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1. October is Upon Us

October... the weather gets cooler, the jackets come out, the leaves come down, the midterms begin and the pumpkins appear. For me, October means that I have a lot of grading to do, speakers to arrange, a Model UN conference to prepare for, the Fall Admissions Open House and that advising appointments are almost upon us. Advising? Registration? Oh yes. Spring 2007 registration starts on Wednesday, November 1! See more about that below.

There are a lot of events and changes going on at Manhattan College right now and I urge you all to pay attention to what is going on this they may affect you. A few reminders and hints:

- If you want to study abroad in the spring, make sure you start making arrangements with Nancy Cave in the Study Abroad Office (Memorial 420).
- If you want to study in Washington, DC in the spring or next fall, see me in Miguel 414 (read more information below).
- If you are planning on graduating in the spring, make sure that you have submitted the proper paperwork to the Dean's Office and start making your post-graduate planning. If you want to go to grad school or law school or get a job, you should already be starting to plan.
- If you are applying to grad school or law school or need letters of recommendation for anything, you must ask me before the semester ends. I cannot do anything after December 15.
- Seniors, I will also let you know if you have qualified for Sigma Iota Rho, the International Studies Honor Society, shortly.
- Finally, if you are abroad this semester, I will be e-mailing you instructions on advising and registering for your courses for the spring.

Finally, with the departure of Diana Gonzalez as Academic Advisor and the possible dissolution of the cooperative agreement with the College of Mount St. Vincent, there will be some changes coming in how we do things. Please bear with us all as we adapt to the new realities.

If you ever have any questions about the major, graduate schools, jobs, internships, study abroad, or anything else, feel free to e-mail me or stop by Miguel 414.

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2. Spring 2007 Registration

Do you know that Spring 2007 registration begins on Wednesday, November 1? The Spring 2007 course listings will soon be available on Web for Students and should be available in hard copy by mid-October. There will be a sign-up sheet on the door to Miguel 414 for advising appointments, which will begin the week of October 23.

If you are a declared International Studies major, you **MUST** see me to register. If you are an International Studies minor, and you want to take classes, check with me as well. In the meantime, so you can start thinking about everything, here are the course offerings in International Studies for the spring. If you see a course that interests you, ask me if it will count towards your major.

There will be two options for the senior seminar (seniors only!). The sooner you sign up for an advising appointment, the more likely you will have the seminar that interests you most.

Courses in the core of the major/courses for the minor:

ECON 334	International Economics	MTR 11:15
INTL 405-01	Senior Seminar: War, Security and the Global Environment	W 1:25-3:30
INTL 405-02	Senior Seminar: Islam and Politics	M 2:30-4:30

European Concentration:

ART 323	Revolutions in Art	T 6:15-9:00
ART 402-02	Masters of Central Europe	MTR 12:25
HIST 351	Age of the French Revolution	MTR 10:10
ITAL 340	Italian Civilization	MWR 9:05
RELS 346	Reformation and Counter-Reformation	MWR 11:15
SPAN 423	Great Hispanic Poets	MR 2:30-4:00
SPAN 427	Cervantes	MWR 11:15

Latin America and the Caribbean Concentration:

INTL 315	Politics of Economic Development	TWR 11:15
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SOC 328	Society and Culture of Latin America	MWR 11:15
SPAN 300	Hispanic Musical Heritage	MWR 9:05
SPAN 423	Great Hispanic Poets	MR 2:30-4:00

Middle East and Africa Concentration:

ARAB 102	Arabic for Beginners II	MTR 4:00-5:30
ART 400-04	Music of the Arab World	TR 4:05-5:25
ENGL 265	Contemporary Literature	MWR 1:25
INTL 315	Politics of Economic Development	TWR 11:15
GOVT 343	Government and Politics of the Middle East	MTR 12:20

Asia Concentration:

ECON 421	Japanese Economy	TRF 12:20
HIST 321	History of Modern India	MW 6:15-7:35
INTL 315	Politics of Economic Development	TWR 11:15
RELS 358	Religions of India	T 6:15-9:05

Global Issues Concentration

GOVT 457*	Model United Nations	TR 2:30-4:00
HIST 377	Science, Technology and Society	MTR 1:25
INTL 315	Politics of Economic Development	TWR 11:15
RELS 434	Non-Violent Revolution	T 6:15-9:05

* May also count for other concentrations depending on the country we are assigned.

Remember, you can also do an internship for credit towards your major. Contact Doris Pechman in Career Services to find out more.



3. News from the High Seas

Genevieve O'Reilly is on the Semester at Sea Program. Here is her latest missive:

We departed Hong Kong last night and we are heading for Vietnam. We arrived in Hong Kong on Thursday with no delay from the storm. The seas were rough after Japan and it was great to be on land again. Everyone was starting to get anxious for port again. New country, new adventures.

We docked on the island of Kowloon which is right across from Hong Kong Island. The actual island of Hong Kong is incredible, more skyscrapers jam packed onto a very small area. HK looked like one big building competition, who can build the tallest, most modern and eye-catching skyscraper. Docking in port has come to be my favorite part of traveling by ship. Nowadays who gets to arrive by boat into a new country? It really is thrilling to wake up at 5 am and eagerly watch the boat pull into these huge harbors. Conveniently, the port happened to be the biggest mall I have ever seen. I only had a few hours the first day in HK so I stayed on Kowloon and wandered around with some friends. I left Thurs afternoon for Beijing. The

airplane ride was okay, I still am so confused about the whole Hong Kong- China situation. Our flight was international and we had to clear customs...different currency too. We weren't allowed to check any luggage so we only had our carry-ons. The rolling backpack is working out quite nicely despite the abuse I get for rolling it around! The flight was almost entirely Semester at Sea students which was fun. We didn't get to the hotel until 11.30pm and everyone was exhausted.

Friday was a full day. There were about 70 students on my trip, we took up two tour busses and journeyed over to Tian'anmen Square. They aren't joking when they say China is overpopulated! It's nearly impossible to walk without being pushed or shoved. Forget about trying to look around when you walk, my only concern was focusing on not running someone over and not being trampled to death! The atmosphere in China is much different than Japan. The people were not as receptive and warm. I felt way more out of place in China despite the fact that there were far more foreigners. We were stared at constantly and sometimes the people were just outright mean. The people in Japan were fascinated by Americans and they embraced Western Culture. Not the case in China. The society is shut out from the rest of the world. It was intimidating knowing that we were in a Communist country....more on that later. So Tian'anmen was intense! It's the largest public square in the world. There were THOUSANDS of people there. Communist soldiers everywhere, patrolling everyone. One of my teachers said that he was tempted to bring a pro-democracy poster of some sort to Tian'anmen, but he decided it wouldn't be worth it to spend the rest of his life locked up in a Chinese prison. The remains of Mao Zedong are in the center of the square. Since public practice of religion is basically forbidden in China, I'm convinced people have turned to worshipping Mao. Mao is everywhere, statues, watches, posters, shirts, flags, playing cards, even rosary bead-ish type necklaces. It's very bizarre. From my encounters, no one believed that religion even existed. Mao is their hero, he cared about them.

On the outside of the Forbidden City there is a humungous picture of Mao....pretty creepy and when you are walking through the gates, the guards chase you down if you try to take any pictures. Weird!!!! The Forbidden City was huge and packed, not so forbidden anymore. The buildings were spectacular. There was a lot of construction going on so some of the bigger structures were covered up. The Olympics are being held in Beijing in 2008 and it's apparent the Chinese are trying to fix up their major tourist attractions.

Then we went to the Great Wall!!!! Definitely one of my favorite things thus far. First off, it's more like the Great Staircase than the great wall. The Wall is breathtaking, it wraps around all of the mountains. It wasn't as wide or tall as I was expecting. So we hiked up the wall....what a trip that was. The stairs are all uneven, no rhyme or reason. Some are three inches tall while others were three feet. It was a great workout, I was feeling the burn! It was all worth it when we got to the top! It was breathtaking being on top of the Great Wall of China! It's so crazy for me to even say that. It felt as if we were on top of the world, I guess in some sense we were. I had duck that night for dinner. Not too sure how I feel about duck. The cook brought the duck out and chopped it up and cooked it in front of us. I ate it ☺ We all went to a karaoke bar that night in Beijing but that was short lived after walking and sweating all day. We flew back to Hong Kong Saturday morning.... So we are back on the ship for two days and then it's Vietnam.

4. Do you want to spend a semester in Washington, DC?

All International Studies majors are encouraged to spend a semester or a year abroad as part of their college experience. However, you also have the opportunity to spend a semester in Washington, DC. Some students have combined programs and have spent one semester abroad and one semester in Washington. It makes for a great junior year.

Manhattan College is affiliated with two programs in Washington, DC, which provide you with the chance to intern and take courses – all for credit. One is the Washington Center program and one is the American University Washington Semester Program. All students at Manhattan can participate. However, the American University Washington Semester Program offers several options that are tailor made for International Studies students.

Each American University program involves a two-day a week internship and a three-day a week seminar. The seminar includes lectures and visits to places all around Washington DC from the State Department to the World Bank, to Congress and other places, depending on your course of study. You can round out your 15 credits by taking an elective course at American University. Financial aid opportunities are available and the cost is the same as your Manhattan College tuition. Options that are good for International Studies students include:

Foreign Policy: You spend the first five weeks examining the institutions, participants, and processes involved in international policy-making in our country. The remainder of the semester is spent examining specific issue areas such as national security and arms control, the Middle East crisis, international economic policy, and international development.

