International Programs

Study Abroad and International Student Services



Meet the New 2010-2011 ISO President!

At the end of the spring semester, the International Student Organization (ISO) members appointed Michael Gessesse, a senior International **Business Management** major from Ethiopia, as this students should join the year's ISO President.



"I wanted to be the president because I wanted 9, 23, October 7, 21, Noto be more involved on campus and hold a leadership position," says Michael. "I want to see everyone come together and interact more, to learn and understand about each

other's cultures."

Michael hopes to see more students from many different cultures consistently involved with the ISO this year. He says ISO "so you can see that evervone's similar, even if they're from different countries. We exchange ideas, see other points of view and knock down stereotypes."

If you'd like to be involved with the ISO this year. come to one of the meetings held at 4pm in the Student Life Center lounge (basement of McLean Hall) on the following dates: September vember 4, 18 and December 2 and 9.

Questions? E-mail internationalprogram@ship.edu for more information.

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Fun Facts About Argentina:

- The word "Argentina" means land of silver
- Pato is the national sport of Argentina. It is a mixture of basketball and polo
- Argentine Spanish is referred to as Lumfardo and is more like Italian than the Mexican Spanish that Americans are accustomed to

Study Abroad in...

Possible Excursions When You Study Abroad in Argentina:

 Experience Argentinean lifestyle and culture by living with a host family

 Attend field trips to the province of Jujuy to learn about the indigenous history of Argentina

- Participate in excursions to Recoleta, Plaza de Mayo, and Teatro Colon
- Volunteer with a human rights organization
- Attend local football (soccer) games

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

www.ciee.com

www.academicintl.com

www.gowithcea.com

www.studiesabroad.com

Meet Wojtek Jemiolo from Wroclaw, Poland

Meet Wojtek (pronounced: Voytek) Jemiolo, the first exchange student from Wroclaw University of Economics in Wroclaw, Poland to study at Shippensburg University under the new exchange agreement between the two universities.

campus is a city where you study. All in all, I was positively impressed by your university also because it is quite different to what I am used to in Poland and other European countries. At Ship, it is quite different, but I am enjoying it so far!!

about the time. Another difference is the way cities are designed. As I said, the car is not so important in our culture, so in big cities in Poland, downtowns are closed for car traffic. I just love it and I think that is the way to go for you, too!!

Why did you want to participate in this exchange program at Shippensburg University?

I asked myself a very simple question: Why not?? I have friends who studied in the U.S.A. before, and all of them enjoyed it very much. The first reason for me was: at my University of Economics in Wroclaw (pronounced as: VROTZ-wav), I study International Business & Finance. Participating in the student exchange program at a university in the U.S.A. is a great opportunity to gain more experience toward my

future profession and can benefit me when applying for a job. Secondly: I like to travel and get to know other cultures. I think that is the best way to do it. Besides, I traveled to many countries in Europe, but I always wanted to go to the U.S.A. - so here I am!!

What was your first impression of Shippensburg (the town and the University)?

When I first arrived here (July, 2010) I was surprised at the location of the campus. It is situated in a very small town with rural surroundings. In Poland, it is quite different: our universities are located mostly in big cities which do not sleep at night. I must say I was impressed by the size and design of your campus: it is relatively big, and the university life is focused mostly in one place. For example, in the city where I study, buildings of the universities are scattered around the whole city, and you can say that your



What have been the biggest differences between America and Poland so far?

To begin with - the car culture. In Poland and the whole of Europe, we do not use cars as often as you do. For example, I used to walk and ride a bicycle with my friends to get to my primary school, then to a middleschool, and finally to a high-school. It was a lot of fun. Here, I see that most students would use a car and I quite understand that. The distances are very big and it is just faster to travel by using four wheels. In Europe, it is also very easy to get around by using public transport (which is great and not expensive), bicycles, or just walking by foot. The second difference - the speed of life. Many people here live very fast. In Poland, Italy, and Portugal, for example, the word "soon" can mean even "tomorrow". People there are more relaxed, and not so stressed. We do not care so much

What do you hope to accomplish at Ship this semester?

I want to get as much experience as possible, take some ideas back with me to Poland, and just have a great time. I have also a plan to write a blog for all of the interested people in Poland, so I can show them the main differences between our countries and schools, so we would learn from each other.

What advice do you have for other students studying abroad?

Be open, friendly, and positive. Do not be afraid of trying new things. Travel but not only to the most famous places; try also to get more deeply into the culture of the foreign country, and be eager to learn!

How can a Shippensburg University student take part in the exchange program with your university in Wroclaw?

Any business student can apply for currently one position, for the coming spring semester, to study the business program in English, in Wroclaw. This person will also be granted a scholarship from the John L. Grove College of Business in the amount of \$1000, to cover expenses connected with the airfare.

If you have any questions, Wojtek encourages you to contact him at wi2010@ship.edu.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines

Study Abroad Deadline:

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

Spring 2011 October 15, 2010

Summer 2011 March 23, 2011

Fall 2011 March 25, 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

September 23, 30 October 7, 14, 28 November 11, 18 December 2

Other Events:

October 19: Study Abroad Fair—representatives from foreign universities come to Ship to answer your questions.

November 1—4: International Education Week—a week filled with speakers and events to promote global experiences and international exchange.

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 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) on Sept 9, 23, Oct 7, 21, Nov 4, 18 and Dec 2 and 9.

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