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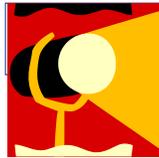
Special points of interest:

- Find out how to become a member of the International Student Organization.
- Study Abroad 101
- OPT Workshop
- Learn about the upcoming events!

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Country Spotlight



Ireland

Looking for a great place to study or visit? Ireland is located directly west of the United Kingdom and can provide visitors with a friendly and lively atmosphere that will make anytime spent their enjoyable.



Ireland is famous for its castles, cathedrals, Riverdance, Guinness, and Waterford Crystal and much more. Dublin is the capital and the largest

city of Ireland. Dublin is home to famous attractions such as the Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the National Gallery of Ireland, and the "Book of Kells," located in the Trinity College library.

The most popular attraction in Ireland is Blarney Castle, home of the Blarney stone where tourist have the opportunity to kiss the stone, which is believed to give the gift of eloquence to those who have kissed it.

Ireland is one of

thirteen European countries that use the Euro as their national currency. The current exchange rate is 1 Euro = \$ 1.31 USD.

If you are interested in programs that offer study abroad opportunities to locations within Ireland check out these websites:

- www.aifsabroad.com
- www.studiesabroad.com
- www.ciee.org
- www.gowithcea.com



Wondering if YOU can study abroad?

Everyone can participate in a program and experience the adventure of a lifetime! Shippensburg University has three requirements for all of their students planning a departure across seas:

1. Must have a minimum of 30 credits from Shippensburg but you can

2. apply after earning 12 Cumulated GPA of 2.5
3. Being in good academic and judicial standing at the university

Here are a few other key points to remember:

- Admission requirements for particular overseas universities vary.

- Planning freshman year is ideal because some majors can only go abroad their sophomore year.

We encourage all students to contact the International Office as soon as you think you would like to go abroad! Planning early is the key to any successful experience!

International Exchange Programs



Shippensburg University sends students all over the world to study during summer sessions, a regular semester, and even a year. One of the options for SU students to go abroad is through an exchange program. With an exchange program, SU students would pay normal Ship tuition and then pay the host university fees and accommodation costs. The three exchange programs offered at SU are major specific. They are described below including the location of the international school.

The Netherlands: Maastricht University is located in the south-eastern part Netherlands and is a program for psychology majors at Ship. The university is located in an area between Belgium and Germany. The university has about 11,500 students and the two languages spoken are English and Dutch.

South Korea: Soonchunhyang University is located in South Korea and is intended for students interested in Asian culture or minoring in International Studies. It is located in the central west coast of South Korea, about 90 minutes by bus from Seoul.

Denmark: This program is for business majors and it is held at the Aarhus School of Business in Denmark. Aarhus is one of the largest business schools in Europe and has approximately 7,000 students. Although the official language is Danish, most classes are taught in English. Students interested in participating in one of these programs can schedule a meeting with the Director of International Programs by calling the office at 477-1279.

International Student Workshop: Optional Practical Training

A workshop concerning Optional Practical Training will be hosted on Thursday February 5 at 3:30 in CUB Room 216. This workshop will provide an overview of Optional Practical Training (OPT) including information pertaining to the application process and STEM Extension program. International students are

encouraged to consider attending if they plan to apply for OPT prior to graduation in May 2009.

Students who are planning to actively seek employment are encouraged to visit the Shippensburg University Career Development Center (CDC). The CDC provides students with support services and

tools in order to search for a job. The CDC offers services like resume critiquing, mock interviews and recommendations on how to dress professionally. Students are encouraged to go to the CDC for assistance in the process. Their website including operating hours is: <http://webspace.ship.edu/>

International Student Organization

The International Student Organization (ISO) is a groups that aims to increase the understanding of cultural differences.



The ISO is made up of American students as well as international

students at Shippensburg.

If you would be interested in joining the ISO, please attend our general meetings held in **CUB 325 at 4:00 p.m.**

The International Student Leadership Conference will be held on March 27-28. If you are

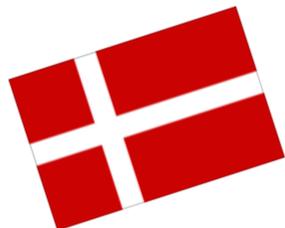
interested in attending this event please contact the International Programs office.

Executive Members:

Dena Noorchashm- President
Anne Marie Monaco- Vice President
Diana Letzel- Secretary
Zheng "Elaine" Ren- Treasurer
David Allwein- Public Relations



Student Spotlight!



Lea Kristensen, Mette Nielsen, Charlotte Falko and Katrine Kaergaard are exchange students from the Aarhus University in Aarhus, Denmark. They are attending Shippensburg University for the 2009 spring semester and are eager to learn more about the American culture and the opportunity to travel during their stay.

Lea Kristensen is from Aarhus, Denmark and is studying English and communications. Since arriving in the United States Lea's favorite activities have been attending the inauguration and playing racquetball. During her time in Shippensburg she would like to travel to Chicago, New York City, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and other major cities. Lea's advice to those who are considering studying abroad is to not think about money. She says, "It's a great adventure for life and you'll grow so much doing it!"



Mette Nielsen is from Vedersøe, Denmark and is studying English and communications at Aarhus University. Mette's favorite experience since arriving in Shippensburg was being able to attend President Barak Obama's inauguration in Washington D.C. During her stay she would also like to travel to New York, revisit Washington D.C., other major cities and Niagara Falls. Her advice to those interested in studying abroad is to, "GO! It's so much fun and you will have a new experience every single day!"



Charlotte Falko is from Aarhus, Denmark and is also studying English and communications. While studying in the United States Charlotte would like to visit New York, Boston, Los Angeles and Washington D.C. Her favorite experience so far would be attending the presidential inauguration on January 20th. Her advice to those interested in studying abroad is to, "Be open-minded and positive and see it as a great experience, even though the culture can be quite different from what you are used to."

Katrine Kaergaard is from Aarhus, Denmark majoring in English and European Studies. During her stay in the United States Katrine would like to visit New York City, Los Angeles, Miami, Philadelphia and other major cities. She also attended the inauguration ceremony and considers it to be the best experience so far.



Her advice to students at Shippensburg University interested in studying abroad is "to be open and just go for it - it will change the way you see your self."

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Study Abroad 101

Have you ever thought about Studying Abroad?

If so, come out and learn how you can fit this amazing opportunity into your academic career!

When?

January: 29th
February: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
March: 12th, 19th, 26th
April: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Where?

McLean Hall Rec Room at 3:30 p.m.

Questions?

Call x-1279 OR
Email: internationalprogram@ship.edu

International Photo Contest

The International Program's 4th Annual International Photo Contest is approaching fast.

For Contest rules and updates visit our website at:

www.ship.edu/international

Prizes Include:

1st Prize \$100 Gift Certificate to the SU Bookstore

2nd Prize \$75 Gift Certificate to the SU Bookstore

3rd Prize \$50 Gift Certificate to the SU Bookstore

Deadline to Submit Photos: Wednesday, April 8 by 4:00 PM



If you are interested in studying abroad, we advise students to start planning a year in advance. To get the process started please attend one of our Study Abroad 101 information sessions. You can also check out our website for further information and updates.

Deadlines:

Summer 2009 Study Abroad	Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Fall 2009 Study Abroad	Friday, March 27, 2009
Spring 2010 Study Abroad	Friday, October 16, 2009

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