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

### Program Profile: Thessaloniki, Greece

Two years ago, curricular changes at our business exchange university in Denmark led the Center for International Education and the College of Business to begin a search for a new European partner for international business students. More than 300 institutions replied to our initial request for information. After researching curricular fit, course offerings in English, and student support services available, the field was narrowed to three. CIE staff met with representatives of the international offices of these institutions, and in consultation with the UW-Eau Claire College of Business, the American College of Thessaloniki (ACT) became our new European site for international business.

ACT is a private institution in Thessaloniki, Greece. Approximately 800 students attend ACT: half of the students are Greek; 30% are from the Balkan countries, 10% are U.S. Americans, and the other 10% are international students from around the world. All coursework at ACT is in English. Although ACT was chosen for its business curriculum, non-business majors are able to participate on the program. A small number of humanities courses are offered each semester.

Students live in apartments in the center of town. ACT provides wonderful student support services, as well as two trips that are included in the program fee. The first group of UW-Eau Claire students will go to ACT during fall semester 2008.

ACT is also partnering with the UW-Eau Claire College of Business on the Department of Education grant that Dr. Yelkur received and administers. As part of the grant, two UW-Eau Claire faculty members will go to ACT for the next two years for two-week visits. In year one of the grant, one ACT faculty member will come to UW-Eau Claire, and during year two of the grant, two ACT faculty members will come here. Visiting faculty will attend classes, make presentations to students and faculty on course or research interests, and visit local businesses.



The White Tower is one of Thessaloniki's most famous sites.

### Study Abroad Fair Update

Eighteen of our international partners came to the Study Abroad Fair this year. They visited with 27 departments and spoke in 25 classrooms, in addition to participating in the Fair. Thanks to all who met with them and allowed them in your classes!

*"This program has met any expectations that I ever had. I have learned not only Spanish, but about the Costa Rican health care system. Because of this experience, I will be able to better understand a future Latino patient."*

Karen Crowley, a nursing major, studied on the Costa Rica Nursing & Health Care Professions program

### UW-Eau Claire ranked 14th Nationally for Numbers of Students Abroad

The latest Open Doors Report was released in November, and UW-Eau Claire ranked 14th nationally among master's level institutions for total number of students studying abroad. The report is based on 2005-2006 statistics. UW-Eau Claire and UW-Whitewater were the only two master's granting Wisconsin universities in the top 20. UW-Eau Claire was also ranked 7th for duration of study abroad, meaning more of our students go abroad for a semester or more.



Nate Gillick, a double major in English creative writing and sociology and a Japanese minor studied at Kansai Gaidai, Japan.



Melissa Swan, a Spanish for business major and global studies minor studied on the ITESM, Mexico program.



Kaycee Bridges, a biology major studied in Harlaxton, England

## Program Update: Aberdeen & Stirling, Scotland

UW-Eau Claire started working with three Scottish universities as part of the Study in Scotland consortium two years ago. Two of our partners, the University of Aberdeen & the University of Stirling now offer summer programs. At Aberdeen students take one course during the five-week program titled "Stone Circles, Celts, Picts, and Vikings: A Journey Through Prehistoric Scotland." At Stirling students will take three courses over their eight-week summer session. The courses offered are primarily from the humanities or social sciences.

## 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 15, 2008 for the following summer, fall, or academic year programs:

### FALL/ACADEMIC YEAR

Australia: Lismore & Perth  
Graz, Austria  
Guangzhou, China  
England: Harlaxton & Lancaster  
Pau, France (year only)  
Global Student Teaching  
Thessaloniki, Greece  
Limerick, Ireland  
ISEP-Direct  
Nagasaki, Japan  
Riga, Latvia  
ITESM, Mexico semester  
Nicaragua/Costa Rica  
Study in Scotland (all sites)  
Valladolid, Spain  
Växjö, Sweden

### SUMMER

Central European Travel Seminar  
Costa Rica-Nursing & HCP  
Mexico: Cuernavaca  
Aberdeen, Scotland  
Suwon, South Korea  
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](http://www.uwec.edu/cie), or in our office, Schofield 111.