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"Bringing the world to IWU"

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International Arrivals

Illinois Wesleyan welcomes 24 new international students from 16 countries to campus.

The students began arriving in mid-August, well before the other first-year students, to give them a chance to settle in and to undergo an orientation to life in the United States and in Bloomington-Normal before diving into Fall Festival activities with IWU's other new students.

Please join us in welcoming the following students to campus.

Philip Adeleye	Nigeria
Sang Joon Bae	S. Korea
Pier Capasso	Switzerland
Kundan Chaudhary	Nepal
Karina deSousa	Mozambique
Golibe Eze-Echesi	Nigeria
Suman Gautam	Nepal
Mujtaba Isani	Pakistan
Marlies Krueger	Germany
Puthipong Lamsam	Thailand
Chan Yang Lee S.	Korea
KwanYee Li	Hong Kong
Tian Mao	China
Evyn Neumeister	Canada
Nozomi Oka	Japan
Zigmund Sun Oo	Myanmar
Teodora Petrova	Bulgaria
Alejandro Postigo	Spain
Chao Ren	China
Marie Villacorta	Philippines
Xiangyu Wu	China
Xinyi Wu	China
Weiyi Xie	China
Taole Zhu	China

International Departures

As our new international students were preparing to come to Illinois Wesleyan, IWU study abroad students were preparing for their own education abroad.

This fall sees 50 students setting out for a semester or year of study abroad. Twenty will be living and studying in London with Associate Professor Linda French as part of the IWU London Program. Two more will are setting out for a year as Visiting Students at Oxford University's Pembroke College. The others will be studying with our affiliates in 16 countries around the world—and this Fall sees us sending our first student to Oman.

For a listing of our new study abroad students, please see the back cover.

Bon voyage!

International Returns

And welcome back to our returning study abroad students!

Rejoining us are 94 study abroaders—62 of whom studied abroad during the Spring, 7 for the full Academic Year, and a record-breaking 23 during the Summer. They studied in over 20 countries on 5 continents—from Argentina to South Korea, Mexico to Australia.

Upcoming Events

September 5 — Study Abroad Fair, 4:00–6:00, the Dug Out

September 10 — IWU Madrid Program information session, 4:00, location TBA

September 19 — IWU Madrid Program application deadline, 4:00, the International Office

September 19 — IWU London Program information session, 4:00, Beckman Auditorium, Ames Library

October 1 — Deadline for Spring study abroad applications, 4:00, the International Office

Left:
Renee Scherer (SIT Russia), ice cave in Baikal, Russia

Right:
Mike Feeney (SIT Southern Cone), Colonia, Uruguay

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Featured Study Abroad Program

IES Amsterdam Pre-Law Certification Program

IES Amsterdam takes advantage of this city's unique balance of history and contemporary culture, offering resourceful students the chance to independently structure their studies at well-established academic institutions that value (and demand) creative and innovative thinking.

Designed for students who are especially interested in continuing on to law school after graduation, the Pre-Law Certification Program approaches Law from an interdisciplinary perspective in order to prepare participants with a broad understanding of comparative international law. The core of the curriculum is a required, IES-taught course, *Law and Society Seminar*. This seminar provides an introduction to international and Dutch law, with comparisons to US law, includes visits to Dutch and international courts, and culminates in a supervised research project.

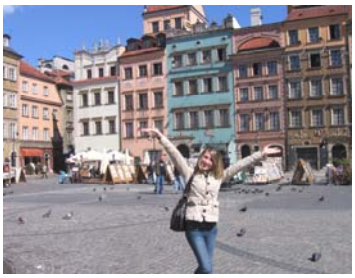
Students supplement the seminar with two related elective courses, taught in English, at the Universiteit van Amsterdam's International School for Humanities and Social Sciences for a total of 15 semester hours of credit. Upon successfully complete the course work, students receive a UvA-endorsed Pre-Law Certificate.

While in Amsterdam, students live in shared apartments with other international students. Dutch Resident Assistants live in some of the apartments and offer a great resource to help students integrate into Dutch daily life.

IES also provides an array of cultural events and field trips to supplement the academic experience and provide another avenue for experiencing Dutch culture and life.

Pre-Law Elective Course Offerings

- Communication in Conflict Situations
- European Union Law
- Globalisation and the Islam: Rethinking Political Islam (Fall only)
- Introduction to Argumentation Theory
- Introduction to Conflict Studies (Spring only)
- Introduction to European Integration (Spring only)
- Introduction to Islamic Law (Fall only)
- Public International Law
- Regulating Cultural and Religious Diversity in The Netherlands: Institutions, Ideas and Policies (Spring only)
- Seminar on Conflict and Negotiation (Fall only)
- Social Trends, Social Problems and Social Policy in The Netherlands
- United Nations Incorporated (open to academic year students only)



"I thought that I understood myself and my place in the world, until I studied abroad in Poland. [...]

" Through every experience, good and bad, I learned what my weaknesses and strengths were and, essentially, was brought closer to who I am and who I hope to be."

Jessica Jacoby (CIEE Warsaw)

New Study Abroad Offerings from Our Affiliates

AustraLearn has created two companion organizations: AsiaLearn and EuroLearn. AsiaLearn will offer traditional study abroad opportunities in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Malaysia. EuroLearn will partner with EuroScholars to provide US and Canadian students with study abroad research opportunities at 12 research-based institutions throughout Europe

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The School for International Training (SIT) is opening new programs in the following locations:

- Morocco: Migration Studies
- Middle East: Water, Regional Politics, and Environmental Justice
- Oman: International Economics, Energy, and Diversification

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Arcadia University's Center for Education Abroad has opened a new Business track in their Rome Program, starting Spring 2008. In addition, it's newly opened programs in South Africa include a Certificate in Service Learning in Community Development.

Starting in Summer 2008, Arcadia will also offer Intensive French and Politics in Paris, in association with Alliance Française and the American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy.

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IFSA-Butler is pleased to announce its new program at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Situated on a large, 100-acre campus on the outskirts of Lima, PUCP is a comprehensive university offering a wide range of academic fields including fine arts, management and accounting, science and engineering, education, social sciences, arts and humanities, and journalism.

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New **CIEE** center's opening in Spring 2008 include the following:

- Amman, Jordan: Arabic Language, University of Jordan
- Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh International University
- Shanghai, China: China in a Global Context, East China Normal University

Faculty Opportunities

IWU London & IWU Madrid

Congratulations to professor Diego Mendez-Carbajo (Economics), who will direct the 2008 IWU Madrid Program, and to professor Scott Sheridan (MCLL), who has been named the 2008 London Program director.

Calls for the 2009 program directors will be coming out this year. For more information about the application process and directors' responsibilities, please contact the Provost's Office.

Faculty Site Visit Grants

The International Office will continue to offer small Faculty Site Visit grants ($500, reimbursable) to allow faculty who already plan to be abroad an opportunity to visit an affiliated study abroad program. A call for applications will go out this fall to support up to 4 site visits in the spring.

Four Faculty Site Visit Grants were awarded last spring for summer visits. Congratulations to professors Sonja Fritzsche (IES Berlin), Christina Isabella (Central Granada, SIT Granada, Arcadia Granada), Diego Mendez-Carbajo (CIEE Russia), and William Munro (CIEE South Africa, Arcadia South Africa).

Familiarization Trips

Many of our affiliated study abroad providers arrange familiarization trips to select sites each year.

For information in upcoming trips, please visit the Faculty section of the International Office website. If you are interested in participating a familiarization trip, please contact the International Office.

International Faculty Development Seminars

Since 1990, CIEE has organized over 200 International Faculty Development Seminars in over 40 countries worldwide.

The seminars are intensive educational experiences designed to explore global issues shaping the world today. Each seminar runs from 7 to 14 days and features lectures, site visits, and discussions with overseas academics and colleagues.

Professor Kathie O'Gorman and Stacey Shimizu, director of the International Office, will offer a Non-Org on CIEE Faculty Development Seminars this fall (see sidebar). For more information on the 2008 seminars, please visit the Faculty section of the International Office website.

Right: Bill Dwyer (IES Vienna), Neptune fountain at Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, Austria

Professor Kathleen O'Gorman spent several weeks in Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina participating in a faculty development seminar sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange. The seminar, "Economic Reform, Regional Integration, and Democratization in Argentina and Chile," met from June 5 – 14 and covered the recent transition from dictatorship to democracy in both countries, with a special focus on human rights. The group of 13 scholars from the U.S., Canada, and Brazil met with survivors of human rights abuses in both countries as well as with government officials, advisors to the military, and principal figures in the prosecution of those involved in the military coups in Chile and Argentina in the 1970's. The seminar supplemented O'Gorman's sabbatical research on a short story by Isabel Allende, "*Un Camino hacia el norte*." Her participation was supported by a Ping Foundation Fellowship and an Artistic/Scholarly Development Grant awarded by IWU's Faculty Development Committee.

