Culture, Personal, and Academic Objectives of International Students at Illinois State University

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History

• Beginning of the International Student Program
• International House
  – History
  – Programs
• Marilyn Boyd
  – Program Coordinator of International House
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Methods

• Six Interviews
• Three Observations
Findings: What International Students Hope to Gain By Studying at ISU
Personal Experience

• Many international students at Illinois State University came to the U.S. to better enhance their futures and for family and personal reasons
  – Ela
  – Don
  – Sean
Academic Reasons

• Several of the international student wanted to experience a change in academic environment
  – Ela
  – Don
  – Sue
Culture

- Although many institutions try to help international students adapt, there are still social factors of personal and culture shock
  - Bob
  - Sue
  - Don
  - Sean
Business/Resume

• Many students hope that their degree from Illinois State will help them achieve their goals both in their career and further schooling
  – Don
  – Sean
  – Ela
  – Chuck
  – Sue
Conclusion

• Language barrier/colloquial speech
• Connections
• Experiences and personal perspectives