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## FINDING AID TO THE PURDUE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COLLECTION, 1930-2002

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## Descriptive Summary

<b>Creator Information</b>	Legacy collection, creator unknown
<b>Title</b>	Purdue University International Students collection
<b>Collection Identifier</b>	MSP 152
<b>Date Span</b>	1930-2002, predominant 1992-2002
<b>Abstract</b>	Statistical reports, historical brochure, general information pamphlet, newsletters, a 1930 group photograph and 1941-42 listing of international students at Purdue University. Statistics on "ethnic students" - African American, American Indian, Asian American and Hispanic students are included for 1992-1999 reports.
<b>Extent</b>	0.6 cubic feet (2 mss boxes)
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## Administrative Information

<b>Location Information:</b>	ASC
<b>Access Restrictions:</b>	Collection is open for research.
<b>Acquisition Information:</b>	Legacy items; donors various and unknown.
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## **Subjects and Genres**

### **Organizations**

Purdue University  
Purdue University Registrar's Office

### **Topics**

International students  
Purdue University--Students

### **Form and Genre Types**

Bulletin  
Newsletters  
Pamphlet  
Photographs  
Records  
Statistical reports

### **Occupations**

Student  
Registrar

## History of International Students at Purdue University

The year 1887 stands as an important landmark in the history of Purdue University. It was in that year that Mrs. Amelia Weir from Ottawa, Ontario, enrolled as the first student from outside the United States at Purdue University. She came to study wood carving. A year later, two students from Japan and Spain enrolled in the department of Agricultural Chemistry and Mechanical Engineering respectively. The reputation of Purdue University was beginning to spread to all corners of the globe. From this time on the number of students from other lands and the number of countries from which they came increased steadily.

Since the end of World War II, and in accordance with the formal policy promoted by the United States Department of State, there was a tremendous increase in the number of foreign students and the number of countries they represented. By 1951 it was necessary to appoint a full-time staff member as advisor to foreign students. Purdue continues to consistently have one of the largest international student populations among all public United States colleges and universities.

The increase in enrollment over the years was paralleled by the organization of the foreign students on campus. The formation of the Purdue Cosmopolitan Club was reported in the year 1907-1908. In 1916-1917, the Cosmopolitan Club affiliated with the International Corda Fratres, an international brotherhood organization. The Cosmopolitan Club aims at better understanding among foreign students as well as better understanding among foreign students and American students on the Purdue campus.

In keeping with the increased enrollment, the Purdue Cosmopolitan Club was replaced in 1945 by the International Association of Purdue University with a different constitution. However, the aims were the same, "to build an area of understanding among the people of the world here at Purdue, to unite for their mutual benefit intellectually and socially and to promote a spirit of internationalism."

For further information on Purdue University's international student population, see:

<http://www.iss.purdue.edu/ISSOffice/Reports.cfm>

<http://www.iss.purdue.edu/current/univlife/studentorgs.cfm>

Sources:

Master, Karson. *In Recognition Of The World At Purdue's Doorsteps: 1887-1955*.

West Lafayette, Indiana: International Association of Purdue, 1955. Print.

"International Students and Scholars - Purdue University." 2014 Web. 4 Apr. 2014.

<http://www.iss.purdue.edu/>

## Collection Description

### Scope

The Purdue University International Students collection, (1930-2002; 0.6 cubic feet) is comprised of statistical reports of degrees conferred for international students from the Office of the Registrar and other printed material related to international students at Purdue.

The front of each statistical report contains these notes:

“Purdue University system definition: Purdue University has administrative and external reporting responsibilities for the entire Fort Wayne campus (IPFW) and therefore maintains data for both Indiana University and Purdue University students. Information about Indiana University students at IPFW is included in this report. All students at Fort Wayne are included in Purdue University System figures.

Degree data for Purdue University students at Indiana-Purdue University at Indianapolis (IUPUI) are maintained and reported externally by Purdue University. Therefore, Purdue degrees awarded at Indianapolis are included in this report.

Totals for the Purdue University System include West Lafayette, Statewide Technology, Calumet, Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, Purdue Indianapolis and North Central.

Certification and Double Majors: Summary tables of Cooperative Education and Undergraduate Teaching Certificates are included. These certificates are awarded in conjunction with baccalaureate degrees.

Double majors (two majors within one school) are counted as a single major.”

The reports include degrees by school, program, session and gender.

