



# The International Educator

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## **UW-Eau Claire study abroad information for advisers, faculty, and staff**

### **Current Student & Recent Alumni Receive National Scholarships**

Mai Lee, a sociology major, received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study for the 2006-2007 academic year at Thammasat University in Bangkok, Thailand through the ISEP-Direct program. 1007 students applied nationwide for fall 2006 scholarships, and 389 scholarships were awarded.

The Gilman program supports students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad. It is a Congressionally funded program, administered by the Institute of International Education.

Five 2005-2006 graduates, all study abroad alumni, have received scholarships to study or teach English abroad in 2006-2007.

Emily Braun (studied abroad in Germany) and Jessica Schiff (studied abroad in Austria) have both been awarded English Language Teaching Assistantships through the Austrian Ministry of Education. They will teach for 12 hours/week in Austrian secondary schools.

Jenna Cushing-Leubner (studied abroad in Austria, Germany and South Africa) received a Fulbright research and teaching grant in Vienna, Austria, as well as a Language Training Initiative grant to study Turkish, which is critical to her research. "I will research German language competency of Turkish immigrants in Vienna, specifically looking at language retention and length of time living in Austria," said Cushing-Leubner. "I'll focus on first generation adult immigrants and their children."

Amanda Hill (studied abroad in France) will work as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant at the Université de Mons-Hainaut, Belgium. She also will conduct classroom-based research on the effects of introducing language students to different native speaker accents. "Depending on the outcome, I may use alternative teaching approaches upon my return," said Hill, noting that she eventually hopes to find a teaching job in the Chippewa Valley.

Justin Van Ness (studied abroad in Spain) will work as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Madrid, Spain for middle school classes in Spanish history, music, and science. He will also conduct research on Spain's perspective on human rights and its roots in Spanish history, culture and situation in international society.

Amanda, Jenna and Justin are three of the more than 1,200 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad for the 2006-07 academic year through the Fulbright Student Program. Established in 1946, the program operates in more than 150 countries with the aim of building mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the rest of the world. It is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, administered by the Institute of International Education, and is a highly competitive national award.

### **Study Abroad Brochures & Events Calendar**

Welcome back! In the next week we will be sending each of you a fall events calendar and our general study abroad brochure. The general brochure has information on all of our programs. Individual program brochures are also available.

If you would like to receive any additional information, please email:

[studyabroad@uwec.edu](mailto:studyabroad@uwec.edu)

### **Study in Scotland**

UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, and UW-Stout are all working with the University of Aberdeen, the University of Glasgow, and the University of Stirling to create the Study in Scotland consortium that provides three new study abroad options for students from all participating institutions.

Students can choose the university that best meets their academic needs. They will enroll in regular university classes and live in university residence halls. Semester and year-long options are available. More information is available in the individual brochure and on our website.



## UW-Eau Claire's Study Abroad Program Ranked by US News & World Report

U.S. News and World Report has published a list of schools that have "outstanding examples of academic programs that are believed to lead to student success" for the past four years.

UW-Eau Claire was ranked in their 2006 report of America's Best Colleges 2006 for our study abroad programs. The University of Wisconsin-Madison was the only other public school from Wisconsin included in the study abroad ranking.

Other programs offered at UW-Eau Claire were also in the rankings including Undergraduate Research/Creative Projects and Service Learning.

*"Five months abroad living with a host family, taking classes taught by Spanish professors, and traveling the country have been a tremendous and enriching opportunity to improve my acquisition of the Spanish language and to begin to truly understand the dynamic character and complexity of the Spanish culture."*

**-Jennifer Mikolajczyk,  
Spanish & Physical  
Geography major**

## International Classroom Speakers

Each semester past participants of study abroad programs become part of our International Classroom (IC) speaker program. During a two hour training, speakers prepare a 10 minute presentation about study abroad.

International Classroom Speakers talk about the program they were on, as well as study abroad in general.

We would be happy to help arrange a speaker to come to your class. The IC speakers are also available to talk to campus organizations or to residence hall wing meetings.

IC speakers generally contact faculty directly to request speaking times, but if you would like us to help facilitate the process and would be interested in having an IC speaker come to your classroom, you can also email: [studyabroad@uwec.edu](mailto:studyabroad@uwec.edu).



**Summer 2005  
Thailand group at  
a Hmong village.**

-Photo courtesy of  
Mai Lee.

## Study Abroad Fair

Our Study Abroad Fair is held each fall. The fair is a great way for students (and faculty) to learn more about the programs we offer.

The Fair is set up with tables in the Council Fire Room, Davies Center. Each table represents one of our sites. Past participants, and often faculty who have participated on programs, are at the tables to answer ques-

tions and share pictures.

We will have **international partners** at this year's Fair from Lismore & Perth/Australia, Costa Rica, Global Student Teaching, Harlaxton/England, ISEP-Direct, Study in Scotland, Valladolid/Spain, and Thailand.

And it pays for students to attend: we will be **raffling application fee waivers**

every 15 minutes.

This year the **Fair will be on Thursday, October 12 from 3-5:30pm in the Council Fire Room, Davies Center.**

We encourage you and your students to attend!