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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 Choudhary  
Nepal

Karina deSousa  
Mozambique

Golibe Eze-Echisi  
Nigeria

Suman Gautam  
Nepal

Mujataba 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

Weiya 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 be 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.

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

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

“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)

Pre-Law Elective Course Offerings

- Communication in Conflict Situations
- European Union Law
- Globalisation and the Islam: Rethinking Political Islam (Fall only)
- Introduction to Arguementation 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)

New Study Abroad Offerings from Our Affiliates

**AustralLearn** 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.

**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.

**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.

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

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**IES Amsterdam Pre-Law Certification Program**

**Featured Study Abroad Program**

**New Study Abroad Offerings from Our Affiliates**
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 Fritzche (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 Kathleen 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.

Study Abroad Alumni

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.

Jeff Armstrong (IES, Japan): Teaching English in Japan through the Japanese Exchange Teaching (JET) Program

Jordan Bartle (Butler, Mexico): Joining the Peace Corps in Latin America

Patrick Beary (SIT, Switzerland): Recipient of a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for 3 months of 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

Etica 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.
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 framed 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: