

STUDY ABROAD

What Students are saying:

Studying abroad is not a once in a lifetime experience it is a life changing experience. Your view of day to day life and how you operate through time will never be the same again, and that smile will never leave your face.

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How to say 'Hi' around the world:

Oi (Portuguese)

Ciao (Italian)

Ni-Hao (Chinese)

Bonjour (French)

Guten-Tag (German)

Hola (Spanish)

Konichiwa (Japanese)



MY STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE IN ECUADOR BY: CRYSTAL GEIGER

Ecuador was an amazing study abroad experience. I went into the program feeling a little apprehensive because I did not know any of the students who would be going. As it turned out that appeared to be the last thing I needed to worry about. I met some wonderful people there, and the local people were warm and understanding of any language blunders. The great thing about this program was that I was able to fit in many sightseeing and shopping trips. Along with my weekly course work, and lectures, I was still able to experience the country in a real way. I saw huge whales jump out of the ocean, I walked the streets of old town Quito, and headed to the original city where "Panama" hats were first made. My study abroad experience was one that I know will impact the rest of my life. It gave me an opportunity to step out of my comfort zone, and experience a different culture. Also, most graduate schools are looking for students with international experience. Whether it is an internship, field school, or a traditional study abroad pro-



Photograph taken by Crystal Geiger. Students in photo are: (right to left) Laura Ray, Lauren Cook, and Christi Kennedy. Laura, Lauren, and Christi are screening for artifacts at Site # 40 in Salango, Ecuador.

gram there is no question that schools want students with global knowledge. If you are concerned about the cost I would suggest maybe trying to find a program that has a low fee, or makes up for a higher fee with a meal plan, or free excursions throughout the host country.

This summer the Ethnographic Field School in Ecuador is taking applications. It is open to Anthropology majors and non-majors alike. For more information check out the web-site: <http://www.fau.edu/anthro/ethnfield.php>

FUN FACTS:

The Vespa is one of the most popular ways to get around in Italy. Aside from the train, most students choose to ride a Vespa to their destination. The Vespa was first manufactured by Piaggio in 1946. It now has it's own line of scooters, and is becoming more and more popular all over the world.

The Chinese flag is red which represents the blood spilled during the communist revolution. The one large star represents the leadership of China and the four small stars represent the four social classes united under one leader.



In this issue:
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STUDY ABROAD IN JAPAN: A STUDENT'S STORY

BY: DOUG MAGALETTI

From the moment I stepped on the plane, bound for Osaka, Japan, I was instantly introduced to Japanese culture. It began with people taking off their shoes for the flight, and a flight attendant bringing hot towels prior to the meal. My time in Japan, in one word, can be described as "incredible." From meeting new people and learning of their culture, to trying new foods I was exposed to Japanese culture. Events such as grocery store shopping at the local supermarket became an adventure. "What will I buy today? I have no idea, I can't read the labels." Finally, I adapted and shopping for

new foods became easier through trial and error. Also, my language skills had increased steadily since my arrival. It was amazing to be able to try so many new things, and my favorite was certainly the food offerings. I loved eating *Takoyaki*, which is a fried dumpling made of batter, and then filled with octopus. *Okonomiyaki* was delicious as well. It consists of a pan fried batter cake that can be topped with anything you like, but mainly octopus, shrimp, or vegetables. Study abroad opened my eyes to a world that I never knew existed. Meeting new people in a place so different and so



This is a street in Osaka, Japan. The street is lined with food carts and vendors.

far from home was an experience of a lifetime. I learned more about myself, and who I am as a person while gaining valuable life experiences.

Study Abroad FAQ:

1. How many credits do I need to study abroad?

You must have at least 12 FAU credits in order to take part in a study abroad program.

2. I am not an FAU student, can I participate in one of your programs?

Yes, you can participate in an FAU faculty led program.

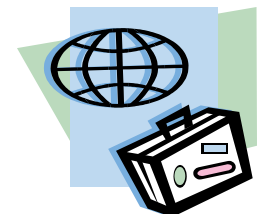
3. Can I still study abroad, even though I am graduating?

Yes, a student is still eligible to go abroad. However, this depends if they are planning to participate in a FAU sponsored program, or a non-FAU sponsored program, students should apply as a non-degree seeking student. If a non-FAU program, students can apply directly to the program provider.

4. Will I be able to use my financial aid for study abroad?

Most financial aid is applicable to study abroad, but everyone's financial aid package is different, please contact your financial aid advisor or visit the financial aid website, at:

www.fau.edu/finaid/special_programs/study_abroad.php



For information on Studying abroad, contact the FAU Office of International Programs at their website:

www.fau.edu/studyabarod

GET READY TO SPEND SUMMER OVERSEAS!

FAU SUMMER STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION DEADLINE COMING SOON!

This summer FAU students will be spanning the globe! Deadlines for summer study abroad is approaching so make sure to get your applications in. FAU offers diverse programs in many different countries, and it is a great opportunity to earn college credit while seeing the world. Here is an example of just a few of the programs FAU is offering for Summer '09.

Costa Rica: (05/1-05/09)

Buenos Aires, Argentina: (05/01-05/10)

Venice, Italy: (05/10-06/20)

Antigua, Guatemala: (05/12-06/20)

Paris, France: (06/04-07/15)

Nanjing, China: (06/06-07/24)

Coastal Ecuador: (06/19-08/04)

Barcelona, Spain: (6/20-8/2)

Orvieto, Italy: (06/20-07/31)

London-Brussels: (06/22-08/4)

Greece: consists of 5 three weeks sessions. (5/10-5/30, 5/31-6/20, 6/21-7/10, 6/28-7/17, and 7/19-8/08)

Remember the deadline is rapidly approaching so try to get those applications in!

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Can you guess what the largest country of the world is by area? Is it:

- A. Russia
- B. Canada
- C. China
- D. United States

The answer may surprise you!
It's A. Russia, with 17,075,200 km².

Can you name the capital of the United Arab Emirates?

- A. Baghdad
- B. Abu Dhabi
- C. Qatar
- D. Bratislava

If you guessed B, Abu Dhabi, you are correct!

The Population of Australia is closer to the population of:

- A. The U.S.
- B. Florida
- C. Alaska
- D. Miami

If you guessed B, Florida, you are correct. Australia, while having around the same land mass as the US has approximately the population of Florida.