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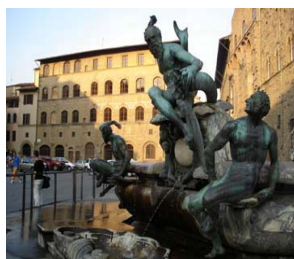
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"The World is a book and those who don't travel read only one page" - Saint Augustine

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Neptune Statue

Piazza Signoria in Florence

## Summer Programs

This year Manhattan will be sponsoring four summer programs:

- Paris, France
- Florence, Italy
- Lyon, France
- Mexico City, Mexico

The primary goal of these Summer Programs is to give students the opportunity to experience Italian, French, or Mexican culture first hand. They will have the opportunity to study a foreign language and to immerse themselves in a different way of life.

The **Florence, Italy** program will be directed by Prof. Nonie Wanger of the Modern Foreign Language Department. Students who participate in this program will be able to earn six credits (3 credits in Italian Language and 3 credits in Aspects of Italian Culture or 3 credits in Topics of Literature: Dante, a course taught by Br. Patrick Horner, English De-

partment.) This program will run from May 24 - June 25, 2006.

The **Mexico City, Mexico** program will be directed by Dr. Brad Crownover of the Communication Department. Students participating in this program will be able to earn six credits (3 credits in Spanish Language; 3 credits in Intercultural Communication). This program will run from June 1-June 29, 2006.



The **Lyon, France** program is directed by Dr. Nada Assaf-Anid of the Chemical Engineering Department. Students participating in this program will be able to earn six credits (3 credits in French Language; 3 credits in Science or Engineering Research). This program will run from May 31 - June 30, 2006.

The **Paris, France** program will be directed by Dr. Mark Pottinger of the Fine Arts Department. Students participating in this program will be able to earn six credits (3 credits in French Language; 3 credits in Music). This program will run from July 1 - July 29, 2006.

## Informational Meetings

### Paris:

Monday Jan 30, 2006  
at 3:30 p.m.

### Florence:

Wednesday Feb 1, 2006  
at 3:30 p.m.

### Mexico City:

Wednesday Feb 1, 2006  
at 4:00 p.m.

### Lyon:

Thursday Feb 2, 2006  
at 3:30 p.m.

All meetings will be held in the **Rodriguez Room** (Miguel 301)

## Experience Culture and Travel

Welcome to the first issue of "Jaspers Abroad." This newsletter has been created to alert students of the exciting study abroad opportunities that exist through Manhattan College and to share positive experiences from students that have studied abroad.

Studying in a foreign country

can change your life, by allowing you to open your eyes to the world. Opportunities to study abroad for a semester, a year, or even just a month during summer will expand your knowledge and broaden your horizons. Internships abroad are also available.

Here at Manhattan College, we highly encourage students to take advantage of the study abroad program

You will have the chance to exchange ideas with students from your host country, learn about different cultures, and leave the doors open for future global travel.



Fraser Island, Australia  
Rob Kaercher - 2004-2005

“Dear MC,

I've been in Australia for nearly two weeks and it has been an amazing time already! I've seen kangaroos, koalas, red pandas and other exotic animals at the Cairns Zoo. I was able to see the beautiful coral reef while snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef. This was one of the better parts of the trip so far, the experience of being underwater with such spectacular marine flora and fauna was great.

Just this weekend I went surfing for the first time! It was awesome, but it was very difficult to learn. I was knocked off my board at least 20 times and the waves were rough. I got the opportunity to take surfing lessons in Byron Bay. This was a small town located in the northern area of New South Wales. This town had great beaches that were secluded and not as crowded as the beaches in the Gold Coast, where I am. It also boasts a light house that is the most easterly part of the Australian mainland. However, this is not what I found most interesting about the town; rather it was the swimming dolphins and eagle rays you could spot from the beaches!

I'm looking forward to classes beginning tomorrow. I've just been relaxing, meeting new friends and enjoying the weather...and the Australian drinking age! I'll see everyone when I return in April!”

Peter Laserna - Bond University  
Australia,  
Spring '06



## Students Studying Abroad for Spring 2006

The spring semester has arrived and you may miss some friendly faces on campus. Manhattan College has 32 Students studying in foreign countries for their spring semester. Here is a list of students who are currently studying abroad and where they have chosen to study.

