

International Programs

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Cultural Nights Fall 08

Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Loading Dock
Memorial Union

- September 18
- September 25
- October 2
- October 9
- October 23
- October 30
- November 6
- November 20
- December 4

Country in Focus: JORDAN



The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Ruler: King Abdullah II (1999)
Prime Minister: Nader Dahabi (2007)

The death in February 1999 of King Hussein, who ruled for 46 years, left Jordan still struggling for economic and social survival, as well as regional peace.

His son, Abdullah, who succeeded him to the throne, faces the task of maintaining stability while accommodating calls for reform. A blueprint for long-term political, economic and social change - known as the National Agenda - has yet to be implemented.

Land area: 35,344 sq mi (91,541 sq km); **total area:** 35,637 sq mi (92,300 sq km) excludes West Bank. Jordan is bordered on the west by Israel and the Dead Sea, on the north by Syria, on the east by Iraq, and on the south by Saudi Arabia. It is comparable in

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OIP Staffing **New at the OIP**

Jane Sykes Wilson -
Education Abroad Advisor



Jane joined the OIP staff on June 30 as an Education Abroad Advisor filling the position previously held by James Fox who has moved on to medical school. Jane, originally from the United Kingdom received her MA from UND in 2004 in Communication. Prior to joining the OIP staff, Jane worked in the private sector and most recently in enrollment services at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

The rest of the OIP Staff

- Ray Lagasse, Director
- Will Young, Associate Director
- Anne Ekkaia, International Student Advisor
- Shannon Jolly, International Student Advisor
- Neva Hendrickson, Education Abroad Advisor
- Tatjyana Richards, Office Manager
- Sandy Brown, Administrative Assistant (part-time)

American-Scandinavian Foundation Announces Award Competition for 2009-2010

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) is now accepting applications for Grant and Fellowship awards for the 2009-2010 academic year. If you are interested in the Study in Scandinavia Award visit the website at www.amscan.org. ASF offers around \$300,000 to outstanding American students, scholars, professionals, and artists for study and/or research in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden. Fellowships of up to \$23,000 are intended to support an academic year-long stay, and priority is given to students at the graduate level who need to spend time at foreign academic or research institutions. Grants, usually in the amount of \$5,000, are considered more suitable for shorter research visits, both on the graduate or post-doctoral level. Funding is available to candidates in all fields. The application deadline is November 1, 2008.

2009-10 Fulbright Scholar Award Opportunities Still Available

Applications continue to be accepted for some Fulbright Scholar awards for lecturing, research or combined lecturing/research awards in various academic fields during the 2009-2010 academic year. Faculty may apply for awards specifically

in their field as well as the many "All Discipline" awards open to any field. Visit the Fulbright website at www.cies.org for descriptions of available awards and new eligibility requirements. Awards are closing daily, so please consult the relevant program officer before applying.

Study Abroad Fair

Date: Wednesday, September 17
Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Place: International Centre
2908 University Ave.

Your assistance in announcing and promoting the Fair is greatly appreciated.

Welcome Back Event

Date: Wednesday, September 17
Time: 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Place: International Centre
2908 University Ave.

Welcome Back is an event designed for students returning from a summer or semester abroad. This event gives us a chance to hear about the students' experiences first hand and allows the students to connect with other returning students. The goal is to help students with the transition back to UND and life in the US through discussions about the challenges of re-entry and resources available as well as give them a forum for sharing experiences. We also hope to connect returning students with our student organization for study abroad alumni Student Leaders International, who help promote study abroad on the UND campus.

Study Abroad Faculty Referral Form

Anyone in contact with students is welcome to refer students to our office. For your convenience we have a referral form available online. Simply complete the form and submit it to the Office of International Programs and our office staff will contact the interested student. The form is available online at the OIP website: www.und.edu/dept/oip

Study Abroad Application Process

The application process for Studying Abroad is as follows:

1. **Attend an Info Session:** this session is a general overview of the whole process of Studying Abroad. Info Sessions run weekly



Country in Focus: (continued)

size to Indiana. Arid hills and mountains make up most of the country. The southern section of the Jordan River flows through the country.