Study Abroad Alumni

Jeff Armstrong (IES, Japan): Teaching English in Japan through the Japanese Exchange Teacing (JET) Program ✱ **Jordan Bartle** (Butler, Mexico): Joining the Peace Corps in Latin America ✱ **Patrick Beary** (SIT, Switzerland): Recipient of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for study at the Universidad Torcuato di Tella in Buenos Aires ✱ **Leslie Coleman** (IWU London): Joining the Peace Corps in sub-Saharan Africa ✱ **Heather Deutsch** (DIS Copenhagen): Joining the Peace Corps in Latin America ✱ **Myla Green** (Pembroke College): Through an American Jewish World Services fellowship, working in Andhra Pradesh, India, with a non-governmental women's rights organization ✱ **Erica Laney** (IWU Madrid/SIT, Mexico): Teaching English in Mexico City ✱ **Milos Martinov** (Pembroke College): returning to Oxford University to study for a Master's in Philosophy degree at Pembroke College ✱ **Shannon O'Rourke** (SIT, Switzerland): Recipient of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for 3 months of intensive language instruction in Senegal ✱ **Rachel Slough** (IES, Salamanca): Recipient of a Fulbright grant to travel to Chile to teach English ✱ **Ryan Smith** (IWU London): Joining the Peace Corps for environmental work in sub-Saharan Africa ✱ **Marissa VanOsdale** (SIT, Switzerland): Working for World Learning's Experiment in International Living Program in Switzerland this summer.

Study Abroad
Where They Are …

Chris Alexander	Australia
Laura Allen	England
Katherine Allen	Italy
Colin Barry	England
Riley Benko	England
Natalie Boesche	England
Erin Bradley	Spain
Jennifer Bubke	England
Daniel Burke	Spain
Alexander Carlson	England
James Carolan	England
Caitlin Carr	England
Kathleen Conway	England
Adam Cordray	Denmark
Kristen Dabkey	England
Jesse Furmanek	Australia
Lauren Goldwasser	France
Lindsey Haines	Scotland
Kelsey Hample	England
Casey Jedrzejczak	England
Jordan Jeffers	England
David Joung	South Korea
Jennifer Knop	Germany
Gail Kramer	England
Alyson Krawczyk	England
Evan Lowery	Italy
Brenda Martinez	England
Emily Mihalcean	England
Leah Pelz	Hungary
Ryan Quinn	England
Sneh Rajbhandari	England
William Rintz	England
Amber Robinson	Russia
Angela Rumsey	Uganda
Danielle Sanchez	Chile
Andrea Schelkopf	England
Logan Shalett	England
Julie Slagel	Denmark
Mollie Slattery	Australia
Zachary Socha	Australia
Lee Strand	New Zealand
Jennifer Strobel	Australia
Sarah Stumpf	England
Gina Tangorra	England
Rebecca Tong	England
Steven Trzyna	Oman
Miranda Utzinger	New Zealand
Kathleen Weiskopf	Austria
Leila Whitley	Scotland
Emily Willenbring	Spain

International Office Photo Contest

In Spring 2007, the International Office launched its first Photo Contest with great success. Over 30 students submitted close to 75 photos for the contest. Winning entries can be seen on the International Office website, and the *IWU Magazine* highlighted some of the images in its summer issue.

The office will sponsor two more photo contests this year, one each semester—and we are hoping that they will be as successful as the first contest.

Recently returned study abroad students—those who studied abroad for the full 2006–07 Academic Year and those who studied abroad in Spring or Summer 2007—may submit up to three (3) pictures. Submission details are below.

Entries will be judged by the International Office staff and the Study Abroad Advisory Committee, and winners will be selected based on the image quality and aesthetics, individuality of perspective, and the image's ability to capture an experience, location, or event abroad. The winner will receive a framed 8 x 10 enlargement of the winning image, and the runner up will receive a 5 x 7 famed enlargement. The winning image and runners up will also be displayed in the International Office and on the International Office website

Entry Requirements

- Each student may submit up to 3 images
- Entries should be 3x5 or 4x6 prints or digital images
- On the back of each entry, please write your name and your email address.
- Attach an entry form to each image submitted (
- Attach to each entry a copy of the entry form (see below)

Deadline: Friday, October 5, 4:00 pm, the International Office.

Study Abroad Photo Contest — Entry Form

NOTE: By submitting your photograph, you are agree to allow the IWU International Office to use your name, photograph, and entry form comments to promote study abroad.

Name _____ Email _____

Where and when you studied abroad _____

Where the photo was taken _____

When the photo was taken (approximately) _____

Brief Caption (10 words or less) _____

In 3–4 sentences, explain who this image captures something special about the location or your experience: