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

## UW-Eau Claire Selected to be part of SAGE Research Project

UW-Eau Claire has been selected by the University of Minnesota as a participant in a three-year research project entitled, "Beyond Immediate Impact: Study Abroad for Global Engagement." Known as the SAGE project, this Department of Education-funded research program seeks to examine the long-term personal, professional, and social capital outcomes associated with study abroad experiences that occur during the college years. The researchers define 'social capital' as the contributions a person makes to the common good by means of civic engagement, knowledge production, social entrepreneurship, and philanthropy. The SAGE project will be the most comprehensive and in-depth study of the long-term impact of study abroad to date.

As a SAGE participant, the Center for International Education will work with University of Minnesota colleagues to conduct surveys and interviews of UW-Eau Claire study abroad alumni from the years 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005.

Information will be updated on the SAGE website as it becomes available:

<http://www.education.umn.edu/projects/sage/>.



**Kristin Schuck (center), a UW-Eau Claire Latin American Studies teaching major, studied at the Universidad Católica Uruguay in Montevideo through the ISEP-Direct program during spring 2007.**

## Biology, English & History Advising Sheets Completed

Thanks to the work of the respective department chairs in evaluating dozens of course descriptions from our partner universities, we have now completed the Biology, English and History departments' study abroad major advising sheets. Communication/Journalism, Economics, Management/Marketing and Political Science also have major advising sheets. Thanks to those departments that revised sheets during the past year. You can see all the sheets on our Web site at: <http://www.uwec.edu/CIE/sac/program/advisingsheets.htm>.

We are currently working on additional advising sheets. If your department would like to be involved, contact the CIE at [studyabroad@uwec.edu](mailto:studyabroad@uwec.edu).

## Study Abroad Brochures & Events Calendar

Welcome back! In the next week we will be sending each of you a fall events calendar and our general study abroad brochure. The general brochure has information on all of our programs. Individual program brochures are also available.

If you would like to receive any additional information, please e-mail:

[studyabroad@uwec.edu](mailto:studyabroad@uwec.edu).

## Erin House Awarded Fulbright

Erin House received a U.S. Student Fulbright award to study at the University of Leipzig during the 2007-2008 academic year. Erin will study German as a Foreign Language while in Leipzig, and will continue to work on a research project on second language acquisition with her UW-Eau Claire mentor, Dr. Martina Lindseth.

The grant, through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides one year of fully funded research and study, including airfare, health insurance and a monthly stipend.



## 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 at 4pm.

September 11, Badger Room

September 19, Badger Room

September 25, Katherine Thomas  
Basement Lounge (Global Learning Community)

## Study Abroad Spotlights

Another way students learn about the programs we offer at UW-Eau Claire is at the Study Abroad Spotlights. All spotlights are at 4pm and are in the Arrowhead Room of Davies Center.

We hold Spotlights to highlight specific programs. The Spotlights are panel discussions with past student participants and provide more in-depth information on specific programs than the general information sessions do.

This fall's schedule is:

October 17- Summer Programs

October 18-UK/Ireland

October 23-Spanish Speaking

October 24-Asia/Australia

October 25-Continental Europe  
(except Spain)

## 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 e-mail: [study-abroad@uwec.edu](mailto:study-abroad@uwec.edu). Please include your name, the class name, day, time and location, and the number of students in the class.



*Student teaching in Bangkok, Thailand has been one of the best experiences of my life. My students taught me just as much, if not more, than I taught them. I will be able to apply what I have learned to teaching students from a variety of cultural backgrounds in the United States.*

-Sarah Miller, English education major

(Sarah student taught abroad on the Global Student Teaching program in spring 2007.)

## 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.

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 participated on programs, are at the tables to answer ques-

tions and share pictures.

We will have **partners** at this year's Fair from Lismore & Perth/Australia, Guangzhou/China, Costa Rica, Harlaxton & Lancaster/England; Pau/France; Limerick/Ireland; Nagasaki/Japan, Study in Scotland, Valladolid/Spain, and Thailand.

It pays for students to attend: we will be **raffling study**

**abroad application fee waivers** every 15 minutes.

This year the **Fair will be on Thursday, October 11 from 3-5:30pm in the Council Fire Room, Davies Center.**

We encourage you and your students to attend!