The Office of Student Development
In collaboration with students, faculty, staff and families, the Office of Student Development facilitates students’ transformation and enriches their educational experience by embracing their goals, dreams and aspirations. OSD offers opportunities for engagement in educationally purposeful activities, challenges students to develop academically and personally, provides the support necessary for them to do so, and advocates for their needs.

Student Leadership
Student leaders play a vital role in shaping campus life. While our leadership opportunities are diverse, each position carries the common goal of promoting academic excellence and purposeful engagement within and beyond the Woodbury community. Student leaders are able to effect change on campus life.

Student Leader Commitment
When you make a commitment to a campus leadership position, you are making a commitment to serve your fellow students. You will be expected to make the integrity and needs of the campus community a priority in your daily life by conducting yourself with high ethical standards, developing a thorough understanding of campus policies and procedures, and taking your role as a student advocate seriously. You will be provided with tools necessary to do this during Fall & Spring Training and in-services (2 per semester). Participation in each of these opportunities is required.

The Role of the Residential - International Peer Advisor in Our Community
The Residential - International Peer Advisor (R-IPA) program is a resource for all incoming international students living in the university residence halls. The R-IPA program provides guidance to new international students to assist them as they transition into life as a Woodbury University student. Residential International Peer Advisors are students that have already gone through this life-changing situation and are now able to help others. R-IPAs will communicate with residential international students on a regular basis to support their personal and academic success.

Specific Residential - International Peer Advisor Responsibilities
- Meet biweekly with the Coordinator of Residential Communities and the Coordinator of the International Peer Advisor program.
- Communicate with assigned international students weekly.
- Coordinate two meeting per semester with assigned international students.
- Provide guidance to all new international students living in the university’s residential communities.
- Help facilitate SOAR international sessions (8/22/13 and 1/9/14) and other events.
- Facilitate detailed campus tours.
- Be available and accessible to international students by spending a significant amount of time in assigned residence halls.
- Establish contact with every international resident in assigned residence halls on a regular basis.
- Counsel students experiencing personal, social, and/or academic problems.
- Implement a needs assessment to inform program planning.
- Create educational and informational bulletin boards in assigned areas on a regular basis.
- Encourage international students to actively participate in curricular and co-curricular life.
- Create a supportive environment for recognizing and showcasing the individual talents and differences of all residents.
- Implement cultural, educational, social, and recreational programs to enhance the out-of-classroom experience and assist with transition issues. Each R-IPA is expected to implement a minimum of two (2) active programs per month and must actively promote events to international students.

Qualifications
- Maintain a verifiable cumulative and semester GPA of 2.5 or above and be in good standing with the University.
- Completion of 0/1-unit PPDV 222 Leadership in Community Building course with a B or better.
- Cannot hold a concurrent position in the Associated Student Government Executive Board, Greek Council Executive Board, Program Board, SOAR Peer Advisor, or as a Resident Advisor.
- Abide by a confidentiality agreement, maintaining confidentiality and respect of individual students’ rights at all times.
- Must be an international student that has attended Woodbury University for at least one semester.

Rewards for Residential - International Peer Advisor Service
R-IPAs receive a housing fee waiver for an assigned single room chosen at the discretion of the Office of Student Development.