

International Programs

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Special points of interest:

- Find out how you can study abroad!
- Hear a student's view on England!
- Find out how you can see the Great Wall of China!
- Learn about how you can win money for your photos!

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Country Spotlight

Republic of Costa Rica



Costa Rica is a very diverse country with an array of wildlife and lush vegetation! It is located in Central America, bordering both the Caribbean Sea and the North Pacific Ocean, between Nicaragua and Panama. Costa Rica serves as a land bridge between North and South America. San Jose is the capital city of Costa Rica. There are many destinations to explore near the city such as: butterfly farms, coffee farms, volcanoes, and rafting tours.



Many people can speak

English in Costa Rica, however the official language is Spanish. If you are looking to improve your Spanish speaking skills, this is great location to immerse yourself.

The currency in Costa Rica is the colon (CRC) and the current exchange rate for the American Dollar is 1.00 USD=496.190 CRC. Costa Rica can be a relatively inexpensive place for travel. The costs to stay there can be enticing to individuals whom

are on a tighter budget for traveling or studying.

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

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



Tips for Traveling in Spain!

Planning a trip to España? A Shippensburg University student, Robert Stoneback, shares some tips he picked up while studying there.

1. Using a neck wallet or belt pouch helps secure valuables.
2. Try to blend in.
3. Do the research before going abroad. Know about the place you are going to .

4. Have fun!

Being prepared for travel will help you enjoy the experience to its fullest extent. For further planning suggestions about Spain visit the website: www.spain.info/

Discovering the Great Wall

In June 2008, Shippensburg University's Geography Department will be embarking on the 2nd field studies trip to China. The first time for the course was in 2005. Dr. George Pomeroy is the instructor in charge of planning and implementing the excursion. The course will take place in Shanghai and Beijing, China and students will be gone for 19 days.



The students participating will be

studying urbanization, regional development and planning. They will also gain a broad knowledge of physical geography, history, religion, and cultural topics. Included in the excursion are visits to popular attractions such as the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven and the Great Wall of China.

Dr. Pomeroy has traveled to China multiple times and claims it is an "Absolutely unforgettable experience".

Population: 1.3 Billion
Currency: Renminbi yuan
1 US dollar = 7.5 yuan RMB

According to Dr. Pomeroy, students embarking on this adventure will gain an understanding of another culture, and how other people view the world. This is also a way for students to be able to define a topic as more than a concept. The classroom will be in session 24 hours a day by way of lectures, personal experiences and immersing into the environment!

This opportunity is open to any major and it is a great way to travel outside of the United States to see how other individuals live in work throughout the world!

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 apply after earning 12

2. 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 Student Leadership Conference

James Madison University of Virginia is holding their 8th annual International Student Leadership Conference. It is open to undergraduate or graduate students. The keynote speaker for this year's conference is John Deng Lual, a native of

Sudan and recent graduate of Central Washington University.

This year's conference is March 28-29, 2008. Nine students will be representing Ship at this year's event. Participants will have the chance to partake in a talent show, group activities, and sessions based

on leadership skills and knowledge. All students will have the opportunity to win prizes and trinkets.

For more information on the conference visit the website: www.jmu.edu/international/islc



SU Student in South Korea!

There are many places and opportunities for students to study abroad. One non-traditional location that a Shippensburg student traveled to recently was South Korea. Jonathan Evans is a Finance and Economics major with a minor in International Studies. He spent time in Korea studying Korean language, Korean

Business and Economy, International Trade, and Traditional drumming.

Spending time in South Korea gave Jonathan the opportunity to delve into the culture. He got to be part of a traditional Korean wedding ceremony and enjoy Chuseok, which is Korea's equivalent of

Thanksgiving. He was able to go to the Korean Demilitarized Zone – which is located between North and South Korea. It was one of the best places he got to see while abroad. Transportation to these locations was done through buses and trains. Once he learned which ones to take where, he said it

was fairly easy to get around.

Studying abroad can be a life-changing experience. For this student he gained more self-confidence, a better sense of direction, and became more comfortable with himself and the surroundings.



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

International Photo Contest

All photos submitted will be displayed in McFeely's Coffeehouse March 31– April 4

For Contest rules visit our website at:

www.ship.edu/international

Prizes Include:

1st Prize \$100 Gift Certificate to the SU Book-store

2nd Prize \$75 Gift Certificate to the SU Book-store

3rd Prize \$50 Gift Certificate to the SU Book-store

Deadline to Submit Photos: Wednesday, March 26 by 4:00 PM

Where: CUB—MPR

When: Tuesday April 8, 2008

Time: 5:00PM—7:30 PM

Cost: Students \$3.00 Non-students \$5.00

International Student Dinner

A World Full of Flavor

To purchase tickets email: internationalprogram@ship.edu

For more information check out the website at:

www.ship.edu/international



If you are interested in studying abroad, we advise students to start planning a year in advance. To get the process started please contact our office at extension x1279 and schedule an appointment. You can also check out our website for further information and updates.

Deadlines:

Summer 2008 Study Abroad	Wednesday, March 19,
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Fall 2008 Study Abroad	Thursday, March 27,
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Spring 2009 Study Abroad	Monday, October 17
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