

# JASPERS ABROAD

Official Study Abroad Newsletter

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." Mark Twain

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## SIX WAYS TO SUCCEED ABROAD

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- 1. Don't worry about home.** You cannot enjoy where you are if you are thinking about what's going on somewhere else. Studying abroad is the total immersion of one's self in another culture. Everyone will experience some form of homesickness at first but you cannot give into it by constantly talking on your cell phone and e-mailing friends at home. Avoid unnecessary communication with friends and family.
- 2. Be social.** Get out and start adapting to your new environment immediately. Don't retreat to your room after class because you are afraid. You will find your
- 3. Lighten up.** Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Don't be afraid to speak to people in the native language. Don't be afraid to laugh at yourself when you make mistakes or find yourself in awkward situations. Don't be afraid to venture out. Try new things. Don't be discouraged if things seem to take time to come together.
- 4. Be courteous.** Remember you are the outsider. If you ask for help politely, you will probably get it. Don't expect people to move as quickly as New Yorkers. Some European
- 5. Abide by the customs.** Educate yourself on the customs of the country where you will be living. This will eliminate your offending anyone.
- 6. Make the most of your study abroad experience.** If you are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to study abroad, then don't waste it. Use your time wisely. Be sure to keep a journal and/or a scrapbook of pictures. You will want to share your study abroad experience with your children and grandchildren some day.

## Summer Programs 2007 in France or Italy

If your major does not allow you the flexibility to study abroad for a whole semester, then perhaps studying abroad in a summer program would interest you.

Two programs in **Lyon, France** have been especially designed for this summer with the Engineering and Science students in mind.

Engineering students can earn six credits (3 credits in French Language; and 3 credits in either Mech 325 Heat Transfer or Mech 422 Thermal/Fluids System Design). This program will be directed by Dr. Bahman Litkouhi of the Mechanical Engineering Department and will run from June 5 - July 10.

A second program in Lyon, France is being offered especially for students in the School of Science and Engineering. The program is directed by Dr. Nada Asaf-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 June 5 - June 30.

The **Paris, France** program directed by Dr. Mark Pottinger of the Fine Arts Department offers students the opportunity to earn six credits (3 credits in French Language; 3 credits in Music). This program will run from June 30 - July 28.



The **Florence, Italy** program is 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 an additional 3 credits in one of the following courses:

Aspects of Italian Culture, taught by Prof. Nonie Wanger

Topics of Literature: Dante, an English course taught by Br. Patrick Horner of the English Department or;

Religious Studies 400: Special topics, a Phil/Rel course taught by Dr. Rentaro Hashimoto, of the Philosophy Department.

Although the Florence trip is already filled to capacity, spaces

are still available in the Paris and Lyon programs. For additional information, please see Mrs. Cave, Mem 420, Prof. Nonie Wanger, Mem 423, or the director of the individual program you are interested in.

### Prague Castle



### Prague, Czech Republic

Dr. Claire Nolte, chairperson of the Manhattan College's History Department will be teaching a course this summer in the Hofstra University in Prague Summer Program from May 23 - June 27. If you are interested, e-mail [claire.nolte@manhattan.edu](mailto:claire.nolte@manhattan.edu)



## Finance Major Studies in London

"I resided in London for the Fall 2006 semester. Getting used to my new surroundings and culture wasn't as difficult as I had imagined it would. Many of the students I attended class with came from all over the United States and were placed in the same residence building. Becoming better acquainted with them was easier than I had expected. The thought is that we're so far away from home that the American students around you are the closest thing you have to what you're used to. In a way, it brought a level of comfort and familiarity. English food here is not that great but the ethnic restaurants around the area are pretty good. I've had the opportunity to visit much of London through trips with friends or from my History of London class, which had a field trip every Wednesday that includes museum visits or a two-hour walk around a significant area of the city. Traveling about Europe was inexpensive and easy to do. Weekends were usually the best for that since barely any classes were scheduled on Fridays. I flew to Dublin, Barcelona and Rome. Rome was quite exciting. You felt its history all around you, especially at Vatican City and the Coliseum. Nothing beat Paris. I was absolutely in love with the whole romantic feeling you got there. The city itself was just so beautiful. Visiting relatives in Frankfurt, Germany, was a lot of fun too since I hadn't seen them in a while. Everything there was very neat and calm. The last few weeks in London were very hectic. A lot of term papers were due and the sadness of leaving all the people you've become so close to didn't help the situation. Everyone's so scattered throughout the U.S. so it will be hard but we have big plans to keep in touch. My overall study abroad experience was amazing. I learned so much being on my own 3,300 miles away from home..." - Ana Medrano



