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DESTINATIONS

NDSU INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Fall 2009

Study Abroad Fair

NDSU's first fall Study Abroad Fair was held on Tuesday, September 15th with nearly 200 students in attendance! Students were able to visit with representatives from program providers as well as faculty leaders and returned study abroad students. A record number of door prizes were handed out as well as some great gifts for the winners of our first annual Study Abroad Photo Contest. If you missed the fall Fair, be sure to mark your calendars for the spring Fair on **Tuesday, February 9th**.

Photo Contest Winners — Congratulations to the first annual Study Abroad Fair Photo Contest Winners! Photos were submitted by 2008-2009 study abroad students in two categories: People & Culture and Landscape & Monuments. First place in each category received a $25 gift certificate from Scheels All Sports.

Lucas Carlson studied in Germany Spring 2009

Landscape & Monument
Stortorget is located in central Stockholm, commonly known as Old Town. This photograph is from an alley in Stortorget. The landscape in this part of the city is breathtaking. I enjoyed walking in secluded areas and taking in the sights, leaving the hundreds of tourists and noise of vehicles behind. The architecture and colors of the buildings were overwhelming, summoning me to inquire about their history.

Brianna Hewitt studied in India Fall 2008

People & Culture
This photograph was taken in Shravanabelagola, Karnataka, India. Shravanabelagola, located between the hills Chandragiri and Vindhyagiri, is a major Jain pilgrim center. Every day the townspeople climb six hundred steps to the top of Vindhyagri Hill to meditate, pray, and worship the 57-foot tall statue of Bhagwan (Lord) Bahubali Gomateshwara, the largest monolith in the world. This photograph was taken halfway to the top, at six in the morning as I watched the dedication of several towns' women. The clear air and beauty of the city behind the women took my breath away and gave me a sense of peace.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- First Annual Fall Study Abroad Fair
- Photo Contest Winners
- New Faculty-led Programs Offered
- Welcome to Christina — Assistant Director of Study Abroad
- $33,250 in scholarships given away in 2009
- New campus deadline for ISEP
- International Week Dates Announced

Faculty-led Programs

We are excited about the growth of our faculty-led program offerings. In addition to short-term programs that range from one, two, three or four-weeks over winter, spring or summer break, two new semester-long faculty-led options have just been announced!

Uganda Faculty-led Program

- (New!) Spring 2010 Architecture in India (Sign up now!)
- (New!) Fall 2010 Semester in Europe with the College of Business
- Winter/Spring Break: MBA Program to London, Brussels, and Paris
- Summer 2010: Business in China
- Summer 2010: International Animal Production, Disease Surveillance & Public Health in Uganda
- Summer: Service-Learning in Guatemala
- Summer: Experience French culture in Angers, France. Open to both under and grad students
- Summer: European Architecture Tour

Visit our website for further details
www.ndsu.edu/international/studyabroad/

Business Faculty-led Program

The amount of faculty-led programs offered may change every year, with some programs being repeated yearly or every second or third year. Programs will continue to be added throughout the semester, so check back regularly at to find the program right for you!

New Face—New Focus in Study Abroad

Greetings fellow students and staff!

My name is Christina Larson-Dickson. I'm the new Assistant Director of Study Abroad and I'm very excited to join you at here at NDSU! As a native of Moorhead, MN, I've grown up with NDSU as part of my life and have a long line of family who are proud alumni. I've enjoyed watching NDSU and Fargo grow through the years and I am proud to become part of the "impact" that NDSU is making locally and internationally.

When I'm not working or traveling, or thinking about traveling, I enjoy attending concerts, cultural events, sporting events (especially football -go Bison!, soccer and hockey) and do a lot of ice and inline skating as well as participating in local athletic events. I just got married this September, so I've learned the joys and stresses of wedding planning and look forward to returning to some of my favorite activities like camping, hanging out with friends and family, and playing with our American Eskimo dog, Juneau.

As an undergrad, I toured with our symphony around Europe and I studied on a faculty-led program for a semester in Lillehammer, Norway, where we also traveled to four other countries as part of our semester curriculum. I also studied independently at the University of Oslo and explored numerous countries in my travels. I've had unforgettable experiences teaching English in Turkey and volunteering in China, as well as making many new friends along the way.

Developing new programs and helping you find the right opportunity to fit your goals and interests is the best part of what I do. With President Chapman's initiative to become a more "global" institution, I look forward to spreading the *awesomeness* of study abroad and expanding the number of opportunities NDSU has to offer. We have a lot of exciting growth ahead of us!