### Australia

Jessica Feline, Teal Haskins, Peter Laserna, Paul Molloy, George Roach, William Sabo

### Argentina

Andrea DeBrito

### England

Alexandra Droggitis,

Lauren O'Toole, Marisa Wolfe

### France

Abigail Keul, Matthew O'Neill

### Greece

Demetra Savelidis

### Ireland

Madeline Caulfield, Elizabeth Earley, Fiona McGovern

### Italy

Noreen Burke, Caitlyn Curley, Lisa D'Elena, Jennifer Greco, Ciara Marino, Rachele Testa, Taryn Veith

### Semester at Sea

Shaela Caldern, Mark Sundstrom

### Spain

Caitlyn Cruz, Nancy Fonseca, Leah Gambolati, Suzanne Katz, Anne-Marie McDonnell, Elizabeth O'Connor, Jayne Van Volkenburgh

## Frank Duffy in Lyon, France (Summer 2005)

“As much as I have always wanted to go abroad, I have never been able to because of the course restrictions of being a science major. Science as well as Engineering students are faced with this problem, keeping them from gaining these new experiences, simply because of their initial undergraduate choice. But now that is all changing.

“This past May I was reading my emails and I came upon a Jaspernet email titled: “Attention all Science and Engineering Students”. The email described a study abroad/

research trip to Lyon, France for the entire month of June at a Lasallian Engineering University, ECAM (Ecole Catholique d'Arts et Métiers). Two and a half weeks after being accepted I was on a plane bound for Europe. After arriving, I was set up in the residence. Not only did the residence lie within walking distance of the center of the city of Lyon, but my dorm room had THE BEST view of the ENTIRE city.

“While in Lyon, I took two classes—a research course (3 cr.) and a French course (3cr.).

“I met many new people, I explored the city daily, and I went on weekend excursions to Paris, Euro-Disney, toured the wine region around Lyon, and visited France Telecom (a French technology company).

“Unfortunately, the trip is only for a month and not the whole semester. But since science and engineering majors can't give up a whole semester without falling behind - you can get the best of both worlds with this one trip. Take the initiative and experience some new culture. It will change your life for the better!”

## New AIFS Program in Budapest, Hungary

Students interested in studying international politics, economics or business will find the new AIFS program in Budapest, Hungary a stimulating opportunity to live in a beautiful, old European city and learn, at a leading European University. Courses are taught at Corvinus University which was established in 1948 and formally known as Karl Marx University until 1990. It is the largest institution in Hungary offering instruction in economics, business, social sciences, and public administra-

tion. The university hosts more than 12,000 students annually from 79 different countries and it is Hungary's major center for research in economics.

Additional courses offered during the academic year include liberal arts, languages, computer science, economics, law, and methodology.

Summer and fall program fees include tuition, housing, cultural activities, on-site Resident Director, computer facilities, round trip airfare if selected and a phone card on

arrival to call home. Additionally, the fall program includes a three-day visit to Vienna, Austria.

Students applying for summer programs will be eligible for 20 inaugural scholarship awards of \$500 for summer, and 15 scholarships at \$1,000 will be available for the fall program. Scholarship eligibility will be determined during final review of applications. For additional info, please visit the MC Study Abroad office (Mem 420).

## Procedures for Participation in Studying Abroad

Here are the procedures you follow to study abroad.

1. You must be in good standings with a cumulative index of 2.75 (some programs require 3.0 or above and an index of 3.0 in the major).
2. All students studying abroad during the Fall and Spring semesters must study through a Manhattan College approved program.
3. You then decide on the country that you wish to visit. Do not be afraid to study in a country where a foreign language is spoken. Challenge yourself! Reference materials are available in the Study Abroad office.
4. You must start planning EARLY. See your school's academic advisor. Your advisor's approval is essential. Discuss options of what you want to do, where, for how long, and how your plans fit the degree you are pursuing.
5. You must meet with the faculty advisor of your major/majors, and minor if you have one, to see what courses you might take abroad that will apply to your major/minor.
6. You must set up an appointment to meet with the Study Abroad advisor to identify specific Study Abroad Programs that meet your needs and interests.
7. You should speak to students who have participated in Study Abroad Programs. The Study Abroad Advisor will provide names and addresses.
8. Once you have decided on a study abroad program, you must go back and meet with the Study Abroad Advisor and begin the Manhattan College study abroad process. The Study Abroad Advisor will provide you with a Checklist of things to do.

### In Order to Get Credit for Studying Abroad

- All courses taken abroad (semester or summer) must be approved in advance by your academic advisor, faculty advisor of your major/minor and the Chairperson of the department of your major/minor.
- You will NOT receive credit for courses that duplicate material previously studied at Manhattan College or College of Mount Saint Vincent.
- All Study Abroad participates must be registered with the Study Abroad Advisor.
- You must earn a grade of C or better in each course in order for your credits to transfer to Manhattan College (except where major department requires a higher grade).

## Frequently Asked Questions About Studying

**Are all students eligible for study abroad programs?** All students in good standing, regardless of majors, who have at least a 2.75 GPA are eligible.

**Do I need to major in a foreign language in order to study abroad?** No, there are programs for any major and any field of study.

**Are courses taught in the language of the host country?** Not all courses. Academic

options are available at various language levels as well as in English. Most courses have an intensive language program at the beginning of the semester.