Ana Medrano (3rd from left) at Stonehenge with friends made in London

## Students Studying Abroad Spring 2007

### Australia

Joseph Giles, Areti Moustakis,  
Angela Paolucci,

### Czech Republic

Jessica Smorol



### England

Victoria Adrian, Patricia Bradley,  
Brian Nowakowski, Cassie Oleszkiewicz,  
Kimberly Pierce, Jaclyn Pintauro,  
Erika Rohrsen, Diana Saldi,  
Michael Walsh

### France

Nicholas Marricco, Viviane Masters,  
Antoine Samuda, Leigh Siatka

### Italy

Jaclyn Ambriscoe, Nina Barba,  
Joseph Battista, Richard Cincimino,  
Maria Fangio, Theresa Grosso,  
Cody Lounsbury, Michelle McTighe,  
Venessa Vessella, Kimberly Wright

### Norway

Melody Cleven

### Santo Domingo

Kimberly Marrolli

### South Africa

Kathryn Meyer

### Spain

Alley Bradley, Christina Caughey,  
Mary Connolly, Gail Fitzsimmons,  
Maureen Fox, Kathleen Hoepfner,  
Nicholas Kimura, Kelly Lynch,  
Ross Malahiazar, Emily Murtaugh,  
Lauren Natoli, Samuel Rivera,

## Fall 2007 Semester in Madrid

The primary goal of the Madrid Program is to give students the opportunity to experience Spanish culture first hand and to study Spanish by immersing themselves in the Spanish way of life.

**Earn 15 credits in Madrid** - Spanish Courses (9 credits) Students are required to take three Spanish courses. The selection of courses will depend on the student's language ability. A placement test will be given upon arrival. Although the program is designed to satisfy the language requirement, students are encouraged to apply these credits towards a Spanish major or minor.

**Religious Studies 400: Special Topics in Religion** (3 credits) – All Manhattan College students are required to take 9 credits in Religious Studies. This course will satisfy 3 of those 9 credits. This course is taught in English.

**Art 090** – This course will satisfy 3 credits for either LLRN 209 or ART 120. The credits will be allocated to the course of study by the Academic Advisor in the individual school. This course is taught in English.

For additional information, please stop by the Study Abroad Office, Memorial 420 or come to the meeting on February 21.

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INFORMATIONAL  
MEETING  
FEBRUARY 21  
4: 30 P.M.

## Graduate School Abroad

### Can I attend Graduate School abroad?

Yes, Fulbright Program Scholarships are available for Graduate Study Abroad. Sponsored by the United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, this opportunity enables Americans to encounter a wide variety of different cultures, while developing international experience and building leadership skills. Students may apply as seniors for graduate study abroad. For more information, please visit <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/fulbright/> Other Graduate school opportunities are also available. Come to the Study Abroad Office, Mem 420 for more information.



## AUSTRALearn OFFERS HEAPS OF SUMMER STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS

AustraLearn has compiled a large selection of summer options for students looking to spend their summer abroad. Over 45 full-time internship placements and eight different short-term opportunities are being offered. Below is a sample of programs. For additional information and other programs being offered, please visit the Summer Section on AustraLearn's website: [www.australearn.org](http://www.australearn.org) or call 1-800-980-0033

Program	Duration	Area of Study	Approximate Dates	Location
Challenge New Zealand	2 weeks	Leadership Development	Early to mid-July	North Island
Great Barrier Reef Studies	10 - 14 days	Ecology, Biology	Various dates in June, July and August	Queensland, Australia
The Australian Experience	4 - 6 weeks	Geography, History, Ecology, Australian Studies	4 weeks mid-July to mid-August or 6 weeks early June to mid-July	Throughout Australia
Internships	Flexible	Various areas of study	Mid-June to mid-July	Various cities in Australia and New Zealand
Uni-based study abroad	15 weeks	Various areas of study	Mid-May to mid-August	Gold Coast and Sydney

