

Boring classes? Try a term in Japan

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Attending classes and taking exams term after term can turn into a dull routine — the trick is to make studying as enjoyable as possible.

The University's Study Abroad program attempts to make education more interesting by giving hands-on

experience — classroom lectures are not given just to be regurgitated back on exams.

Lectures are backed up by group excursions that help make learning history, art, theater, and the language of a different culture more enjoyable.

"Five courses are offered each term — the classes are

determined by the proposals we receive from teachers interested in teaching abroad," says program coordinator Paul Primak.

"We are looking for courses that are original and that a student just can't get here," he says.

Ann Kesler, a University journalism major who graduated this summer, participated in the Avignon program last fall. She calls her experience very worthwhile, educational, and fun.

Study Abroad participants pay from \$1,745 for one term in Avignon to \$7,500 for a non-resident to go to school in Japan for one year. Other countries include Germany, Mexico, England, the Netherlands, Italy, Russia and Yugoslavia.

Programs in Mexico, Italy, Austria and Germany are only summer programs, while the others have one-term to one-

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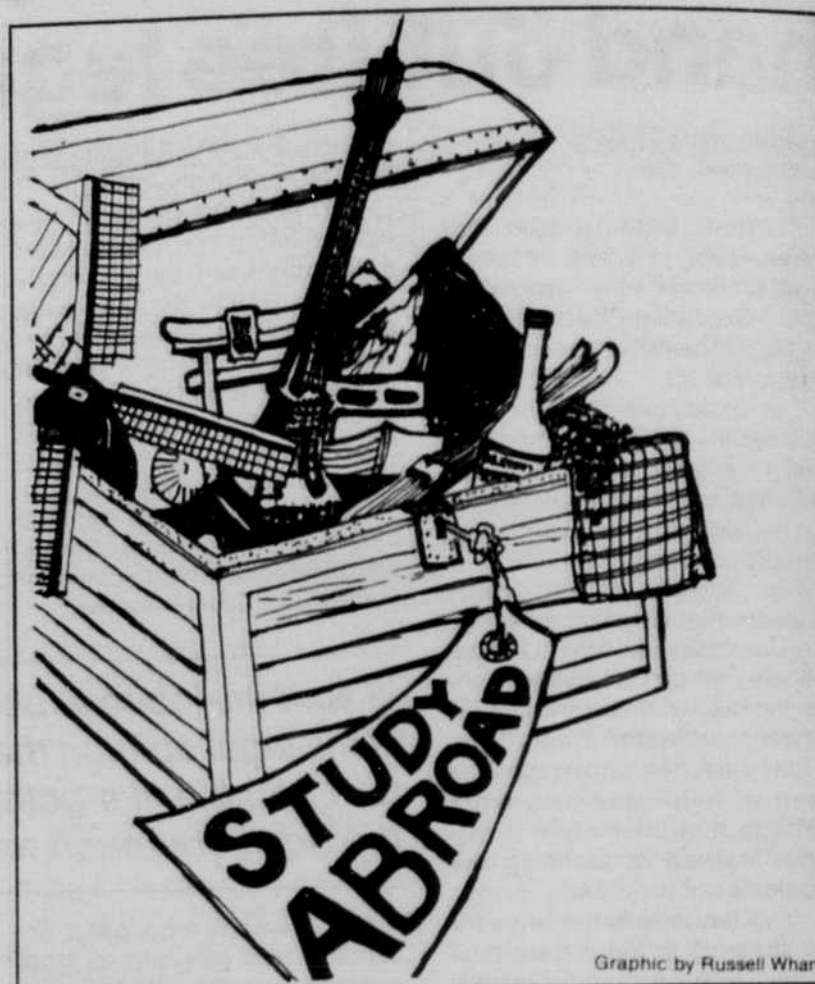
students, Spinner says, are two legal problems that can be avoided. These are landlord-tenant laws and shoplifting.

To avoid problems with landlord-tenant laws, Spinner urges people to "read whatever it is they sign," not signing if they don't agree with what the form says.

Students believe the consequences of shoplifting are

minor, he says, but he warns that stealing an item worth less than \$100 can result in a shoplifting fine of \$150 to \$300 and/or two days in jail and/or 10 to 30 hours of community service.

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The USSR programs are designed for students who intend to be Russian language instructors, and the Yugoslavia program is primarily for graduate students or students with faculty recommendations, Primak says.

"The most popular program is Avignon because of its location. I think it is appealing when students find out that Avignon is only 60 miles from the French Riviera."

"Also, not only is it full of wonderful history, it is a great jumping-off place for additional traveling," he says.

The 11 programs are sponsored by the Oregon State System of Higher Education, and the NICSA (Northwest Institutional Council on Study Abroad) program, which is in charge of the London, Koin and Avignon programs in addition to individual departments.

The NICSA program requires students to have only a basic knowledge of the language spoken in the foreign country visited, but the OSSHE program requires two years of college-level experience.

Non-resident students now can avoid paying the additional \$851 fee previously charged non-residents.

"The University of Washington just informed me that they will take non-residents at no extra cost. The student will still go through the University of Oregon," Primak says.

Students are selected on the

basis of grades and adaptability.

"I am looking for students who are going to get something out of the experience — flexible, interested in improving their language abilities, and have a degree of maturity in order to be able to handle unexpected situations," he says.

Not all students come back happy, but Primak says most students return satisfied with their experience. In interviews conducted after students return, he says 50 percent of the students are glad to be back, but about 50 percent adjusted to the foreign country so well they wished they could stay.

"At first when students come back most have a re-entry shock to their own culture. But they all eventually work back into their old ways," he says.

Study Abroad has grown in popularity since it began three years ago, which has forced limits on the individual programs.

"We have never had to set a limit on how many students we could send abroad before. We have progressed from sending 20 students total for a whole year to sending over a 100 this year," Primak says.

The deadline for going abroad this fall term is long past, but applications for winter and spring term still are being taken. The Office of International Student Services is in Room 330 of Oregon Hall. The international programs are set up mainly for students of at least sophomore standing.

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