International Law and Organizations: You spend 13 weeks in Washington, D.C., meeting with international law practitioners and visiting organizations that shape policy. Beyond this, you spend a week in New York City for a first-hand examination of the United Nations. You'll cap your experience by flying to Europe for a series of seminars focusing on NATO and the European Union in Brussels; a visit to Strasbourg to examine the International Criminal Court; and then to The Hague for sessions on the International Court of Justice and the World Criminal Court.

International Environment and Development: This semester provides a hands-on, experiential approach to learning about international environmental problems and politics, international development challenges, and the nexus between these areas. Still, this type of program would not be complete without firsthand exposure to a developing region and to the problems and decisions that accompany efforts aimed at promoting development while safeguarding the environment. That's why the Washington Semester Program sends your class on a three-week overseas field practicum to **South Africa** (Spring Semester) and **Brazil** (Fall Semester).

Peace and Conflict Resolution: This semester explores social and political conflicts around the world, with an emphasis on peace building initiatives between people, communities, and nations. You consider fundamental conflict resolution principles and receive basic communication and conflict resolution training. This program also goes on a three-week overseas field practicum to a

region which has experienced the conflict and peace process firsthand such as **Northern Ireland**, or the **Balkans**. You meet the people involved in and affected by regional strife and post-conflict rebuilding, and get the rare opportunity to put a human face on conflicts you may have only heard about on the news.

For more information, go to <http://www.washingtonsemester.com> There are still spaces available for Spring 2007, but come to Miguel 414 ASAP to apply because the deadline is the end of October and since they have rolling admissions, some programs may already be filling up. If you want to go in Fall 2007, you can get materials and apply now. Questions, e-mail pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu

5. Alumni News

Here is some news reported by International Studies alumni since last May. I apologize if any of this is now outdated.

Hanni Liliedahl ('05) has been accepted into the Peace Corps and will be serving in Latin America beginning in the spring.

Nicole Pollio ('05) is back in New York after spending a year in Italy. She is now in the New York City Teaching Fellows Program teaching global studies and starting up a Model UN program at her school.

Cari Hourigan ('05) has “fallen into” urban planning and is currently the Zoning Enforcement Officer in Schenectady, New York.

Blair Lampe ('05) has finished her year of traveling around the world and is back in New York hoping to find a job soon.

Jennifer Diestra ('06) is getting legal experience at Weitz & Luxenberg, a law firm in downtown Manhattan.

Tony Azios ('06) got a job at the Civilian Complaint Review Board where he joins fellow International Studies alum Claudia Paladino.

Alumni: Send in your news via e-mail to pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu. We look forward to hearing from you. Also, New York City alumni, there has been some interest expressed in having an impromptu International Studies/Model UN Alumni Happy Hour somewhere in midtown. If anyone wants to help plan this (just decide on a day, time and place), I can send out an e-mail contacting everyone. Just let me know.

6. Upcoming Events

Getting into Law School: What you should be doing NOW? This lecture will be on October 4, from 4:00-5:15 in Miguel 201. The speaker will be Philip Hoffman, Litigation and Hiring Partner for Pryor Cashman Sherman & Flynn LLP. For more information, contact Pre-Law Advisor, Dr. Jeff Horn, Pre-Law Adviser, jeff.horn@manhattan.edu, Miguel 413.

Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Conference. “Who Speaks for the Common Good?” This North American organization is holding its annual conference at Manhattan College from 5-8 October. Details of the program are posted at www.peacejusticestudies.org and on the 4th floor of Miguel. Register for the conference at www.peacejusticestudies.org. For additional information, please contact Dr. Margaret Groarke, Director, Peace Studies ext. 7943 or at margaret.groarke@manhattan.edu.

Career Fair. The Career Fair will be held in Draddy Gym on Wednesday, October 11 from 12:00-5:00 pm. For more information, contact Career Services, Fifth Floor Miguel.

Study Abroad Roundtable. There will be a roundtable of students who have studied abroad on Wednesday, October 11 at 4:30 in the Alumni Room (library). For more information, contact Nancy Cave in the Study Abroad Office at ext. 7527 or at nancy.cave@manhattan.edu

Core Symposium. This fall’s Core Symposium will focus on torture and takes place on Thursday, October 26 at 4:15 in Smith Auditorium.

International Studies Informal Lectures on the International Financial Institutions. The International Studies Program is sponsoring three lectures on different perspectives on the International Financial Institutions.

