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2006: The Year of Study Abroad

On November 10, 2005 the United States Senate unanimously passed a resolution designating 2006 as the "Year of Study Abroad". The resolution was introduced by Senator Richard Durbin (D-Ill.) and Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.), and encourages initiatives to promote and expand study abroad opportunities. Co-sponsors of the resolution were Senator Larry Craig (R-Idaho), Senator Norm Coleman (R-Minn.), Senator Russ Feingold (D-Wisc.), Senator Daniel Akaka (D-Hawaii) and Senator Thad Cochran (R-Miss.).

The resolution encourages secondary schools, higher education institutions, businesses, and government programs to promote and expand study abroad opportunities. It also encourages Americans to support initiatives to promote and expand study abroad opportunities and observe the Year of Study Abroad with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities.

What can you do to help support the Year of Study Abroad?

- Have an International Classroom Speaker come to your classes next fall
- Encourage your students to attend the Study Abroad Fair in October
- Talk with your advisees about studying abroad/when the best time would be
- Write your senators and encourage them to support the Abraham Lincoln Commission on Study Abroad which could provide many more study abroad scholarships nationally
- Encourage alumni to donate to the UW-Eau Claire Study Abroad Scholarship fund through the Foundation, Account 1657
- Contact the CIE (studyabroad@uwec.edu) to find out more about program offerings.

Spring 2007 Program Update

We were able to accept 254 students to study abroad on 17 programs during spring 2007.

Of those students, 142 are freshman, 67 are sophomores, 27 are juniors, and 18 are seniors.

We have also accepted the first students to participate on the ISEP-Fiji, ISEP-Uruguay, and the Global Student Teaching programs. (See back for more on Global Student Teaching.)

Advising Your Students on Fulbright Scholarships

The Fulbright US Student Program offers approximately 1000 grants in 140 countries. 22 countries also offer English teaching assistantships. For country specific information visit this website: <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/home.html>. Full grants provide round-trip transportation, a room and board stipend, a research allowance, insurance, and tuition waivers, if applicable. The 2007-2008 Fulbright competitions open on May 1.

UW-Eau Claire has had the most successful Fulbright applications of any UW Master's-level institution (6 awards since 2000-2001), but relatively few UW-Eau Claire students apply. This past year, 10 students applied, and 3 have advanced to the final stage of the competition. We would love to see similar numbers next year. Please encourage your advisees with outstanding academic records and/or demonstrated research interests.

Faculty advisers can play a crucial role in guiding their students through the Fulbright application process. Dr. Jeff Vahlbusch, a member of the campus Fulbright Committee, has written a memo explaining what roles faculty members can play in process. You can access the memo on our website at <http://www.uwec.edu/CIE/tra/index.htm>. If you have additional questions, contact Cheryl Lochner-Wright at lochnecb@uwec.edu.



Annie McHugh, a world politics major who studied at Ajou University in South Korea, at a Buddhist temple in Seorak-san National Park.

Save the date!

The 2006 study abroad fair date has been set for Thursday, October 12 from 3-5:30pm.

There will be opportunities to meet with representatives from our partner institutions, as well as chances to talk with returned students.



Program Profile: Global Student Teaching

Student teachers in many disciplines now have the opportunity to do part of their student teaching abroad. Global Student Teaching (GST) is based out of the University of Minnesota-Morris. Students will complete 8 weeks of student teaching in Wisconsin and then can choose from 42 countries around the world in which to complete their 10 week placement abroad. Historically, GST has placed the most students in Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Spain, Cameroon, Czech Republic, and Costa Rica.

Students list three countries where they would like to student teach. GST makes the final placement based on the proposed teaching area, required grade level, and the academic calendars of the host countries.

The first group of UW-Eau Claire students will participate on the GST program during spring 2007. Two students are elementary education majors, the other six are secondary education majors with the following emphases: English (2), history (2), math, and social studies.

Their first choice country placements were: Australia, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Ireland, Greece, and, Thailand (2).

Student Profile: Danielle Dewald Perth, Australia

Danielle Dewald, a marketing major who is also getting a Leadership Certificate and will graduate in 4 years, studied abroad in Perth, Australia during spring 2005. She chose Perth because she wanted to live in a bigger city and had heard Murdoch University was a good choice for business majors.



Danielle took the equivalent of Principles of Marketing, an aboriginal music course, and a women's studies course. Danielle said, "Murdoch had a great business program. I wish I would have taken even more business courses while there. In Australia they don't take generals like we do, so courses are taught at a higher level. I did the best in my business course because that is my field."

She thought her housing was integral to the experience. Most students live in a dormitory called "Student Village". Danielle said, "I had 2 roommates from Australia and others from around the world. I was able to meet so many people from all over the globe, and that just added to my experience."

When thinking of her future she thinks studying abroad will only help in the business world, since it is important to learn about other cultures and how they work. Danielle also explained that studying abroad has really "spiked an interest in international business in general". She feels that she has become more open-minded and has learned to adapt to different situations by studying abroad. Danielle also has gained confidence and has become more

"My time in South Africa was absolutely priceless. I have had the opportunity to re-examine my priorities and look at what is truly important in life through our work in the Service Learning class. I know I will carry these lessons with me always and I am truly grateful for that."

—Kelly Anderson, Political Science major