"I teach courses in maths," says Dr. Mark Gaulter, Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Mark Gaulter, son of Brian Gaulter, a famous United Kingdom math educator, came to the United States in 1994 after graduating from Cambridge University in England to study mathematics at the University of California, Santa Barbara. With his distinct English accent he is happy to discuss the characteristic vectors of unimodular lattices over the integers with his students. This research in number theory is unique in the field of mathematics. The breadth of courses Dr. Gaulter teaches includes calculus to algebra with a specialty graduate course in quadratic forms.

However, Dr. Gaulter holds another position at USF St. Petersburg. He is Coordinator of International Affairs. His office addresses all foreign faculty and student issues, such as immigration laws, the attraction of foreign students to USF St. Petersburg, and helping USF St. Petersburg students participate in international education programs abroad.

Having had similar experiences, Dr. Gaulter empathizes with international students who often have difficulties with the immigration system. International students are often flustered soon after their arrival in the United States. "I needed a social security number to open a bank account, I needed a bank account to get an apartment, and I needed an address to get a social security number," Dr. Gaulter recalls of his arrival.

Mark's hope for the future development of the Office of International Affairs is to increase foreign student growth from the Caribbean, to encourage USF St. Petersburg students to seriously consider study programs abroad and to help international faculty to adjust to life at USF St. Petersburg.

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