

International Programs

Study Abroad and International Student Services



Join the International Student Organization!

The International Student Organization (ISO) at Shippensburg University is a group that aims to increase understanding of cultural differences. International, exchange and American students are all welcome to join the ISO or attend any meetings and campus events.

The students in the group meet every other week to plan, discuss and promote upcoming cultural trips and events, learn about other cultures, teach others about their own culture, and just hang out and relax.

Other events include movie nights, international cooking gatherings, participation at the International Student Leadership Conference and much more.

Dena Noorchashm has been the ISO president for the past two years. Although she grew up in Pennsylvania, Dena's family is originally from Turkey, where she

visits nearly every summer. She became involved with the ISO because she wanted to meet international and exchange students and help make them feel welcome and comfortable at SU.

Special Programs Officer, Rohan Smith from Jamaica, says he joined the ISO because, "Being a student from a foreign country, I felt a need to be apart of an organization that catered to my needs. I wanted a sense of belonging

and I had a desire to learn about other cultures. Cultural awareness makes one accepting of other individuals and you learn to appreciate cultural differences."

If you are interested in the ISO, please visit our Web site at www.ship.edu/international/international_student_organization or e-mail internationalprogram@ship.edu.



President Dena (middle) poses with other ISO members.

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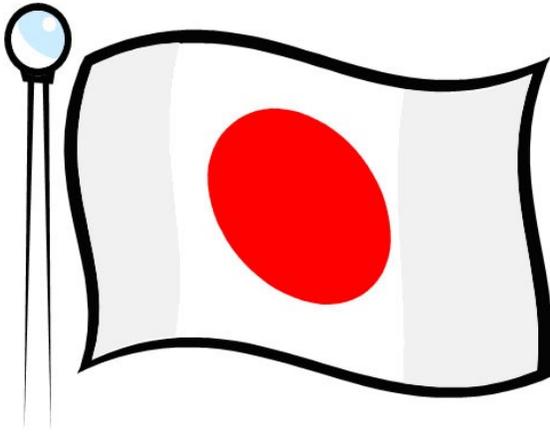
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Fun Facts About Japan - (from www.facts-about-japan.com)

- It is not uncommon to eat rice at every meal, including breakfast.
- Japanese celebrate Christmas, but it is more like Valentine's Day in the western world.
- Sumo is Japan's national sport, although baseball is also very popular.
- In Japan, some men shave their heads to apologize. Some women cut their hair after breaking up with a boyfriend.

Study Abroad in...

JAPAN!

Possible Excursions When You Study Abroad in Japan (from the *Asia Learn Brochure*)

- Experience Japanese-style living first-hand through home-stays.
- Travel back in time while touring the Kumamoto Castle, which is over 400 years old.
- Visit Mt. Aso, one of the largest active volcanoes in the world.
- Enjoy a traditional Japanese cultural performance.
- Participate in experimental dining to learn dining etiquette and how to order properly.



*For more information
on study abroad
programs in Japan,
visit these links:*

www.asialearn.org

www.ciee.org

www.studyabroad.com/japan

Words of Wisdom

Advice from the Study Abroad Ambassadors

**“Be a traveler, not a tourist.
Go where the locals go.”**

Devon Sizemore,
Social Work Major,
completed the multi-country
Semester at Sea program

**“Take any opportunity that arises to do
anything. You only have a limited amount of
time so don’t be a couch bum. Do things you
wouldn’t do at home.”**

Mali Johnson, Elementary Education Major,
studied in Wollongong, Australia
at the University of Wollongong

**“Open yourself up, make
new friends, and allow
things to happen. You
don’t have to orchestrate
everything. Just be open-
minded and just go with
the flow.”**

Samantha Stevenson,
Accounting Major,
studied in London, England
at the University of Leicester

**“Go with an open
mind. Set no
expectations.”**

JohnPaul Bennett,
Finance Major, studied
in Beijing and Shanghai,
China at the Central
University for
Nationalities and at the
East China Normal
University

**“Definitely travel. See as
many places as you can
because you get a new
global perspective. And
don’t be afraid. You will
get acclimated.”**

Holly Alsbaugh, Spanish
Secondary Education Major,
studied in Alicante, Spain at La
Universidad de Alicante

**“You will learn so much about your-
self, and it’s really important that you
live in the moment. The time will fly
so don’t think about home.”**

Stephany Sekera,
English Major, studied in Ormskirk, England
at Edge Hill University

**“Students there are very independent
so make sure you keep up on your
reading. Travel. Don’t only
hang out with Americans.
Step out of your box.”**

Amanda VanBrunt,
Marketing and Management major,
studied in Wollongong, Australia at the
University of Wollongong

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Study Abroad Deadline:

If you plan to study abroad in Spring 2011, all necessary paperwork must be submitted by this deadline:

Spring 2011: October 15, 2010

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!

Check the Web site for days and times!
<http://www.ship.edu/international>

Other Events:

September 9: Training for Study Abroad Ambassadors

October 19: Study Abroad Fair

November 1—4: International Education Week

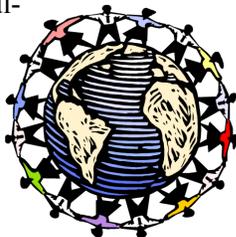
Keep watching the Web site, facebook page, or your e-mail inbox for more information, or request information at:

internationalprogram@ship.edu

International Student Organization —

- Share your culture and learn about other cultures with the ISO.
- International and American students welcome!
- “ISO is the club that join cultures together, by hosting cultural expos, cultural trips, and cultural functions.”

~ Rohan Smith, Jamaica,
Special Programs Officer



ISO General Meetings:

Check the Web site for meeting times, dates and locations!

http://www.ship.edu/international/international_student_organization/