Please note that some of the 1992-1999 reports are for “ethnic students.” The statistics are broken down as follows; degrees by school, program, session and gender for, African America students, American Indian students, Asian American students and Hispanic American students and include a total for all groups.

All of the reports contain a section with historical degrees by degree level dating back to 1975-the year designated in the report.

The last series in the collection contains Purdue Office of International Affairs newsletters, an international student group photograph and listing of Purdue international students, a newspaper clipping, a historical bulletin and a general information pamphlet.

Types of materials include: statistical reports, a photograph, list of international students, newspaper clipping, a historical bulletin, pamphlet and newsletters. The collection is organized into 2 series:

## Arrangement

1. **Statistical Reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - “International” and “Ethnic” Students, 1992-2002 (0.4 cubic feet).** The statistical reports in this series contain information on degrees conferred for international students from the Office of the Registrar. See the scope section, to learn more about the exact contents. The reports include degrees by school, program, session and gender.

Please note that some of the 1992-1999 reports are for “ethnic students.” The statistics are broken down as follows; degrees by school, program, session and gender for, African America students, American Indian students, Asian American students and Hispanic American students and include a total for all groups.

All of the reports contain a section with historical degrees by degree level dating back to 1975-the year designated in the report.

Materials in the series are arranged chronologically.

2. **Historical Bulletin, General Information Pamphlet, Purdue Office of International Affairs Newsletters, Photograph and List of International Students, 1930-1965 (0.2 cubic feet).** This series is comprised of a few legacy collection items pertaining to international students. Included is a historical bulletin for which information in the history section of the finding aid was gleaned. Also included is a black and white photograph of a group of international students, dated 1930; a listing of international students from 1942; a newspaper clipping about 10 Purdue students from India, dated 1946; a general information pamphlet, circa 1959 and 2 *International Reporter* newsletters, published by the Purdue Office of International Affairs, from October 1964 and 1965.

Materials in the series are arranged chronologically.

## Descriptive Rules

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

## Processing Information

All materials have been housed in acid-free folders and acid-free boxes.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

### **Series 1. Statistical Reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - "International" and "Ethnic" Students, 1992-2002**

(0.4 cubic feet)

**Box 1** *Statistical Reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - "International" and "Ethnic" Students, 1992-2002*

#### Folder

1. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - International Students, 1992-1993 (as of June 30, 1993)
2. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - Ethnic Students, 1992-1993 (as of June 30, 1993)
3. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - International Students, 1993-1994 (as of June 30, 1994)
4. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - Ethnic Students, 1993-1994 (as of June 30, 1994)
5. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - International Students, 1994-1995 (as of June 30, 1995)
6. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - Ethnic Students, 1994-1995 (as of June 30, 1995)
7. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - International Students, 1995-1996 (as of June 30, 1996)
8. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - Ethnic Students, 1995-1996 (as of June 30, 1996)
9. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - International Students, 1996-1997 (as of June 30, 1997)
10. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - Ethnic Students, 1996-1997 (as of June 30, 1997)
11. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - Ethnic Students, 1997-1998 (as of June 30, 1998)
12. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - International Students, 1998-1999 (as of June 30, 1999)
13. Statistical reports, Purdue University Office of the Registrar, Degrees Conferred - International Students, 2001-2002 (as of June 30, 2002)

### **Series 2. Historical Bulletin, General Information Pamphlet, Purdue Office of International Affairs Newsletters, Photograph and List of International Students, 1930-1965**

(0.2 cubic feet)

**Box 2** *Historical Bulletin, General Information Pamphlet, Purdue Office of International Affairs Newsletters, Photograph and List of International Students, 1930-1965*

Folder

1. Photograph, black and white, with caption, "Foreign Students Enrolled At Purdue University," (22 different countries are represented by the group) 1930
2. List, "Students from Other Lands," Professor H.M. Baldwin, Adviser, 1941-1942
3. Clipping, "Ten Students from India at Purdue," *Lafayette Journal and Courier*, October 8, 1946
4. Bulletin, "In Recognition Of The World At Purdue's Doorsteps, 1887-1955," published by The International Association of Purdue and compiled and edited by Karson Master, 1955
5. Pamphlet, "General Information on Purdue University for Foreign Students," circa 1959
6. Newsletter, *International Reporter*, Office of International Affairs, Purdue University, October 3, 1964 and October 1965