSI because there is never a dull moment for the students. There are a lot of free activities such as movie and bowling nights. I also like the professors here because they are very understanding with the Athletes and are always willing to help us, especially since we travel a lot for games and tournaments. CSI always wants the athletes to perform well in sports as well as in class. Please come and support our games!

CPT/OPT

What is CPT? Curricular Practical Training
What is OPT? Optional Practical Training

How can I be eligible for CPT? Full time student for one academic year, full-time or part time, requires a job offer, and must be a “integral” part of study. For example; if you are in the Pharmacy program, and plan to transfer to ISU, part of their application is having a certain number hours in a Pharmacy, this is “integral” for their study to continue and would get approved.

How can I be eligible for OPT? Competed all required courses, does not require a job offer, $380 fee, full-time or part-time eligibility. OPT is based on your “degree level” not major. A student can get OPT with an associates, bachelors, masters, and PhD level.

Please see Samra Culum, for more information and forms. 208-732-6223
Many I-20s expire around May! Please check them! If they have expired, please fill out the “Program Extension” form (see international website) and submitted it to Elena Butler!!
Fun interesting facts about College life:
- Freshman 15: it is expected that during your freshman year you will gain 15lbs (6.8kg, 1 stone)
- CSI is a dry campus, this means that no alcoholic beverages and tobacco are not allowed on campus
- The legal drinking age is 21 in the U.S.A. Any violations of this law, you will be prosecuted and potentially face deportation
- Approximately 80% of college students change their major at least once during their college career. In fact on average, college students change their major three times until they are able to settle on a major they really enjoy.
- The most popular websites used by college students is Facebook. It is twice as popular among young women, since women are more interested in social networking during their college years
- Students spend about 10 hours a week socializing and only spend about 8 hours studying.
- Most College students require 9 hours of sleep in order to reach their highest academic performance, however on average college students get about 5-6 hours of sleep per night.