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ESU opens to the world by joining ISEP

East Stroudsburg University has joined the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) as part of its plan to increase opportunities for students to study abroad for an academic year, semester and summer. The ISEP network consists of 350 universities from 38 countries and aims to offer affordable opportunities for studying abroad, a compelling reason that has already attracted more than 200 U.S. universities already. ESU students will be able to able to participate in these exchanges through ISEP effective Spring 2009, but applications are expected in the first two months of the Autumn semester.

ESU students will have the option to study abroad in two different tracks: 1) ISEP Exchange, which allows students to study for up to two semesters in foreign universities while paying tuition, room and board at ESU. 2) ISEP Direct, which allows students to study countries such as Australia, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom, among others and pay tuition directly at the host university. The network includes universities in

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, French Territories (La Reunion, Martinique and Guadeloupe), Germany, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland,

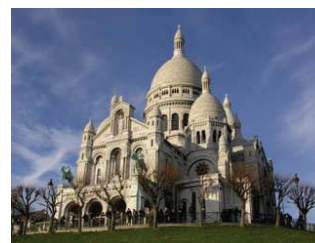


ISEP allows ESU students to study abroad in more than 150 universities worldwide

India, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Poland, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom and Uruguay. While most universities rec-

ommend knowledge of the local language, students have access to a wide offer of courses taught in English.

As part of the ISEP exchange, ESU will receive international students for up to one complete academic year.



ESU signs affiliation agreement with German and Chinese universities

ESU is expanding its international network by signing affiliation agreements with two foreign universities: Shenyang Normal University, China, and University of Applied Sciences of Aalen, Germany. The agreements include student, faculty and cultural exchanges.

With Shenyang Normal University (SYNU), students may study up to two semesters at the Chinese university and

SYNU students may do the same at ESU. While basic command of Chinese is recommended, ESU students will find available some courses taught in English. Similarly, the two universities have initiated cultural exchanges through our Music Department. ESU's A Capella Choir, led by Dr. Jim Maroney, visited Shenyang and Beijing in May 2008 and the SYNU choir is expected to visit ESU in October this year.

With University of Applied Sciences of Aalen, Germany, the exchange is circumscribed to the areas of Business & Management. ESU students may opt for an exchange at the German university for one or two semesters. German students will start coming in Spring 2009 as part of this exchange. While a basic command of the German language is recommended, ESU students will have plenty of courses available in English.

ESU summer study abroad programs

In Summer 2008, ESU launched four study abroad faculty-led summer programs in China, Dominican Republic, Ghana and St. Croix. In addition, two History students joined Dr. Marie Donaghay for an independent study trip to Austria and south Germany.

ESU students from any discipline had the opportunity to join Dr. Wenjie Yan (Communication Studies) and Dr. Kenneth Mash (Political Science) in the third version of the *ESU Summer in China* program. The program consisted of a survey of the Chinese language and culture at Shenyang Normal University and included excursions to the Great Wall of China

and a visit to Beijing.

Advanced Psychology students joined Dr. Richard Wesp in the *PSY 360 Cross-Cultural Therapy* course in St. Croix, the U.S. Virgin Island. Students volunteered at a not-for-profit organization dedicated to provide psychological assistance and human services to people from less privileged backgrounds. The program included an intense week of instruction at ESU and two weeks of field work.

Public Health students joined Dr. Alberto Cardelle in a field experience to the Dominican Republic, in collaboration with University Central del Este. Students spent one week visit-

ing rural primary health care facilities and learned about health care systems in the Dominican Republic.

Political Science students joined Dr. Samuel Quainoo in a cultural trip to Ghana to examine issues of globalization, nation & states, democracy, and elections in Africa. Students participated in several excursion including visits to the University of Ghana and the Elmina Castle. In addition, ESU students participated in an African Youth Summit organized by Youth Bridge Foundation, a Ghana-based NGO dedicated to the youth empowerment.



ESU Psychology students volunteering at a human services agency in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Island.

“Go at it with an open mind; your experience will not be anything like you predicted and will mark you indelibly, but it will be great.”

Former Fulbrighter

ESU bids farewell to eight students going abroad or away in Autumn 2008

We bid farewell to seven ESU students going away to study during the Autumn semester 2008. Most will be leaving for one semester but some will go for a complete academic year. We wish the best of luck to **Chris DePompeis** (Art major) who will be studying at Florida International University, Miami, Florida, through the National Student Exchange (NSE) program. **Taina Delly** (History major) will be leaving to Germany to study History and Political Sciences at Marburg University for a complete academic year. **Matthew Patrick**

(Media Communication major) will be leaving to Italy where he will enroll in courses at John Cabot University, Rome. **Ricard Keenen** (Political Science major) is now in Sydney, Australia taking courses at Macquarie University. **Erik Lovgren** (Business major) will be leaving shortly to Robina, Australia where he will take courses in business and management at Bond University. **Melissa Gonzalez** (Spanish major) will soon leave to Madrid, Spain, where she will live for a complete academic year. While taking major

courses, **Melissa** will also improve her Spanish at Universidad Antonio de Nebrija. **Kathryn Fretz** (Early Childhood Education major) will pioneer a pilot student-teaching program in England under the supervision of Dr. Margo Vagliardo. Finally, but not least, **Cassandra Renna** (Biology major) has decided to extend her stay at University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia for an additional semester.

Bon voyage à tous!!

Upcoming events and important dates

Fulbright scholarship:

Application deadline for U.S. Fulbright Research Grants & English Teaching Assistantship: 9/30/2008

Study abroad Spring 2009:

Application deadline for study abroad Spring 2009: 10/15/2008

Mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation Session: October 30, 2-4PM

Study Abroad Fair:

Don't miss our first Study Abroad Fair: 9/29/2008. Keystone Room from 10AM to 2PM.

International Education Week:

Please mark your calendar for the celebration of the International Education Week: November 17-21. Look out for more information.

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<http://www.esu.edu/studyabroad>

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