International Programs

Study Abroad and International Student Services



Dana Popp: Studying Abroad in Australia

"There's so much more to this world than I realized." says Dana Popp after her experience studying abroad at Melbourne University in Australia in Spring 2010.



Dana, now a senior marketing major, never had much desire to travel or see the world prior to going abroad, but now she is so glad she went. "I learned so much about myself," she says.

Apart from taking classes. Dana spent many of her days exploring Melbourne and falling in love with city life. She walked all over the city every day, exploring new tered had deep stereotypes areas, finding hidden treasures, and taking every opportunity she had to immerse herself in the Australian culture.

Dana met people from all over the world, many of whom she is still in touch with today. And although she met many people and made many friends, she said one of the most challenging aspects of her study abroad experience was "getting people there to accept me as an American."

Most people she encounof Americans as egotistical and greedy. "It became my goal to make them realize we're not all that way."

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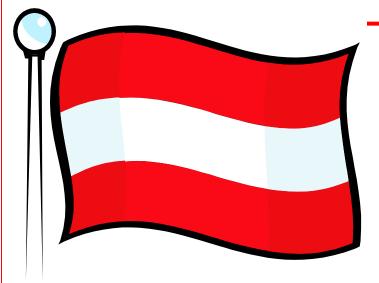
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More Info on Studying Abroad in Austria:

- AIFS: www.aifsabroad.com
- IES: www.iesabroad.org



Fun Facts About Austria:

Austria borders 8 other countries: Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, and Germany

Some famous Austrians include *Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sigmund Freud, Ferdinand Porsche, and Adolf Hitler.*

Tourist attractions include *Vienna's Central Cemetery*, burial ground of famous Austrians, and *The Sound of Music Tour of Salzburg*.

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At the end of the semester, Dana traveled to New Zealand for two weeks and did things she never thought about doing before: glacier hiking, sky diving, and bungee jumping. "It was the greatest experience ever," she says.

"I am a completely different person now than I was before I studied abroad," says Dana, "and I love who I am now. I'm confident, independent. I look at life differently. I learned that I'm good at handling tough situations."

Her advice to students studying abroad: "Make sure you are open-minded. Take every opportunity."

When Dana flew home from Australia, she

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only had \$2 left in her bank account. "You can always earn more money," she said, "but you can never earn back those opportunities."

In the future, Dana hopes to return to Melbourne University as a graduate student.



Study Abroad Mythbusters!

Myth: Only rich kids study abroad.

Reality: Studying abroad can fit any budget. Some programs cost approximately the same as remaining at Shippensburg for a semester while some do cost more. The choice is yours. The study abroad office can help you find a program to match your budget.

Myth: I don't have the time to go abroad for a whole semester, so there are no programs for me.

Reality: We offer short-term programs ranging from 2 to 6 weeks in the summer and winter break. You can earn from 1 to 6 credits during these periods. Faculty members also plan short-term trips during breaks which permit you to earn credits.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Study Abroad Deadline:

If you plan to study abroad, all necessary paperwork must be submitted by these deadlines:

Summer 2011 March 23, 2011

Fall 2011 March 25, 2011

Spring 2012 Mid-October, 2011

Study Abroad 101

Want to study abroad?

Think you might want to study abroad?

Come to Study Abroad 101 to find out more about these amazing opportunities!

Held in DHC 102 at 3:30 pm

February 17, March 31, April 7, 21

Other Events:

February 10: **Study Abroad Panel**

March 18-19: International Student Leadership Conference

April 6: International Photo Contest Deadline

April 11-14: International Photo Contest Display

April 19: Women's World Fest

International Student Organization —

 Share your culture and learn about other cultures with the ISO.

 International and American students welcome!

"ISO is the club that joins cultures together, by hosting cultural expos, cultural trips, and cultural functions."
 Rohan Smith, Jamaica,

Former Special Programs Officer

ISO General Meetings:

Held at 4pm in the Student Life Center lounge (basement of McLean Hall)
February 10, 24, March 24,
April 7, 21

http://www.ship.edu/international/international student organization/