



Building Bridges

Between Cultures and Countries



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Office of International Programs
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Did you know:

- The top country for study abroad at UND is the United Kingdom. Other top countries have been: China, Norway, Spain, and Australia.
- The country with the most international students at UND is Canada with India a close second and Norway third.
- UND students can study abroad in over 50 countries through UND programs and affiliated program providers.
- There are 65 countries represented at UND by international students and faculty.

Dates to remember:

- **Study Abroad Fair**
Wednesday
Sept. 13, 2006
10 am – 3 pm
International Centre
- **International Education Week**
November 13-17

Cultural Nights

7:00 pm
International Centre

- **Brazil**
September 14
- **Japan**
September 21
- **Iran**
September 28

OIP Newsletter

Welcome to the first issue of the new newsletter from the Office of International Programs (OIP). Our newsletter will serve as a means of regular contact between the OIP and the university community, sharing what's happening at the OIP, highlighting news or issues regarding international students as well as students studying abroad.

The OIP staff works directly with international students (graduate and under-graduate), international faculty/ scholars/researchers, and all students studying abroad. We also provide cultural programming opportunities such as the Thursday Night Cultural series and Speakers Bureau.

The OIP staff consists of:

- **Ray Lagasse** – Director
- **Will Young** – Associate Director
- **Shannon Jolly** – International Student Advisor
- **Neva Hendrickson** – Education Abroad Advisor
- **Melinda McCannell-Unger** – Education Abroad Advisor
- **Tatjana Richards** – Admin. Secretary
- **Barb Royce** – Programming Assistant
- **Marilyn Wilkens** – Admin. Secretary

Education Abroad

www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/sabroad.htm



New Programs

India – Goa University: Study India program; accepting applications for Spring 2007

Cameroon – University of Buea: full exchange in all academic areas

More information coming soon.

Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, Sept. 13
10 am – 3 pm
International Centre

UND programs will be featured and affiliated program providers will be present. Faculty involved in Faculty-Directed Programs are invited to take part in the fair to promote their programs. Education abroad advisors, Neva Hendrickson and Melinda McCannell-Unger will be available to

help students explore possibilities and offer insights for the study abroad process. For more information contact either Neva or Melinda at 777-4231.

Faculty-Directed Study Abroad Workshop

Friday, Oct. 27, 2006
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
International Centre

This workshop is designed for those considering offering a course in an international context and would like to know how to get started. We cover all the "how to's" including logistics, finances, marketing, UND requirements, etc. A registration form will be available in September.

About 191,321 college students, constituting just slightly over 1% of total enrolled undergraduates, studied abroad in 2004-05, though 50% of college-bound high school students express an interest and 75% think it is important to study or participate in an internship abroad during their academic career.

For more information see www.yearofstudyabroad.org/studyabroad.asp



Goa University, Goa, India
www.goauniversity.org



Hindu temple, Goa, India

International Students & Scholars

www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/istudent.htm
www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/scholar_srv.html

New International Students

We are expecting around 130 new international students from 30 countries:

Australia	Bangladesh	Brazil
Cameroon	Canada	China
Czech Republic	France	Georgia
Germany	Ghana	India
Kenya	Korea	Lebanon
Moldova	Nepal	Nigeria
Norway	Philippines	Poland
Russia	Saudi Arabia	Serbia
South Korea	Sri Lanka	Switzerland
Taiwan	Ukraine	Yemen

Registration Requirements

When advising international students please note that international students are required to

be registered as full-time students and maintain full-time status throughout the semester.

"Full-time undergraduate students means undergraduate students who are enrolled in 12 or more credit hours during fall or spring semester.

Effective Summer 2006, full-time graduate students means graduate students enrolled in 9 or more credit hours during fall or spring semester." (SBHE Policies 404.3.g & h)

Please be aware that

- it is important to extend reminders to international students regarding course requirements and the grading process used.
- Clearly state course expectations both orally and in writing.

"There is no better way to learn about a culture and the world outside the United States, than first-hand."

Tom Cole
U.S. Representative

Programming

www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/prgm.htm

Fall Semester Thursday Night Cultural Series

Thursdays at 7:00 pm
International Centre, 2908 Univ. Ave.

September Cultural Nights are:

- September 14 – Brazil
- September 21 – Japan
- September 28 - Iran

The entire calendar for this series is available online at:

www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/prgm.htm

Watch for the weekly reminders.

Speakers Bureau

The Speakers Bureau is a service provided by international student volunteers who are available upon request to speak at UND classes about their country, customs, and culture. For more information contact Barb Royce, Programming Assistant at 777-2590.