



The International Educator

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

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Service Learning Abroad

Students are able to complete their Service Learning while abroad on any of our study abroad programs. Three programs, San José/Costa Rica; Wittenberg/Germany; Pietermaritzburg/South Africa have Service Learning as part of the actual program. Last year 70 UW-Eau Claire students completed all or part of their Service Learning requirement while studying abroad.

Any student abroad is able to complete their Service Learning Requirement at their host site, although the student must take the initiative in finding a placement. Many of our locations and programs offer students unique opportunities to volunteer in places they couldn't here, giving them more chances to use a second language, and getting more involved in their host community. This spring several students in Lismore, Australia will be volunteering at a koala hospital. In Spain students can volunteer at food kitchens, with children at local hospitals, or with the elderly.

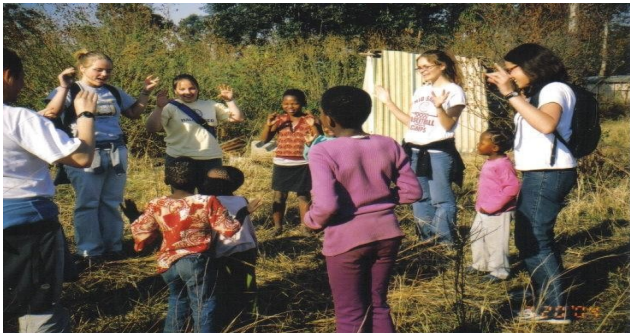
As on campus, students abroad are able to fill out the required paperwork on-line. The students abroad work with project supervisors in their host countries and with a faculty/staff mentor (this can be from UW-Eau Claire or the host country) to organize, and complete the project.

What would you like to know?

The Study Abroad Staff hopes that you find The International Educator informative and helpful.

We'd like to provide information that's useful to all of you. Is there something we haven't covered that you'd like to know more about? Or would you like us to go more in-depth on specific topics? Please let us know your thoughts/comments at studyabroad@uwec.edu.

Past issues of International Educator can be found on our website at <http://www.uwec.edu/CIE/sac/Archive/index.htm>



UW-Eau Claire students who studied in South Africa during summer 2005 volunteering with South African children.

Photo courtesy of Sally Webb.

Faculty Teaching & Research Abroad Opportunities

You will soon be receiving the call for applicants for one of the international opportunities regularly made available to UW-Eau Claire faculty and academic staff. Applications will be due March 1, 2005.

Regular opportunities are available in China, Japan, Latvia, and the United Kingdom. There are also possibilities in other countries where we have agreements. More information on each opportunity will be included in the mailing.

Did you Know?

Over 70% of the public believes students should have an international experience during college or university education.

"Internationalization of US Higher Education," ACE 2000



New Program in South Korea

This summer the first group of UW-Eau Claire students will attend the Ajou University International Summer School in Suwon City, South Korea. The focus of this program is Korean/Asian studies and international business.

There are four business courses offered each summer. They include: Business and Management in Korea; Understanding Korean Economics; International Business; and International Management.

Students can also choose from Social Sciences or Humanities courses. The courses they can choose from include: Reality & Issues in Korean Contemporary Society; International Relations in Contemporary East Asia; Korean Culture; and Modern Korean History.

Students can take beginning or intermediate Korean language.

All students also participate in a Korean Culture Workshop where they will experience Korean culture by visiting historical sites - a traditional Korean folk village, the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea - and by participating in Korean arts - calligraphy, pottery, music, and taekwondo.

More information can be found on our website: <http://www.uwec.edu/CIE/sac/program/suwon.htm>

Fall/Summer 2005 Update

We have accepted 97 students for 15 fall or academic year programs, and 98 students for 7 summer programs.

Spring Study Abroad Application Deadlines

We begin accepting applications on January 17, 2005 for **spring semester programs**. The application deadlines are:

March 1 for:

Lismore/Australia & Dalkeith/Scotland (semester)

April 1 for:

Perth/Australia; Graz/Austria; Santiago/Chile; San Jose/Costa Rica; Sønderborg/Denmark; Harlaxton, Lancaster, London/England; Caen/France; Wittenberg/Germany; Limerick/Ireland; Kansai Gaidai/Japan; ITESM/Mexico; Valladolid/Spain; & Växjö/Sweden.

"It was an experience I will never forget. I learned so much in class and during field trips. The hands-on field trips allowed me to actually experience how other ethnic groups in Thailand live differently from life in the U.S. I learned the roots of the Hmong, which gave me a better understanding of how and where my ancestors came from. I did so much in such a short amount of time. I appreciate not just my own culture but also the Thai culture." -**Mao Xiong, Psychology Major**

Seniors Studying Abroad

A common question we hear in the CIE is, "Can I study abroad my last semester at UW-Eau Claire?" The answer is YES!

UW-Eau Claire study abroad programs grant resident credit for courses students take abroad. The credits are figured into students' GPAs and count towards the residency requirement for graduation.

Each year UW-Eau Claire has a number of seniors who go abroad, and graduate upon return.