

Phi Beta Delta International Honor Society



red and black of Phi Beta Delta

Columbus State University is a proud member of the Phi Beta Delta international honor society. The CSU chapter is known as [Delta Nu](#).

[Phi Beta Delta](#), founded at California State University, Long Beach in 1986, was established as an organization in 1987 with 38 chartered chapters, many of which had existed for a considerable time previously at the local level. It is the first honor society dedicated to recognizing scholarly achievement in international education. As of December of 2012, 192 chapters have been chartered.

Phi Beta Delta traces its background to the eighteenth-century founding of [Phi Beta Kappa](#). In the nineteenth century, Greek fraternities divided into the social, professional, and academic Greeks. Phi Beta Delta is an academic and professional society, unique because it is resolutely interdisciplinary and international. Its formal organization brought together numerous pre-existing internally-oriented campus groups.

Criteria for Invitation

Students who are international, study abroad, or in the international studies certificate program are invited to join once they meet the criteria.

For International Students

Non-immigrant visa status, plus:

Undergraduate level:

- Junior standing, with 30 Semester Credit Hours earned at Columbus State University, and
- A minimum 3.2 Grade Point Average (GPA, on a four-point system) for the semester hours earned at Columbus State University.

Graduate level:

- Completion of at least 12 graduate Semester Credit Hours at Columbus State University, and
- A minimum 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA, on a four-point system) for the semester hours earned at Columbus State University.

For U.S. students

US citizenship or resident-alien status, with completion of academic studies abroad or comparable international education experience, plus:

Undergraduate level:

- Junior standing, with 30 Semester Credit Hours earned at Columbus State University, and
- A minimum 3.2 Grade Point Average (GPA, on a four-point system) for the semester hours earned at Columbus State University.

Graduate level:

- Completion of at least 12 graduate Semester Credit hours, which shall have been earned at Columbus State University, and
- A minimum 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA, on a four-point system) for the semester hours earned at Columbus State University.

Chapter Goals

- To recognize the scholarly achievement of international students and scholars, who have studied abroad and faculty and staff who are involved in international activities.
- To serve as a vehicle for the development of academic-based international programming.
- To provide a network on each campus of faculty, staff, and students involved in international endeavors.
- To extend this network to thousands of members in chapters throughout the world.

Meaning of the name of the Honor Society

- Phi (*philomatheia*) - love of knowledge
- Beta (*biotremmonia*) - valuing of human life
- Delta (*diapheren*) - achieving excellence

Colors

The colors chosen for the honor society are red and gold. Red symbolizes the strength and diversity of humankind and gold is a symbol for the sun from which all people and cultures draw strength.

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