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Exciting Summer Programs

Limited Space Still Available!

Looking to travel this summer AND earn credits toward your degree? We have a limited number of spots still available on two exciting faculty-led study abroad programs:

Galway, Ireland
May 28 - June 23, 2016

Students earn six credits from a choice of two tracks: English/History or Archaeology

Faculty: Lindsey Steiner, Ken Shonk, Tim McAndrews, David Anderson

Cost: $4000 - $4400
Includes tuition, housing, transport on site, some meals (does not include airfare)

UWLondon
June 25 - July 23, 2016

Students earn six credits by choosing two courses from the following: BUS205, ENG200, HIS102, PSY/SOC422

Faculty: Elizabeth Brown, Rebekah Fowler, Victor Macias-Gonzalez, Erica Srinivasan

Cost: $5300-$5600
Includes tuition, housing, transport on site, some meals (does not include airfare)

For more details please see Susan Pham, spham@uwlax.edu or complete an application on the IEE website: www.uwlax.edu/studyabroad

Financial aid and scholarships available!

If you are a faculty member interested in teaching with either of these programs, please see page 3 of this newsletter.

Contact Us

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1209 Centennial Hall
international@uwlax.edu
www.uwlax.edu/iae
International Education Engagement Scholarships (I-Engage)

Every semester International Education & Engagement allocates money to students who are greatly involved in educating others about their home country/culture or who wish to study abroad while maintaining a high GPA. The money for these scholarships comes from the Student Association and the UW System Fund. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students who pay out-of-state tuition and/or to encourage international awareness.

Students wishing to be considered for a scholarship will submit a resume with their application that showcases their personal development in any or all of the following areas:
- Gaining perspective of other cultures
- Moving outside your comfort zone
- Exploring leadership opportunities
- Furthering cross cultural relationships and communication

Students are encouraged to get involved before applying in order to strengthen their application.

Info Sessions
February 23rd & March 23rd
4:30-5:30PM
2311 Centennial Hall

Scholarship Awards
$250 - $2000

Application Deadlines
Fall semester: December 1
Spring semester: May 1

International Education Ambassadors

In previous years, we have had both a Study Abroad Peer Mentor program and an International Peer Mentor program. Starting this fall, we have combined the two programs into one, the International Education Ambassador program (IEA). There will be five ambassadors who will hold regular office hours and serve as a resource for students who want to learn more about study abroad opportunities and connect to our international community.

Aziz AlMazrou
Year: Senior
Major: Political Science & Public Administration
Home Country: Saudi Arabia

Emma Brosinski
Year: Senior
Major: Community Health Education & Spanish
Home Country: USA

Yuanyuan Yu
Year: Senior
Major: Marketing Management
Home Country: China

Solvei Stenso-Velo
Year: Junior
Major: Community Health Education
Home Country: USA

Bridget Webster
Year: Junior
Major: Psychology
Home Country: USA
International Education & Engagement (IEE) invites applications to teach abroad in our Summer 2017 Galway and UWLondon programs. Both programs are coordinated through IEE and offer our faculty the opportunity to teach UWL courses abroad while leveraging these unique locations and our partner universities. Faculty are compensated for teaching, as well as travel expenses, airfare, housing, meal stipends and activity fees. These programs are designed to enhance UWL’s overall portfolio, maximize our faculty-led abroad offerings and create opportunities for an increasing number of students and faculty to have international experiences.

For several years UWL faculty from various disciplines including Archaeology, Biology, Communication Studies, English, History, Psychology and more have taught in Galway at the National University of Ireland (NUI). The program includes built-in excursions and has the capacity for faculty to also include field experiences or excursions specific to their courses. Two to four faculty are typically selected and paired two courses to a track. Students select one track and receive six credits. Applications may be submitted jointly by two faculty proposing two complimentary courses for a track or submitted individually and IEE will pair single applications with complimentary coursework. Please see the study abroad website for details on this year’s program: [Ireland](#).