Stop in and say *hi*! You can email me at Christina.Larson@ndsu.edu.

Study Abroad Scholarships

Make study abroad more affordable by applying for scholarships. Apply for scholarships early as most scholarship deadlines fall during winter break or early spring semester.

Congratulations to the following students who received scholarships to study abroad:

Freeman-Asia & Gilman Scholarships
Kris Proulx $9,000
AIT India Scholarship
Matt Erickson $5,000
Brazil Scholarship - EE & ME Majors
Cody Dienslake $4,500
Brandon Hacker $4,500

Sarah Mayo received the **Critical Language Scholarship** to study Arabic for 8 weeks with all expenses paid.

Viterbo Scholarship - Art majors
Bradley Wehrmth $3,500
NDSU Wold Scholarship
Kayla Swanson $1,000
AIU Scholarship
Amber Barth $1,000
NDSU Scandinavian Scholarship
Ryan Ring $1,000
Peder Larrivee $1,000
Zoe Wergeland $1,000
Jamie Peltier $1,000
NDSU Chile Scholarship
Benjamin Davis $750

Visit our website to get started with your search: www.ndsu.edu/international/studyabroad/finaid

Peer Mentors

Who are peer mentors? They are ***students who have previously participated in a study abroad program*** and who want to take their experience and enthusiasm to the next level.

This is an opportunity to share your excitement about your study abroad experience with other students. Whether you are interested in the career of international education, or just want to spread the word about study abroad, becoming a peer mentor is a also a great addition to your resume!

As a study abroad peer mentor, you have the opportunity to utilize your unique skills while obtaining valuable work experience. Peer mentors can help with: Classroom visits, assisting with advertising and marketing, event planning, staffing information tables, website design, etc.

Contact Tanya if you are interested in becoming a Peer Mentor:

Fall 2010 ISEP Deadline

-January 20th-

Students pay NDSU tuition, fees and room/board while participating on an ISEP exchange.
www.isep.org

International Studies Major

The ISM is a secondary major available to any NDSU student and provides students with the opportunity to internationalize their major. The major consists of five key components:

- Core classes in Anthropology, Political Science, History, Geography
- Elective classes with a significant international focus
- Foreign language proficiency equal to two years college level instruction
- completion of ten weeks international experience
- integrative senior project

An upcoming event will be held by the Director of the ISM, Tom Ambrosio, to discuss the major and answer questions students may have. The event will be held during **International Education Week, November 16-20**. Exact date and time to be announced.

For more information about the major visit www.ndsu.edu/international/ism. You may also find out more information about the major by contacting a study abroad advisor.

Mark your calendars

October

22	World I View-Consequences of a Shrinking World
29	Pre-departure session

November

11	No Classes - Veterans Day
16-20	International Education Week
16	Passport Drive
19	World I View-A Visit to a Sister Institution in Bolivia
26-27	No Classes -Thanksgiving Recess

December

3	Pre-Departure Orientation
11	Last Day of Classes
14-18	Final Examinations

January

4-8	International Student Orientation
11	Classes Begin at 4pm
18	No Classes –Martin Luther King Jr. Day
20	ISEP Application Deadline

February

9	Study Abroad Fair
15	No Classes –President's Day
19	World I View

Ready, Set, Go!

Where Do I Start?

1. Attend a **Study Abroad 101 Session** held every Monday-Thursday at 4pm in MU116 or Wednesdays at 4pm in Barry Hall 300C.
2. Request your current transcript and have it sent to International Programs Office (Memorial Union 116).
3. Research your options and choose a program by using the NDSU Study Abroad website **www.ndsu.edu/International**
4. Call 231-7895 to schedule an appointment with your study abroad advisor to get an application (applications for download also found in the menu on **the main Study Abroad** website under "Applications").
   --If you don't know which application to fill out, please ask your study abroad advisor.

-->General requirements are that you are at least a sophomore (by the time you go abroad) and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

-->General program deadlines are **March 1 and October 1**. ISEP deadlines are **January 20 and August 20** of each calendar year.

--Keep in mind that non-NDSU programs will have their own application deadlines and participation requirements (sometimes GPA must be higher than 2.5, etc).

Photos & Quotes

"Even in Europe, everyone will still ask you if Mount Rushmore is in North Dakota."

Jamie Peltier
Spring 2009
LegoLand, Denmark

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