Population (2007 est.): 6,053,193 (growth rate: 2.4%); birth rate: 20.7/1000; infant mortality rate: 16.2/1000; life expectancy: 78.6; density per sq mi: 171

Capital and largest city (2003 est.): Amman, 2,677,500 (metro. area), 1,293,200

Monetary unit: Jordanian dinar (1 JOD = 1.42 USD)

Languages: Arabic (official), English

Ethnicity/race: Arab 98%, Circassian 1%, Armenian 1%

Religions: Islam (Sunni) 92%, Christian 6% (mostly Greek Orthodox), other 2%

Literacy rate: 90% (2003 est.)

Political Overview

Jordan is a constitutional monarchy. The current monarch, King Abdullah II Bin Al-Hussein, is Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. As Head of State, the King concludes and ratifies treaties and agreements, with the approval of the Cabinet and Parliament.

The King exercises executive authority through the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister is appointed by the King and advises on the appointment of other Ministers of the Cabinet.

The King appoints senior officials on the recommendation of Cabinet. The 1952 Constitution provides for a bicameral National Assembly, with a 110-member House of Representatives, also known as the House of Deputies, elected by direct universal suffrage, and a 55-member Senate appointed by the King. In the House of Deputies a number of seats are set aside for women, and various religions and ethnicities.



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Mondays at 1pm, Tuesdays at 9am, and Wednesdays at 3pm at the International Centre (across from the Union).

2. Meet with Academic Advisor to let them know that you would like to study abroad so that they can suggest when it would work best for your academic plan; they may be able to suggest some courses that you could take while abroad.
3. Select a Study Abroad program. Check out the Study Abroad Catalog, the OIP web site www.und.edu/dept/oip, or the Study Abroad Resource Centre at the International Centre.
4. Schedule an advisement appointment or application pick up with a Study Abroad Advisor by giving us a call at 777-4231 or stop by the Centre.

Application Deadlines: Summer - Fall & Academic year-March 1st, Spring- October 1st

International Scholar Info.

Contact Information:

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International Faculty Advisor
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www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/scholar_srv.html

Exchange Visitor Program (J-1 Visa)

- J-1 Professor Category (3 Weeks to 3 Years)
- J-1 Research Scholar Category (3 Weeks to 3 Years)
- J-1 Short-Term Scholar (1 Day to 6 Months)
 - Good for Visiting Professors/Researchers
 - One-Year Bar between J-1 Professor/Research Scholar Programs
 - Two-Year Home Residency Requirement (for some individuals)

More J-1 Info

www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/scholars/j1ev.htm

NAFTA (TN Visa)

- TN = Temporary Teaching Positions (Up to 1 Year at a Time)
- Canadian Citizens
- \$50.00 Homeland Security Fee at Pembina (or other U.S. Port of Entry)

More TN Info

www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/scholars/tn.htm

H-1B Temporary Employment

- **H-1B = Ideal for Tenure-Track/Long-Term Positions**
- Length of Visa = Up to 3 Years per Petition (Total of 6 Years)
- **Provides Eligibility for U.S. Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)**
- Total Processing Time:
 - Routine = 4 ½ to 7 Months
 - Expedited = About 1 ½ to 2 Months

More H-1B Info & H-1B Step-by-Step Process

www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/scholars/h1b.htm

Advising International Students Requirements for Maintaining Visa Status

The majority of UND's international students are in the United States on a student visa (F or J visas). These are regulated by divisions of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Department of State (DOS).

The U.S. Code of Federal Regulations defines certain requirements that students must meet in order to keep their student visa status. Students who fail to follow these requirements lose their eligibility to remain in the United States.

Academic advisors can help international students to maintain their eligibility by remaining aware of some of the basic requirements:

Enrollment Requirements

Students must be enrolled full time every fall and spring semester:

- Undergraduate Students: 12 credits min.
- Graduate students with no assistantship: 9 credits minimum
- Graduate students with an assistantship: 6 credits

Students may count only ONE online, distance or IVN course (max. 3 credits) toward their full time credits requirements each semester.

Students must register for and complete the minimum number of credits each semester. DHS recognizes only a very limited number of exceptions to the full time requirement.

Employment Requirements

Students with F1 or J1 status may work on campus up to 20 hours per week during the academic year.

Off campus employment is not allowed without special permission from DHS. Off campus employment is only authorized by DHS in cases of severe financial hardship or to accommodate an opportunity for training in student's major field of study. All authorizations require significant advance planning and close work with the Office of International Programs.