**Would I graduate on time if I study abroad?** Yes, if you have carefully planned your semester abroad.

**Is financial aid available to those who plan to study abroad?** If you are currently receiving financial aid, you can

apply for your Federal Aid package (except MC scholarships) for your semester or year abroad. Consult with your Financial Aid Officer for more options.

**Where can I study abroad?** Manhattan College welcomes the opportunity to help our students arrange to study abroad in any country that is safe and not listed on the U.S. Dept. of State website.

**Where is the study abroad office and who do I see?**

The Study Abroad offices are located in Memorial Hall. Stop by and see either:

Nonie Wanger, Director  
Memorial 423, ext. 7316  
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Visit our website at:  
[www.manhattan.edu/academics/study\\_abroad](http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/study_abroad)

## Students Teaching English in Sri Lanka

"I want all readers to know that we are very safe and have not felt threatened. The people are courteous, kind, overly generous, and always wear a smile. We have been catered to since we jumped off the plane. Working at St. Benedicts the past three days has been a learning experience." - Patrick Devery



**Check out the Blog from Manhattan students in Sri Lanka!**

[srilanka06.blogspot.com](http://srilanka06.blogspot.com)

**Students Pictured:** Veronica Bickmeyer, Melody Cleven, Melissa Crespo, Erin Dawe, Patrick Devery, Meghan Gill, Kathy Hartman, Michael Lepetit, Katherine Merriman, Peter Smith, Christina White, Adam Wisnieski,

**Faculty:** Peter McCarthy,

**Administration:** Dean William Merriman and Fr. Jim Cerbone

**Manhattan College** is fortunate to be able to offer *The Michael '58 and Aimee Kakos Scholarship*. This scholarship is awarded to a Manhattan College student who is enrolled in a full-time baccalaureate degree program and has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.75 through four semesters of study at Manhattan College. Most important, the student shows an interest in learning more about the world and demonstrates an understanding and appreciation of other cultures and peoples.

This year's recipients are Lindsay McIntosh and Robert Kaercher. Both students are Communication majors in the School of Arts. As all applicants do, Lindsay and Rob began the process to be eligible for this scholarship when they wrote the mandatory essay for Manhattan College on why they wanted to study abroad. This was followed-up by their sending journal entries to us throughout the semester as well as submitting to us their final journals and photo albums upon their return.

We would like to share with you the final entry in Rob's scrap book. It is a letter from his grandfather and we believe it sums up a successful study abroad experience.



Congratulations  
Lindsay and Rob.  
Spring 2005



## A Toast To Infamous Rob!

We welcome you home from far off Australia  
Your mother and father couldn't wait to regale ya!  
Your Australian experience really unfurled  
When you met many people from around the world.

Some day in the future you may break breads  
With the friends you made in Burleigh Heads.  
You learned that Sydney is one of those hubs  
That offers a lot of attractive pubs.

Your Family's not crazy about your remarks  
That you are totally fascinated with sharks.  
You loved the festival in Byron Bay  
And the friend hippies you met on the way.

Travel broadens the vision they say  
Giving you ammunition for a good essay.  
You have obviously gained a lot of knowledge  
To take with you back to Manhattan College

You've learned a lot since you decided to roam  
And now we happily welcome you home.  
To toast a year in your life that was awesome  
Let's lift a few Yuenglings ...and toss 'em!

Old Granddad

## Fall 2006 Scholarships Awarded

- **Caitlyn Curley** from the School of Arts has been awarded a scholarship from Arcadia University Center for Education Abroad. She will be studying in Perugia, Italy. Congratulations Caitlyn.
- **Peter Laserna** from the School of Arts is a recipient of the AustraLearn scholarship program. He will be studying on the Gold Coast of Australia. Congratulations Peter.

## Free Round Trip Ticket

AIFS will be offering a Free Round Trip ticket for Fall 2006 programs at the University of Salamanca and the University of Granada in Spain. Applications for both Universities must be postmarked by April 1st 2006 to qualify for the free plane Round Trip Ticket. If interested, please contact the Manhattan College Study Abroad Office.

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## Semester At Sea Has A New Partnership

"It is with great pride and excitement that we announce our new partnership with the **University of Virginia**. The University of Virginia is a world-class institution, consistently ranked among the top two public universities in the country, and among the top twenty-five of all U.S. universities. As the academic sponsor of Semester at Sea, the University brings a wealth of academic resources, and a demonstrated commitment to international education." - <http://www.semesteratsea.com>

**Attention Spanish Majors and Minors** - interested in sending a semester in Madrid, Spain? Inquire how through the Study Abroad Office.

### Study Abroad Website

[http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/study\\_abroad/](http://www.manhattan.edu/academics/study_abroad/)

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