### Students Travel to China — January 2007



**Back row:** Prof. Natalie Hauptman, Prof. William Merriman, Fr. James Cerbone, Brian Merriman, Amy Coppola, Prof. Peter McCarthy, Brendan Atwood, Tim Conley, Solomon Ding (tour guide)

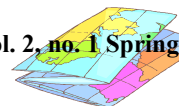
**Front row:** Annarita Macri, Karen Proctor, Tom Matarrazo, Elizabeth Mattia, Kristen Lawless, Lauren Rudowsky, Claire Crowley

The above group of students and administrators from Manhattan College had the opportunity to travel to China during the January intersession. According to one of the students, Brendan Atwood, "It's hard to sum up China and my experience there in just a few short lines. I must say that the people, the culture and the environment in China were far different than I had imagined it to be. I was very pleasantly surprised at the hospitality of our hosts as well as their genuine interest in our American culture. We visited many remarkable sites: ancient holy sites, giant man-made lakes, palaces, the Great Wall, and the incredible cities of Shanghai, Beijing and Hangzhou. If the ancient history of China doesn't impress you, then modern China certainly will."

The Zhejiang Forestry University is a general university offering bachelor's and master's degrees in agriculture, technology, science, literature, management, law, economics, medicine etc. However, an important program offered at the Zhejiang Forestry University is the Chinese Language Program. This program offers a short-term intensive language training program wherein a student's communication, speaking and listening capabilities in Chinese will improve dramatically. Short-term classes last from 4 to 12 weeks. To meet the different needs of all students, three levels of programs (elementary, intermediate, and advanced) are available.

Hangzhou, the city in which ZFU is located, is the capital of Zhejiang Province, which is one of the most progressive and dynamic provinces in China. Zhejiang is a province with strong economic growth, vitality, and potential and is famous for its beautiful scenery and centuries-old historic culture.

# Scholarship and Award Announcements



The Michael '58 and Aimee Kakos Scholarship winners for Fall 2005 and Spring 2006

Peter Laserna	School of Arts	Government + English Major	Studied in Australia
Jennifer Pritchard	School of Education	Secondary Education Major	Studied in Spain
Demetra Savelidis	School of Education	Secondary Education Major	Studied in Greece
Marisa Wolf	School of Education	Secondary Education Major	Studied in England

Aside from being full-time students working towards their baccalaureate degree program and having the required cumulative grade through four semesters of study at Manhattan College, these students showed an interest in learning more about the world and demonstrated an understanding and appreciation of other cultures and people. They wrote articles while abroad and sent them for submission to the Quadrangle. Upon their return, they shared with us their journals and photo albums for evaluation.



## Spring 2007 AIFS International Scholarship Recipients

**Leigh Siatka** from the School of Business has been awarded a scholarship for her studies in Paris, France. Leigh is a Marketing major. Congratulations, Leigh.

**Jessica Smorol** from the School of Arts has been awarded a scholarship for her studies in the Czech Republic. Jessica is a Communications major. Congratulations, Jessica.

## A Scholarship Website Not To Be Missed

The **Institute of International Education (IIE)** and **Educational Directors Unlimited (EDU)** have compiled a comprehensive directory of scholarship, fellowships, and grants for U.S. students who wish to study abroad at the undergraduate or graduate level. Please visit this informative website <http://StudyAbroadFunding.org>

## Other Scholarship Opportunities Available for Studying Abroad

### Gilman International Scholarship Program

This scholarship is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Named after Congressman Benjamin A. Gilman, this program seeks to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go. For further information regarding this program or the competition, call Coleen Gatehouse at (202) 453-8887; Office of Global Educational Programs, Educational Information and Resources Branch; (202) 453-8890; email: [gatehousecn@state.gov](mailto:gatehousecn@state.gov).

### The National Security Education Program (NSEP Boren Scholarships)

The National Security Education Program (NSEP) David Boren Scholarships are designed to encourage and support American students who wish to acquire skills and experience in less commonly studied languages and cultures. The NSEP offers more than 300 merit-based scholarship each year for the study of languages, cultures, and world regions not commonly represented in American international education, specifically those outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. For additional information, please visit <http://www.iie.org/nsep>

### Study Abroad Website

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

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