**Galway, Ireland**

**Tentative Dates:**

May 27-June 22, 2017

This program is being offered for the first time in Summer 2016 and is based at the London South Bank University (LSBU) in the heart of London. Faculty are able to extend the classroom into the city and take advantage of museums, monuments, sites and more. Faculty scheduled to teach this summer are from the Accounting, English, History, and Psychology departments. Up to six faculty may be selected to teach for Summer 2017. Students choose two course offerings for a total of six credits. Applications may be submitted jointly by two faculty proposing complimentary courses for a track or submitted individually. Please see the website for details on this year’s program: [UWLondon](#).

**UWLondon**

**Tentative Dates:**

June 24—July 22, 2017

**Application Deadline**

March 1 - Complete an application found on the IEE website under Faculty and Staff – Teaching Opportunities, and submit to international@uwlax.edu

March 10 - Selected faculty will be notified of their acceptance

April 1 - A developed proposal for submission to the International Education Committee (IEC) must be completed. IEE will assist faculty with development of the IEC proposal.

If anyone has questions, please contact Susan Pham, spham@uwlax.edu or 785-8016.
Join us!
Spring EVENTS

IEE Meet & Greets

Please join International Education & Engagement in one of our open meet and greets to learn more about what services we offer.

- February 17th & April 20th
- 4:00-5:00PM | 1209 Centennial Hall

Study Abroad Fair

Come learn more about international opportunities available to you. Connect with program partners, study abroad alumni, faculty-leaders, and the IEE staff. Start your next journey today!

- February 10th
- 10:00AM - 2:00PM | Port O’Call

Abroad 101 Sessions

Come learn about the different study abroad programs, application procedures, scholarships, and much more! Topics vary based on audience needs.

- February, 22nd & 25th
- March, 10th & 24th
- April, 7th & 21st
- 4:00-5:00PM | 1209 Centennial

International Banquet

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Global Citizenship Reception:
5:00-6:30 pm
Ward room, Cartwright Center, UWL

Banquet:
6:30-9 p.m.,
Valhalla, Cartwright Center, UWL

The International Banquet began as a celebration and an opportunity to share the rich diversity and culture the international students bring to UW-La Crosse and the community. The Banquet includes entertainment performed by international students, a chance to see traditional clothing from the many different countries represented on campus and a menu prepared from international students’ recipes. A variety of meat and vegetarian options are provided as a buffet.

New this year:

Global Citizenship Reception

Join us ahead of time for a reception to taste even more internationally themed delicacies. While socializing with each other and our international students, take time to peruse the poster displays in Cartwright Center’s State Room. Our international students, study abroad students, faculty, and community are invited to showcase their international experiences and international projects to the community. The reception is sponsored in part by the Arrowhead Model United Nations Conference who will also be joining us for the reception and banquet this year.
Global Buddy Program

The Global Buddy Program matches domestic students, faculty and staff with international students and visiting scholars to create long-lasting international friendships. It also provides opportunities for participants to share interests, language, culture, and friendship. Members meet with their global buddy one-on-one or during our organized events. If you would like to become a Global Buddy, please fill out this online form.

Cultural Coffee Hours

Cultural Coffee Hour provides the opportunity for students, faculty, staff, and community members to come together to discuss different topics and how they affect people around the world. Each Coffee Hour has a theme and all discussion is based around the predetermined theme for that week. Come join us for some great discussion! Free coffee, tea, and snacks are provided.

- February 16th - Festivals
- March 9th - National Heroes
- March 28th - Sports
- April 4th - Rural/City Life
- April 26th - History

5:00-6:00PM | Hall of Nations, Centennial Hall

If you are interested in being a facilitator/presenter, please contact Allie Pflughoeft, pflughoe.alexand@uwlax.edu.

OPT Workshops

F-1 UWL international students graduating this May 2016 who are interested in learning more about OPT (Optional Practical Training) should come to a workshop to learn more information. OPT is up to one year employment following the successful completion of your program.

- February 4th 4:30 PM
- February 15th 4:30 PM
- March 1st 4:30 PM
- March 9th 4:00 PM

Room: 3100 Centennial

IEE’s 3rd Annual Photo Contest

Open to international students, study abroad alum, and students currently abroad! Please submit your favorite photo that falls into one of our three categories and win cool prizes!

This year the contest is split into three categories:

- Landscapes
- People and Culture
- UWL Pride and Eagles Abroad

Submission deadline: March 25th
Voting deadline: March 31st
Winners Announced: April 16th

For more information, please check out our website.