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New Semester Programs Update

Students will have even more options to study abroad for the 2006-2007 school year.

One new program is a fall semester option in **Guanacaste/Costa Rica and Granada/Nicaragua**. This unique Latin American studies program focuses on the contrasts between urban and rural societies in Latin America. Students will take two Spanish classes at an appropriate level (beginning to advanced) and two Latin American studies courses in English. Field trips and a service-learning project are included in the program. Students will live with host families.

UW-Eau Claire is now a member of the ISEP-Direct network, giving independent, motivated students access to universities in 19 countries, including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Fiji, Ghana, Italy, Japan, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, the United Kingdom and Uruguay. Semester and academic year options are available; some universities have language pre-requisites.



Brittany Allen, a Nursing major, currently in Perth, Australia.

Brittany participated on the Northwest Trip through Murdoch University that takes students into the Australian Outback.

Fulbright Information for Students

Which of the many bright and talented students on this campus will be UW-Eau Claire's next Fulbright Scholar? With your encouragement, it could be someone from your department.

The Fulbright US Student Program offers approximately 1000 grants in 140 countries. Sixteen countries also offer English teaching assistantships. See the US Student Fulbright section at www.iie.org for country specific information. Full grants provide round-trip transportation, a room and board stipend, a research allowance, insurance, and tuition waivers, if applicable.

UW-Eau Claire students have been successful in the nationwide Fulbright competition, but we would like to see more UW-Eau Claire students apply. Students graduating in December 2005 or May 2006 are encouraged to put in a study proposal with a research component for the 2006-2007 competition. Your students can learn more about the Fulbright program and get tips on writing a competitive application, by attending the **Fulbright Information Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, at 4pm in Library 2023C.**

Spring 2006 Program Update

We were able to accept 273 students to study abroad on 16 programs for spring 2006.

Of those students, 155 are freshman, 89 are sophomores, 24 are juniors, and 5 are seniors.

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"From touring an old KGB prison to listening to my host mother's first-hand account of Soviet occupation, the print of a history textbook became a reality."
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-Mychal Bruggemann, History Major, who participated on the Latvia program.
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Save the date!

The 2005 study abroad fair date has been set for Thursday, October 6 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.



Costa Rican Partners Honored at Service Learning Breakfast

Marielos Flahive-Calvo and María Hernandez, the directors of UW-Eau Claire's study abroad program in Costa Rica, received an "Excellence in Service-Learning as a Community Partner" award at the annual Service Learning recognition breakfast.

Marielos and María incorporate a two-week service learning project in the semester program in Costa Rica. During the past three years the project has been renovating different rural schools. The UW-Eau Claire students have built fences, doors, created community gardens, updated playground equipment and painted murals and school buildings, among other projects.

The new program in Costa Rica/Nicaragua will also feature a service-learning component. For their first project, UW-Eau Claire students will help build houses for single mothers in Nicaragua through the Nicaraguan equivalent of Habitat for Humanity.

Marielos and María were both honored when they heard about receiving the award. They said it was something they love to do and will share the award with their whole staff.

Two More Advising Sheets Completed

In April we were able to complete the Economics and Management/Marketing advising sheets. Thanks to both departments for their help in the process! You can see the sheets on our website at:

<http://www.uwec.edu/CIE/sac/program/advisingsheets.htm>

We are currently working on other advising sheets, and if your department would like to be involved, or would like to see a sample, contact the CIE at studyabroad@uwec.edu.

Rebecca Peterson, an Accounting major, Elizabeth Browning, a Spanish Liberal Arts major, and Jill Van Berkel, a Business Administration major all are studying in Valladolid, Spain.

The program includes five field trips. In this picture they are in Segovia.



"My experience in London has been great! I believe that I will be able to use this experience in my future classroom. I believe that this will only benefit my students as I will be able to combine techniques and topics from both London and Wisconsin."-Katherine Mors, History & Spanish Education Major

Non-UW-Eau Claire Study Abroad Programs

Students sometimes come into the CIE looking for information on study abroad programs run by other universities. Each year a handful of independent, self-motivated students do arrange experiences abroad through other institutions, but they need to be prepared to do some careful research and to work directly with the organization that offers the program. The CIE makes available to students two publications to assist them with that research: IIE's Academic Year Abroad & IIE's Short-Term Study Abroad. We also have a handout that lists the major on-line study abroad search engines, such as www.studyabroad.com. However, the only programs that we advise on are official UW-Eau Claire study abroad programs--those programs that have been approved by the Academic Policies Committee to grant resident credit and that we actually administer through our office.