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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, 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 2008 registration starts on Thursday, 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 at the American University Washington Semester Program, see me in Miguel 414.
- 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, start planning.
- 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.
- 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.

If you ever have any questions, feel free to e-mail me or stop by Miguel 414.

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2. Spring 2008 Registration

Do you know that Spring 2008 registration begins on Thursday, November 1? The Spring 2008 course listings will soon be available on Web for Students. There will be a sign-up sheet on the door to Miguel 414 for advising appointments, which will begin the week of October 22.

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.

Finally, all International Studies majors must take ECON 201 and ECON 202. One of these will count towards your Core Social Sciences (instead of LLRN 120). One counts as an elective. You should take these before you take ECON 334.

NOTE: All courses and times are still subject to change.

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

ECON 334	International Economics	MTR 11:15
GOVT 357	US Foreign Policy	TWR 11:15
INTL 405-01	Senior Seminar: Diplomacy	W 1:25-3:25
INTL 405-02	Senior Seminar: Global Cities	T 2:30-4:30

Asia

ART 402-03	Art of the Non-Western World	TR 4:05-5:30
ECON 421	Japanese Economy	TRF 11:15
ENGL 265	Contemporary Literature	MTR 3:35
HIST 312	Modern China	TWF 9:05
JAPN 102	Japanese for Beginners II	MF 9:05-11:05
RELS 355	Islam	M 6:15-9:05

Europe

ART 402-01	Masterworks of Central Europe	MTR 1:25
FREN 320	Francophone Culture	MWR 2:30
HIST 321	Special Topics: Britain and its Empire	MWR 11:15
ITAL 341	Contemporary Italian Civilization	MWR 9:05
SPAN 320	Hispanic Theater in NY	R 6:15-9:05
SPAN 429	Spanish Golden Age	MWR 11:15

Global Issues

ART 102	World Music Appreciation	TR 2:30-4:00
ART 402-03	Art of the Non-Western World	TR 4:05-5:30
ECON 335	Political Economy	MTF 11:15
ENGL 347	Literature and War	MWR 9:05
GOVT 457	Model UN*	TR 2:30-4:00
GOVT 458	Model UN II*	TR 2:30-4:00
PHIL 238	Philosophy of War and Peace	TR 2:30-4:00
RELS 300	Special Topics: Comparative Religion	T 6:15-9:05
SOC 317	Anthropology of Drugs	MWR 11:15

Latin America/Caribbean

ART 400-01	Music of the Caribbean	W 12:20-3:10
ART 402-03	Art of the Non-Western World	TR 4:05-5:30
ENGL 265	Contemporary Literature	MTR 3:35
GOVT 344	Caribbean Politics	TRF 1:25
RELS 359	Afro-Caribbean Religions	TRF 2:30
SPAN 320	Hispanic Theater in NY	R 6:15-9:05
SPAN 341	Spanish-American Civilization	MWR 2:30

* 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. Upcoming Events

Lecture on the European Union: This year's Costello Lecture, sponsored by the History Department, will be on the History of the European Union. The lecturer is Desmond Dinan, the Jean Monnet Professor at the George Mason School of Public Policy. The lecture is at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 3rd in Smith Auditorium.

Career Fair. The Career Fair will be held in Draddy Gym on Wednesday, October 17 from 12:00-5:00 pm. For more information, contact Career Services, Fifth Floor Miguel.

Free Kaplan Practice Exams: On Saturday, October 20, there will be free practice exams on campus: GRE 11:00-12:30 and LSAT 11:00-2:15, among others. Limited seats are available, so please e-mail Irene.snitkoff@manhattan.edu ASAP to register. Please state in the Subject of your e-mail which exam(s) you intend to take.

Fall Admissions Open House: The annual Admissions Open House will be on Sunday, October 28 in Draddy. I need three seniors to volunteer for an hour each that day to talk to prospective students and their parents. Please e-mail pamela.chasek@manhattan.edu and let me know if you are interested and which time slot you want: 12:00-1:00; 1:00-2:00 or 2:00-3:00.

