

# MSU Denver International Student Newsletter

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## Back to Business

Summer break is officially over, folks! Say goodbye to sandy toes and hello to cozy socks because it's back-to-school time! Well, almost. The Fall 2024 semester is quickly approaching. Make sure all your important documents are current. Remember, you need a valid passport, visa, and travel signature to re-enter the U.S. Also, ensure you are registered for 12 credit hours (9:3 ratio). Welcome back to the academic rodeo!

## Did you Know?– Bank Account

Setting up a U.S. bank account as an international student involves gathering necessary documents like passport and visa, choosing a suitable bank such as MSU Denver's credit union, Wells Fargo; visiting the bank in person, selecting the type of account needed, completing the application, depositing funds, setting up online banking, and understanding the account terms. This process helps manage finances efficiently, avoid high conversion fees, and establish a good financial history in the U.S.



[Detailed Explanation](#)



## Semester Support

At MSU Denver, we've got your back! Student support services like academic advising, tutoring, career counseling, and wellness programs are offered year round to help students succeed in their academic journey. These resources are available for all students. We've got the tools to help you conquer your academic dreams and savor every moment on campus! [Read our blogpost to learn more!](#)

[msudenver.edu/welcome/student-success-services/](https://msudenver.edu/welcome/student-success-services/)

## Monthly Motivation

**“When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.”**

– Alexander Graham Bell

## Dates & Reminders

- **Summer Classes End- (3rd)**
- **Back to School Hike- (18th)**
- **Fall 2024 Classes Begin- (19th )**
- **Last Day to Self-Register for Fall 2024- (26th)**

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## Culture Corner: "Small Talk"

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The prevalence of small talk varies significantly based on cultural norms. In high-context cultures, such as those found in many parts of Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, communication often relies heavily on contextual cues, and small talk may not be as pervasive. In these cultures, relationships are typically built through more meaningful interactions and shared experiences over time.

Engaging in small talk can be challenging for some individuals, particularly those who are introverted or come from cultures where small talk is not the norm. It requires a certain level of social comfort and confidence, as well as the ability to think quickly and navigate various topics. For international students, mastering the art of small talk can be highly beneficial. It helps them integrate into new social environments, make friends, and practice language skills in a low-pressure setting.



## Positions Available to You

### Food/Kitchen Lab Assistant- \$20.00 hr

The position in the School of Hospitality food labs entails working with the Food Lab Coordinator and chef instructors. Responsibilities include managing food orders, delivering to classes, and preparing dishes. The part-time role requires 10-30 flexible hours per week between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Multiple students will be hired for various tasks at different times, with preferred availability during breaks, summer semester, and events.

To find this position, go to your student hub, scroll to web services and click "Workday".