

## International Program Office

### ***Mission***

To enhance the internationalization of midshipman education by proactively seeking and facilitating opportunities that contribute to building midshipman knowledge and proficiency regarding strategically important geographic regions and foreign languages as defined by Navy leadership. In carrying out this mission, the International Program Office will serve as the focal point for information and coordination of all international engagements related to the U.S. Naval Academy.

### ***History***

In early 2005, the Navy began outlining the need for improvement in language proficiency, knowledge of different regions of the world, and a better appreciation for other cultures among personnel. In response to this demand, the Naval Academy set up the International Programs Office in September 2005. According to its director; Mr. Tim Disher (USNA '81), the purpose of the International Programs Office is to facilitate and develop opportunities for international experiences for Midshipmen. The office sponsors a variety of programs including semester study abroad, summer language immersion trips, cultural opportunities, and professional training.