4. Alumni News

Luz Palmero ('00) perlamd@yahoo.com gave birth to her second child, Mario Jr., in July. She is currently teaching Spanish at the Mount and is helping to establish an International Studies major at the Mount.

Amanda Connor ('04) aconnor72@hotmail.com writes: "I am writing to inform you of a proposal I have written that is posted on the Peace Corps website. This is a great project and very much needed in my village. I am enjoying my time in Mali - it is challenging and rewarding. Please click on the link below to review the details - anything you can give is very much appreciated. Thank you for your time.

<https://www.peacecorps.gov/resources/donors/contribute/projdetail.cfm?projdesc=688-211®ion=africa>

Laura Streche ('05) laurastreche@gmail.com is an intern at the Council of Foreign Relations in the Director of Studies Office.

Emily Clyne ('07) emilyclyne@gmail.com is beginning her Peace Corps service in El Salvador in February.

Joanna Da-Sylva ('07) joannadasylva@yahoo.com writes "I spent my summer working and I am soon going to go to Japan (Oct 16) for 2 weeks for my graduation present. I plan to take a year off and I'm going to do it in Barcelona. I plan on attending the Enforex Spanish program for 7 months to learn Spanish. I am looking at apartments and I am soooooo excited. After that, I plan on going to Costa Rica to attend the UN University of Peace and master in Peace Education. Between both I hope to go to Brazil for a while and learn Portuguese."

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.

5. 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 16) or to see what full-time jobs are available, go to http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/about_us/jobs/interns.htm

Green Corps 2008-2009 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 26, 2007**. 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' 2008-2009 Environmental Leadership Training Program, fill out our online application. Regional deadlines, campus interview dates, and online application are at www.greencorps.org.

Foreign Service Exam and Opportunities.

The US State Department has totally revamped the Foreign Service Exam and the selection process. For more information on careers with the State Department check out <http://www.state.gov/careers/> You can also watch a video online about the new testing process. To register to take the Foreign Service Exam, go to <http://careers.state.gov/officer/register.html>

Also, if you are interested in seeing what other federal jobs and internships may be available, check out <http://www.makingthedifference.org/index.shtml>

State Department Summer Internships.

The State Department is now accepting applications for the 2008 Summer Student Internship Program. Please click here (<http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SIP>) for more information, and to start the online application process. The deadline to submit completed applications is November 1, 2007.

Action Against Hunger Internships. Action Against Hunger looks for interns and volunteers to assist us at our headquarters in New York on an as needed basis. Internships are unpaid. We cover lunch expenses up to \$10 per day (for international interns the stipend is \$15.00) for a full day present in the office and a monthly subway card to cover transportation costs is provided for those who assist us at least 20hrs per week. Action Against Hunger requires a minimum commitment of 3 months for full time interns and volunteers and 6 months for part time interns and volunteers. Action Against Hunger welcomes international applicants. However, we cannot assist international interns with finding housing or acquiring visas. Please note we do not offer field internships. Internships at headquarters are varied, depending on our needs at the time. All internships usually include some basic administrative work such as database management, filing, etc. For more information, see

http://www.actionagainsthunger.org/work_with_us/internships.html#overview

Other Useful Job and Internet Websites:

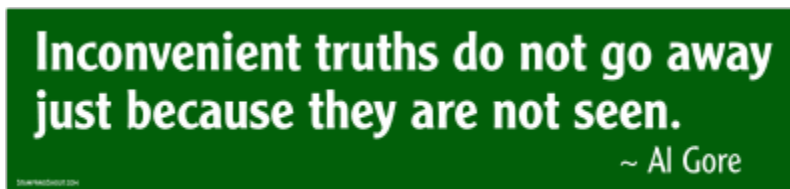
Central Intelligence Agency: <https://www.cia.gov/careers/index.html>

International Development Jobs & Consultancies in NGOs, Non-Profits, Charities, Foundations, Bilaterals, Multilaterals and Development Banks <http://www.devnetjobs.org/>

Foreign Policy Association Job Board http://www.fpa.org/jobs_contact2423/jobs_contact.htm

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6. Final Word



**Inconvenient truths do not go away
just because they are not seen.**

~ Al Gore

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