Tuesday, October 31: Oscar Avalué, World Bank

12:20: Miguel 307 on the World Bank

2:30: Miguel 202 on the World Bank in Latin America

Wednesday, November 1: James Vreeland, Yale University

12:20: Miguel 307 on the International Monetary Fund

Wednesday, November 8: David Atkinson, Interamerican Development Bank

4:00: Miguel 311 (Rodriguez Room) on Latin American economic development

7. Internship, Job and Scholarship Announcements

Human Rights First Jobs and Internships

Since 1978, Human Rights First has worked in the U.S. and abroad to create a secure and humane world by advancing justice, human dignity and respect for the rule of law. We support human rights activists who fight for basic freedoms and peaceful change at the local level; protect refugees in flight from persecution and repression; promote fair economic practices by

creating safeguards for workers' rights; and help build a strong international system of justice and accountability for the worst human rights crimes.

Human Rights First welcomes a limited number of interns throughout the year. Positions are available in Program as well as Development, Communications, Administration and Finance. During the academic year, interns commit to 10 – 12 hours a week. During the summer most interns work full time. For more information about applying for Spring Semester internships (Deadline is November 15) or to see what full-time jobs are available, go to http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/about_us/jobs/interns.htm

United Nations Association of the United States Internships

The United Nations Association of the United States (UNA-USA) awards a variety of part-time and full-time internships to highly motivated students. Interns must possess a strong interest in international affairs, good writing and research skills, and formidable knowledge of the United Nations and other multilateral institutions. Applications for **Spring** internships must be received no later than **November 1**. For more information and an application form, go to <http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=640679>

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Junior Fellows Program

Each year, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace holds a rigorous national competition to select approximately 8 graduating seniors to serve as research assistants. They are matched with senior associates – academics, former government officials, lawyers and journalists from around the world – to work on a variety of international affairs issues.

Junior Fellows have the opportunity to conduct research for books, participate in meetings with high-level officials, contribute to congressional testimony and organize briefings attended by scholars, activists, journalists and government officials.

Junior Fellows spend one year (beginning August 1st) at the Carnegie Endowment in Washington, DC. Positions are full-time and include a salary and benefits package.

2007 – 2008 Projects:

- Democracy Building – *Political Science background preferred. Study of Middle Eastern politics may be helpful.*
- Non-Proliferation
- Chinese Political and Economic Transitions – *Chinese language skills desirable.*
- Russian and Eurasian Studies – *Excellent Russian language skills required.*
- South Asian Studies (non-proliferation, international security, democracy development and trade)
- Trade, Equity and Development

For more information, and application materials, contact Dr. Chasek or Doris Pechman in Career Services.

Green Corps 2007-2008 Environmental Leadership Program

Green Corps is the non-profit Field School for Environmental Organizing, founded by leading environmentalists in 1992 to identify and train environmental leaders. Their year-long program, which begins in August 2007, includes intensive classroom training, hands-on experience running urgent environmental and public health campaigns, and placement in permanent leadership positions with leading environmental and social change groups.

The full-time paid Environmental Leadership Training Program gives you training and experience with leading environmental groups, like the Sierra Club, League of Conservation Voters and Greenpeace. Upon completion of the training program, Green Corps will connect you to organizations that are seeking full-time professional staff. Green Corps' graduates hold leadership positions with MoveOn.org, Sierra Club, Greenpeace, Global Exchange, Rainforest Action Network, Natural Resources Defense Council, Friends of the Earth, ForestEthics, and many other environmental and progressive groups.

Their Early Application Deadline **Friday, October 27, 2006**. They are looking for people who are serious about saving the planet, have demonstrated leadership experience, and want to work for change over the long haul. To apply for Green Corps' 2007-2008 Environmental Leadership Training Program, fill out our online application. Regional deadlines, campus interview dates, and online application are at www.greencorps.org.

Education for Employment Foundation (EFE)

EFE seeks qualified candidates for the position of Program Assistant for the New York office. EFE is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with the mission of creating job opportunities for youth through career training in the Islamic World. The Program Assistant will be responsible for performing substantive research and analysis regarding potential EFE programs and donors. S/he will work on special projects and research potential funders and strategic partners for EFE. S/he will assist in the preparation of funding proposals, reports and reports. He/She will research and maintain a database of potential donors. He/she will also help in the coordination of EFE's communications and press outreach. This is an excellent opportunity to gain hands on experience of communications and development in an international foundation to become involved in its integral operations. Opportunity will be given for the program assistant to suggest their own projects and directions for the Foundation to investigate.

The ideal candidate will be highly motivated, organized and efficient; an excellent writer; and a strong researcher. Candidates should have a strong interest in EFE's mission. For more information, go to www.efefoundation.org or contact Marc Boxser, mboxser@efefoundation.org Application deadline, **October 26, 2006**.