



# UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE DIVISION OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT



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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: DR. JOSÉ LAINES CANEPA

Meet Dr. José Laines Canepa, a professor and researcher at a university in Tabasco, Mexico. When asked about his time in the Intensive English Program, this is what he had to say:

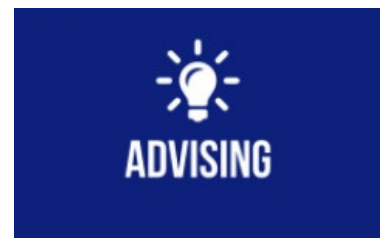
*"When I enrolled in the IEP program, my life was transformed because I found a great institution where I can acquire essential skills in English that will contribute positively in my professional life."*



## OPT AND CPT INFORMATION

Optical Practical Training (OPT) and Curricular Practical Training (CPT) hold great opportunities for our international students. OPT and CPT Advising Sessions are available via Microsoft Teams online appointments. If you are graduating for Fall 2020, the earliest day to apply for OPT is Wednesday, September 9 and the latest day to apply for OPT is Wednesday, January 27. The application process can be lengthy, so it is important to apply early!

To schedule an appointment, [click here](#) or email [globalengagement@louisiana.edu](mailto:globalengagement@louisiana.edu) for any additional questions.



Schedule an immigration advising appointment or meeting through Microsoft Teams.

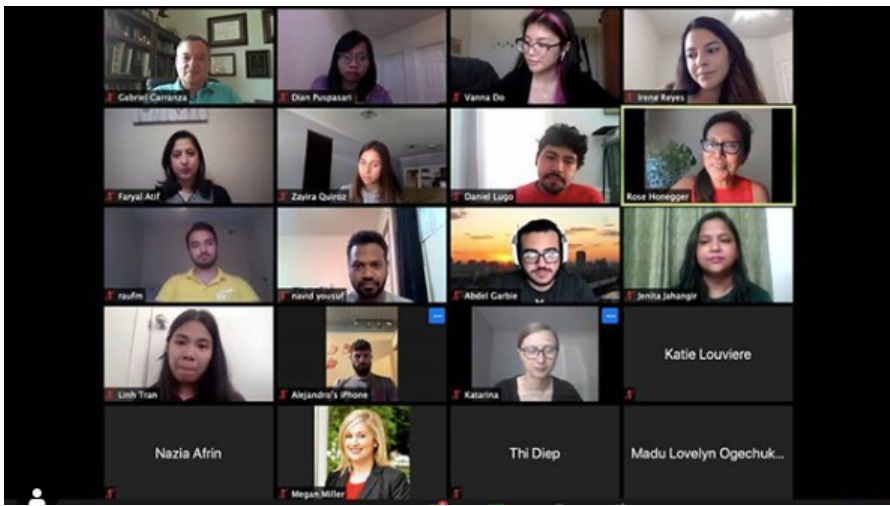


## DIVISION OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OFFICE UPDATE

The Division of Global Engagement has modified some of our operations. While our office remains open, we encourage students to utilize our Virtual Advising Hours, which provide a safe, confidential, and convenient forum for students to obtain assistance.

Schedule a virtual advising appointment by clicking here. Stay safe and have a great semester!





## INTERNATIONAL HOUR RECAP

The Division of Global Engagement hosted its first virtual International Hour of the semester on Friday, August 21st at 11 pm. New students were welcomed to the beginning of their first semester, and members of the International Student Council and other student associations told us about their presence on campus. Students had a chance to meet faculty and staff, as well as, other students despite the physical distance. From over 20 different countries, we are happy to welcome a group of fantastic students into our international family!



## INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM

Know any friends or family back home who want to learn English online? Have them [apply here](#) for admission to the IEP for the Fall II session starting on October 12.

The Intensive English Program is dedicated to providing English language instruction to non-native speakers planning to enter American universities or wanting to improve their skills for professional use. This summer, the IEP held remote sessions during its Summer 2020 program. Currently, the IEP is continuing to offer virtual classes this fall in order to engage students with the coursework and keep them connected to their classmates. Students will develop the skills, fluency, and confidence to communicate effectively in English over an 8-week span.

Online applications, deadlines, and more details are available at [internationalaffairs.louisiana.edu](http://internationalaffairs.louisiana.edu) and down below. For any questions, please contact us via email [iep@louisiana.edu](mailto:iep@louisiana.edu) or by telephone 337-482-6819.

## RECAP OF IEP SPRING & SUMMER SESSIONS

With the shift to remote learning, the Intensive English Program hosted various online events for its students alongside its curriculum. From conversation hours, scavenger hunts, and even a potluck, the program kept students engaged while also having fun.

During the Spring II session, a digital IEP Cookbook was put together. Here is one of the recipes made by student Satomi Wakisaka.

