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

UW-Eau Claire Ranked 10th Nationally for Numbers of Students Studying Abroad

The latest Open Doors Report was released in November, and UW-Eau Claire ranked 10th nationally among master's level institutions for total number of students studying abroad. The report is based on 2003-2004 statistics. UW-Eau Claire also sent more students abroad that year than any other master's granting Wisconsin university.

2003-2004 was the first year that we sent students to our programs in Perth/Australia, Hessen/Germany, Pietermaritzburg/South Africa, and Chiang Mai/Thailand.

According to Open Doors, the numbers of students studying abroad has more than doubled nationwide over the past decade. UW-Eau Claire has done better yet: from 165 students in 1993-1994 to 452 students ten years later.

UW-Eau Claire continues to far outpace the national average in duration of study abroad. According to Open Doors only 38% of students studying abroad nationwide studied for a semester or more, while 74% of UW-Eau Claire study abroad participants studied abroad for that length of time.

The Open Doors report is published annually by the Institute for International Education.

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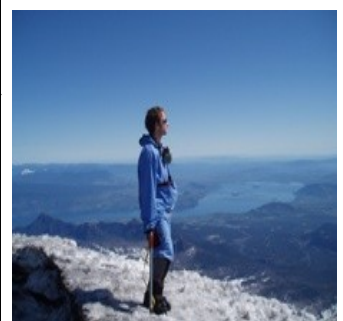
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Promote your International Events/Classes

Did you know that the CIE sends an e-newsletter, "Global Outlook" to returned study abroad students each month of the semester? This newsletter reaches just over 700 people, and in it we highlight events and courses on campus that may be of interest to returned study abroad students.

If you have an event or course you would like publicized in Global Outlook, please email Cheryl Lochner-Wright by the 15th of the month.



Siegfried Spelter, a History & Spanish major & American Indian Studies minor, studied abroad in Santiago, Chile during fall 2005.



New Programs Well Received

The Costa Rica-Nursing program will run for the first time in summer 2006. The program focuses on Medical Spanish and the Costa Rican Medical System. We had a great group of applicants, and 17 students plan to participate next summer.

We have one student accepted for the ISEP-Thailand program. This student previously studied abroad on the Chiang Mai, Thailand summer program and decided she wants to learn more about Thai culture.

The fall program in Costa Rica/Nicaragua had 13 applicants. This program will focus on rural and urban culture in both Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Students will take two courses in English and two in Spanish. A two-week Service Learning project is also part of the program.

Other programs that have only been in existence for a few years have also seen an increase in numbers. Our Thailand program has 18 students accepted for summer 2006. We have accepted 20 students for the summer program in South Africa and 14 for the Central European Travel Seminar. Five students were accepted for the new fall semester option in Perth/Australia.

Summer/Fall/Academic Year Programs Update

During the fall semester we are often able to extend the application deadlines for programs that do not have space limits. We have extended the deadline to January 17, 2005 for the following summer, fall, or academic year programs:

- Lismore, Australia
- Perth, Australia
- Graz, Austria
- Central European Travel Seminar

- Santiago, Chile
- Costa Rica/Nicaragua
- Costa Rica-Nursing
- Harlaxton, England
- Lancaster, England
- Limerick, Ireland
- Riga, Latvia
- Cuernavaca, Mexico (intensive track only)
- ITESM, Mexico
- Dalkeith, Scotland (fall)
- Durban, South Africa
- Suwon City, South Korea

- Växjö, Sweden
- Chiang Mai, Thailand

Please encourage your advisees or students in your classes to apply.

They can get more information on all the programs on the web: www.uwec.edu/cie, or in our office, Schofield III.

"It was an experience I will never forget. I learned so much in class and during field visits. The hands-on visits 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, summer 2004 Thailand participant

Bumper Crop of Fulbright Applicants

The Campus Fulbright Committee received ten applications for 2006-2007 Fulbright scholarships to support study or English teaching abroad. Countries applied to include Austria, Belgium/Luxembourg, Chile, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, and Uruguay. Awards will be announced in the spring.

The Fulbright US Student Program offers more than 1000 grants in 140 countries. Full grants provide round-trip transportation, a room and board stipend, a research allowance, insurance, and tuition waivers, if applicable. Eligibility requirements vary by country; graduating seniors are eligible for most awards.

Faculty advisers are a critical part of a successful Fulbright application. Students need to begin the application several months prior to the October 1 campus deadline, and the best applications build directly on a student's undergraduate work. If you would like more information on the Fulbright application process for your students, please contact Cheryl Lochner-Wright (lochnecb@uwec.edu).