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

UW-Eau Claire Ranks 2nd in Nation for Length of Study Abroad

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire ranks No. 2 nationally among master's level institutions sending students to study abroad for at least a semester, according to the newest Open Doors Report from the Institute for International Education.

"We're excited because this ranking reflects our commitment to semester-long study abroad programs," said Karl Markgraf, director of the Center for International Education. Unlike some universities, a majority of UW-Eau Claire's study abroad programs involve students studying in a country for a period of months rather than weeks, Markgraf said.

"We're committed to providing programs that allow students to live in countries long enough to learn about the country and culture," Markgraf said. "We try to avoid the two-week trips that more closely resemble tourism. Tourism is fine but should not be confused with study abroad."

Research indicates that shorter programs sometimes perpetuate stereotypes because students don't have enough time to decode the culture and understand it, Markgraf said, adding that UW-Eau Claire's commitment to longer programs dates back more than 20 years.

"With some programs, students get a stamp in their passport but they don't get an understanding of a place or its people," Markgraf said. "We try to integrate students into the local culture so they leave with a much better understanding of it. We try to include in our programs foreign language, host families and service-learning projects, all of which add to the experience."

-Article courtesy of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire News Bureau

Welcome Back

Welcome back to campus for another exciting year!

Study abroad participation is increasing steadily each year, and we hope to see continued growth. Your support will play a significant role in helping more students learn about the study abroad opportunities available at UW-Eau Claire.

We look forward to working with you this year.

Communication & Journalism Advising Sheet Completed

In August we were able to complete the Communication & Journalism advising sheet. Thanks to the department for their help in the process and for letting us come to a department meeting! You can see the sheet 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.

General Study Abroad Brochures

In the next week we will be sending each of you our general study abroad brochure with 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.



Sarah Schuh, a UW-Eau Claire Political Science major, studied at Växjö University in Sweden in fall 2003. She is the 2nd from the right in the front row. Sarah participated on a "moose safari" with other international students.



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.

“My experience in Caen was life-changing, unbelievable, the hardest and most rewarding thing I have ever done, irreplaceable, and I wouldn’t have picked a different place to study.” -Katherine Bice, Advertising major & French minor who participated on the spring 05 program in Caen, France.

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. This year’s theme is “The World is Waiting.”

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 partici-

pated on programs, are at the tables to answer questions and share pictures.

We will have **international visitors** at this year’s Fair from Lismore & Perth/Australia, Costa Rica, Harlaxton/England, & Valladolid/Spain.

This year we will be **raffling application fee waivers** every 15 minutes.

There will also be a **table for faculty/staff** to learn of ways to teach or do research abroad.

This year the **Fair will be on Thursday, October 6 from 3-5:30pm in the Council Fire Room, Davies Center.**

We encourage you and your students to attend!

Study Abroad Information

Sessions

At the beginning of fall semester we hold Study Abroad Information Sessions for students to learn about the whole Study Abroad process. Please refer interested students to these upcoming sessions which are all held in the Badger Room at 4pm:

September 13

September 21

September 27

Study Abroad Application

Deadlines

We begin accepting applications on September 6, 2005 for 2006-2007 **fall, summer, and yearlong programs**. The application deadlines are:

November 1 for: Winchester/England; Dalkeith/Scotland (summer).

November 15 for: Lismore/Australia; Perth/Australia; Graz/Austria; Central European Travel Seminar; Santiago/Chile; Costa Rica/Nicaragua; Costa Rica-Nursing; Sønderborg/Denmark; Harlaxton, Lancaster, London/England; ISU-Hessen & Hessen/Germany; Limerick/Ireland; ISEP; Kansai Gaidai/Japan; Daugavpils & Riga/Latvia; Cuernavaca & I T E S M / M e x i c o ; Dalkeith/Scotland (Semester); SPED in Scotland; Växjö/Sweden; Pietermaritzburg/South Africa; Suwon City/South Korea; Chiang Mai/Thailand.

Study Abroad Spotlights

Another way students learn about the programs we offer at UW-Eau Claire is at the Study Abroad Spotlights.

We hold Spotlights to highlight specific programs. The spotlights are panel discussion, and provide more in-depth information.

This fall’s schedule is:

Tuesday, **Oct. 18 at 5pm**
Australia/Asia in the Wisconsin Room.

IN ARROWHEAD ROOM:
Wednesday **Oct. 19 at 5pm**
UK/Ireland.

Thursday, **Oct. 20 at 5pm**
Summer programs: Central Europe Travel Seminar, ISU-

Hessen, Dalkeith, & Latvia.
Tuesday, **Oct. 25 at 4pm**
Denmark/France/Germany/Latvia/Sweden.

Wednesday, **Oct. 26 at 4pm**
Spanish speaking countries.

Thursday, **Oct. 27 at 4pm**
Summer Programs: Costa Rica Nursing/Cuernavaca/South Africa/South Korea/Thailand.