## RICE BALLS



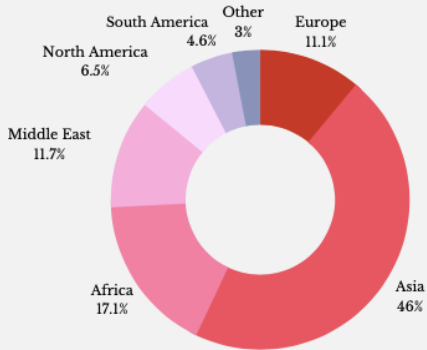
### Ingredients

- 225 grams sushi rice
- 300 milliliters water
- salt
- 1 square dried seaweed
- 70 grams tuna or salmon
- ½ teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon mayonnaise

- 1) Put canned tuna, soy sauce, and mayonnaise into a bowl and mix.
- 2) Put salt on your hand and add some rice.
- 3) Add 1 teaspoon of tuna filling on the rice and mold it together using your hands.
- 4) Make triangle or ball shapes with the rice
- 5) Cut the dried seaweed in rectangles and wrap rice balls.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

With 461 students enrolled, 77 countries are represented in our international student body. Check out the chart below to see where they're from!



## STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

In an age of increased globalization, members of university communities like ours need the experience of living in a different culture.

If you participate in these programs, you might find them life changing—you'll certainly have a wider view of the world in which you live than when you first board the plane that will take you to Costa Rica, England, France or Italy.

We have a sizable number of students who learned so much and enjoyed their time abroad so much that they participated a second time in a different country. You can earn from three to nine credits over the summer and you will find your classes both interesting and challenging. Our courses have been approved both by the appropriate department or director heads and by the UL Lafayette Study Abroad Program Committee and are taught in non-traditional settings.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Patricia Mouillé, Study Abroad Coordinator and Acting Program Director at [studyabroad@louisiana.edu](mailto:studyabroad@louisiana.edu).

# COVID-19 SAFETY AND PREVENTION

Things on campus are going to look a little different this year, but that's okay! Please remember to use all the safety tips we have below to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Avoid large gatherings, social distance when you are able, and wear your mask both on and off campus! If you suspect you may have contracted the virus, there is a code below you can scan and a link that will walk you through any plans you have to miss class:

## 5 THINGS TO KNOW FOR RETURNING TO CAMPUS

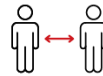
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### MASK UP

Masks are required in all public spaces on campus, including classrooms.

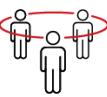
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### KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Avoid crowds and keep at least 6 feet between yourself and others.

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### SOCIALIZE SMARTLY

Limit the circle of friends you visit with to a select few and maintain social distancing while hanging out.

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### CHECK YOURSELF

Learn the symptoms of COVID-19. If you have any, stay home, and call Student Health Services or your personal medical provider.

## 5 WHAT NOW?

If you've been exposed to COVID-19 or have tested positive for it, complete this questionnaire. When submitted, it will initiate a series of steps the University will take to assist you with class absences and care.



Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If you cannot wash your hands, use hand sanitizer.



Avoid crowds or gatherings. Keep a distance of 6 feet between yourself and others.



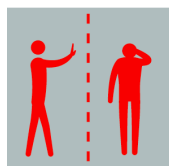
Keep objects and surfaces clean.



Wear a mask or cloth face covering to protect others in public areas.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid contact with sick people.



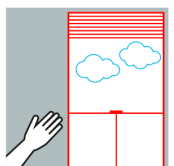
Cover your mouth and nose with tissue or elbow when sneezing.



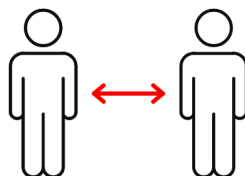
Put tissues in the trash bin and wash hands.



Do not share eating utensils and food.



Increase ventilation, open windows when possible.



# KEEP AT LEAST 6 FEET APART



# STUDENT RESOURCES & IMPORTANT DATES

*Take advantage of these resources our campus provides.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Last Day to Apply for Candidacy (Graduate School) -**  
Friday, September 4th, 2020

**Labor Day Holiday -**  
Monday, September 7th 2020

**OPT Applications Open -**  
Wednesday, September 9th, 2020

**OPT Application Deadline -**  
Wednesday, January 27th, 2021

**Fall 2020 and Priority Spring 2020 Graduation  
Application Deadline -**  
Friday, September 18th

## RESOURCES

**Career Closet** - Located in Room 104 of Agnes Edwards Hall, the Career Closet provides students with free, gently used professional clothing items for interviews and career fairs. Current students can visit the Career Closet during business hours to shop for suits, ties, belts, shoes and other professional items.

**The Writing Center**- Located in Room 108 of Griffin Hall, the Writing Center helps students improve on their writing skills.

**Learning Center**- Located in Lee Hall on the 2nd floor, this center offers free individual or study group tutoring and many other services to help students succeed in their area of study.

**Campus Cupboard**- Hours are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m - 11 a.m and Fridays from 12 p.m - 2 p.m. Students who visit the Campus Cupboard will be asked to present their University IDs. Donations are also accepted during operation hours.

## IEP SESSION DEADLINES

<u>2020 – 2021 Sessions</u>	<u>Deadline for Students outside the U.S.</u>	<u>Deadline for Students inside the U.S.</u>
Fall I 2020 (August 6 – October 2)	June 26, 2020	July 31, 2020
Fall II 2020 (October 8 – December 4)	September 4, 2020	October 5, 2020
Spring I 2021 (January 7 – March 12)	November 20, 2020	December 18, 2020
Spring II 2021 (March 18 – May 21)*	February 12, 2021	March 12, 2021
Summer 2021 (June 3 – July 30)*	May 7, 2021	May 28, 2021

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