



Dates to remember

September 12

Study Abroad Fair
10am – 3pm
International Centre

September 13

First Cultural Night
India
7:00 pm
International Centre

October 1

Study Abroad
Application deadline
for Spring 2008

Cultural Nights

7:00 pm
International Centre

Sept. 13..... India
Sept. 20..... Japan
Oct. 4 ... Saudi Arabia
Oct. 11 Norway
Oct. 15 Germany
Oct. 25 Yemen
Nov. 1..... Mexico
Nov. 8..... Croatia
Nov. 15..... Native
American
Nov. 29..... United
Kingdom

Did You Know?

In Spring Semester 2007, the UND international population consisted of:

- 253 undergraduate students
- 292 graduate students & dependents
- 70 professors
- 63 researchers
- 45 medical residents
- 21 professional staff
- 70 dependents of scholars

Total... 814

A 6% increase from Spring 2006; a 49% increase from Spring 2002.

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OIP Staff

Marilyn Wilkens Retires

In July 2007, Marilyn Wilkens, who served as the OIP administrative assistant, retired from her position. She began at UND in 1989 and moved to International Programs in 1993. Throughout her years in the OIP, Marilyn was part of the many stages of growth and development that the office went through, serving as support for the entire office. The voices of many who had the pleasure of working with Marilyn proclaimed her as the steady, quiet, "rock" within the office. She will be greatly missed!



New at the OIP

Sandy Brown – Administrative Assistant



Sandy joined the OIP staff in June and worked with Marilyn, learning from her many years of experience. In the OIP, Sandy is responsible for managing the finances for the office which can be quite challenging at times with the many and varied programs and services the office offers.

Anne Ekkaia – International Student Advisor

In July, a second International Student Advisor joined the OIP staff, Anne Ekkaia. Anne, originally from Germany, studied as an Undergraduate exchange student at Concordia College in Moorhead. Anne later earned her Master's degree in Germany. She will be working closely with Shannon Jolly in advising our international students and directing the OIP programming including our Thursday Night Cultural Series.



Other Changes in the OIP Staff

Melinda McCannell-Unger, Education Abroad Advisor, has resigned her position. She will be soon moving to Minneapolis. The search for an Education Abroad Advisor is currently in process.

Barb Royce, Programming Assistant has resigned her position effective September 5. She will be completing her degree at UND this Fall. The programming responsibilities will be covered by the International Student Advisors, Shannon Jolly and Anne Ekkaia.

The rest of the OIP Staff

- **Ray Lagasse**, Director
- **Will Young**, Associate Director
- **Shannon Jolly**, International Student Advisor
- **Neva Hendrickson**, Education Abroad Advisor
- **Tatjana Richards**, Office Manager

International Students & Scholars Services

International Student Advising Notes

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.

Undergraduate (Bachelor's) students: 12 credits

Graduate Students:

No assistantship: 9 credits

¼ or ½ time assistantship: 6 credits

U.S. Federal Regulations prohibit F-1 status students from counting more than 1 online or distance course (3 credits maximum) toward the full time enrollment requirements each semester. This includes IVN courses.

Please help students ensure their full time status.



Did you know:

Over the past decade, the number of U.S. students studying abroad has more than doubled. In academic year 2004/2005, 205,983 U.S. students studied abroad, an increase of 7.7% from the previous year.

With 20 years of sustained and marked growth in U.S. international education, the study abroad experience has moved well beyond the typical "junior year abroad," with students seeking educational experiences of various durations, at different points - and sometimes more than once -- in their academic careers. Students are increasingly going to study in non-traditional destinations, and increasingly to non English-speaking countries. U.S. study abroad has been rising steadily in recent years, with an increase of 144% in the last decade, up from only 84,403 in 1994/95.

Open Doors 2006, Report On International Educational Exchange, The Institute of International Education (IIE)



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USCIS increases Fees

On 30 July 2007, the United States Citizenship & Immigration Service (USCIS) increased the fees for certain services that affect the UND international community. The following is a partial list of the new fees:

- Petition for H-1B Nonimmigrant Worker (Form I-129) - \$320.00
- Application for Extend/Change of Nonimmigrant Status (Form I-539) - \$300.00

- Application for Employment Authorization (i.e., OPT, J-2 Employment) (Form I-765) - \$340.00
- Immigrant Petition for Alien Worker (Form I-140) - \$475.00
- Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status (Form I-485) - \$930.00

A full listing of USCIS Fees can be reviewed at <http://www.uscis.gov/files/natedocuments/G-1055.pdf>

Education Abroad**Study Abroad Fair**

Your support and encouragement to students to take part in the Study Abroad Fair would be greatly appreciated. Many UND programs, including the faculty directed programs, will be featured at the fair. Present as well will be a number of the study abroad providers which offer opportunities world-wide.

Date: September 12, 2007

Time: 10 am – 3 pm

Place: International Centre

For more information contact:

Melinda (7-4756 melindamccannellunger@mail.und.edu) or Neva (7-3301 nevahendrickson@mail.und.edu)

Study Abroad Info. Sessions

Informational meetings on study abroad are scheduled for

Mondays - 1:00 pm

Tuesdays - 9:00 am

Wednesdays - 3:00 pm

- Attending a Study Abroad Info. Session is a **prerequisite** for an individual study abroad advising session.
- To sign up for this session call 777-4231 or stop by the International Centre.

Study Abroad Application Pickup & Deadline

Applications for Spring 2008 Study Abroad are available at the OIP.

- An appointment with an Education Abroad Advisor is needed to pickup an application.
- Call 777-4231 to schedule.

**Application Deadline for Spring 2008:
October 1, 2007**

Programming**Thursday Night Cultural Series**

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New for Fall 07

- **\$1.00 charge for Thursday Night Meal**
To help defray the costs of the meal that is part of the Thursday Night Cultural Series, there will be \$1 charge per person for the meal.
All proceeds will be applied directly to the cost of the food for the Thursday Night programs.
There will not be a charge for the program presented by students and/or faculty.
- **Programming Contacts**
With Barb Royce's departure on September, 5, the International Student Advisors will be directing the Programming efforts of the OIP.
 - **Shannon Jolly – 777-4118**
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 - **Anne Ekkaia – 777-2033**
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