

A 'home away from home' for international students

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The number of international students is growing at Oakland University, which is already home to more than 20,000 students.

"We have over 400 students from about 62 countries, based on last year," Petra Knoche, the assistant director of the International Students and Scholars Office, said. "We're redoing the statistics by the end of this month because we just got about 80 new students."

Compared to larger-scale universities that have populations of international students in the thousands, Knoche said that the ISSO is proud to offer specialized one-on-one services to students, including immigration counseling and a multitude of programs. On the door hangs a sign saying, "A home away from home."

International students have the option of coming as

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From England to Oakland

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This fall, renowned humanist, atheist and author Richard Dawkins will arrive on campus.

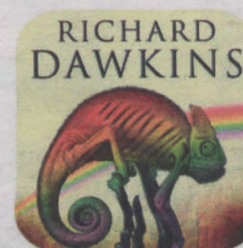
On Oct. 13, Dawkins will begin his visit with a question and answer session exclusively for Oakland University students from 10-12 p.m., hosted by the new student organization Atheists at OU.

According to Todd Shackelford, psychology department chair and Atheists at OU faculty advisor, the significance of the event cannot be understated.

"It's huge, absolutely huge," Shackelford said. "So far, 26 academic units at Oakland have come forward to support the event. People should understand how rare it is that this many departments are behind it. It's really quite astounding, the onslaught of support.

I couldn't be more pleased with the outpouring of support we've seen to have Dawkins here."

Dawkins comes to OU in part to promote his new book, "The Magic of Reality: How We Know What's Really True." A lecture from 1-2:30 pm in the OC banquet rooms, formally hosted by the department of psychology, will feature his recent work. Afterward, students and visitors can attend a book signing.



Courtesy of Richard Dawkins Foundation
OU is one of six stops on Dawkin's book tour.

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