

STUDY ABROAD

Information Sessions!

ALL EUROPE, ALL THE TIME!

Mon., October 14
11:30-2:00
International Resource Center, EMU

Info session speaker schedule:

11:30-12:00

Short term programs:
Austria, England, France,
Greece, Italy, Spain

12:00-12:30
Italy and France

12:30-1:00
Denmark, Finland, Norway, Sweden

1:00-1:30
Central Europe, Russia, NIS

1:30-2:00 Germany

IE₃ GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS

Wed., October 16
1:00-2:30 pm
International Resource Center, EMU

CHINA

Wed., October 23
3:30-4:30 pm
International Resource Center, EMU

JAPAN

Tues., October 29
3:30-4:30 pm
International Resource Center, EMU

KOREA

Tues., October 29
4:30-5:00 pm
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GERMANY

Tues., November 5
3:30-4:30 pm
International Resource Center, EMU

STUDY ABROAD FAIR

Wed., November 20
11:00-4:00 pm
Fir Room, EMU

Experience the World

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IRC

[IRC offers you the world]

Bitten by the travel bug? Want to learn about other cultures in a place warm as home? The International Resource Center (IRC), located in the EMU's International Lounge, is your "meeting place for the world." There you can: connect with friends, family, local newspapers and radio; watch international programs, videos and films; and plan trips abroad, in the United States and in Oregon.

The International Lounge is where international events happen. Last year, for example, there were international films, travel talks, music and dance presentations, and the creation of a sand mandala by Tibetan Buddhist monks.

This year the IRC will co-sponsor: live music at the first International Coffee Hour, September 27; international films, every Friday night after Coffee Hour; Travel Talks, including a series of programs with STA Travel on travel safety, Europe, Australia and Asia (the first is October 22).

Other fall term events in the Lounge include International Student Orientation, a Scandinavian Film Festival, football (soccer) nights, and an International Scholars Reception.

The International Resource Center is one of the

best-kept secrets on campus. Come for events! Come to plan your travel! Come to hang out with friends! Come to enjoy!

Check out the IRC website for information on 90 countries around the world: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~irc>.



Students talk with a Tibetan monk who visited the IRC.

Experience... the World Right Here on Campus

Studying abroad is a wonderful opportunity, but it isn't the only way to expand your cultural boundaries. The University of Oregon is an increasingly international community, and there are many ways to get a more worldly perspective while you are on campus.

Consider this sampling of the opportunities that await you:

Make new friends

There are abundant opportunities at the UO to meet new friends from around the world! Get involved with the **International Student Association (ISA)**, which has an office adjacent to the International Resource Center, on the mezzanine level of the EMU. Or stop by the ISA's **International Coffee Hour**, held every Friday afternoon at 4:00 pm (16:00) in the International Lounge. Or, if you'd like to establish an ongoing relationship, consider joining the **Conversation Friends**, a program that matches American volunteers with international students who want to improve their English-language skills in friendly, social interaction. Of course, there are also a variety of **international clubs** at the UO for people interested in culture-specific activities, including "culture nights" that feature the cuisine and customs of particular cultures, conversation gatherings, films, and special events. Each spring, these clubs and the ISA bring us the wonderful **International Week**, which includes one day of events dedicated to each major continent or world region and culminates in **International Night**.

- Resources:**
- ISA: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~asuois>
 - Conversation Friends: <http://oip.uoregon.edu/ff>, or call 346-3206
 - International clubs: start at <http://oip.uoregon.edu/iss/isg>

Talk the Talk

One of the best ways to "be international" is to learn the language of another culture. The UO offers regular, for-credit language courses in fifteen languages as well as self-study courses in ten additional languages. The self-study language program is administered

by the **Yamada Language Center (YLC)**, which also offers students numerous print, audiovisual, and multimedia language and culture resources and sponsors a variety of programs throughout the year. One such program is the annual **Foreign Language and International Studies (FLIS) Day** (April), which brings over 2000 Oregon high school students and community members for workshops and presentations on international languages and cultures. Plus, the Yamada's Language Exchange program can match UO students studying a foreign language with a native speaker of that language who is learning English. This two-way exchange is a fun and popular option.

- Resources:**
- Language courses: <http://babel.uoregon.edu/YLC/langdepts.html>
 - Self-study languages: <http://babel.uoregon.edu/YLC/selfstudy.html>
 - YLC: <http://babel.uoregon.edu/>
 - FLIS Day: <http://babel.uoregon.edu/YLC/flis/index.html>
 - Language Exchange: <http://babel.uoregon.edu/YLC/exchange/select.html>

Globalize your creativity

If your preference is to learn about other cultures through their arts, the UO can accommodate you. Several of the galleries on campus routinely display the works of international artists. The three galleries housed in the EMU and managed by the UO Cultural Forum are one such venue. In addition, the UO Museum of Art—currently undergoing an expansion but set to re-open in winter term of 2004—holds an excellent collection of Asian art, including classical and modern pieces from China,

Japan, and Korea. If film is your passion, you can also choose from a number of **international film series** and festivals held on campus each year. The Russian and East European Studies Center, for example, typically sponsors a **Russian Film Series** each year, and this year the Scandinavian Studies Program will sponsor a **Scandinavian Film Series** in the IRC. There is also a cross-cultural **International Film Series**. Or try the **UO Queer Film Festival (QFF)**, which brings to campus each February films about gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender life in diverse cultures. If you're a music buff, consider one of the university's many performance venues that include international performers, like the internationally acclaimed **Bach Festival** (June and July), or the groovy **Willamette Valley Folk Festival (WVFF)**, which is held outdoors each May on the EMU east lawn. Musically inclined, yourself? You might also consider the School of Music's **Gamelan ensemble**, which creates Pacific Rim music on a variety of instruments, including the beautiful gamelan.

- Resources:**
- Cultural Forum: <http://culturalforum.uoregon.edu>
 - Museum of Art: <http://uoma.uoregon.edu/>
 - Russian Film Series: Email <russian@darkwing>
 - Scandinavian Film Series: Email <tradkins@oregon>
 - International Film Series: <http://babel.uoregon.edu/ylc/Filmseries/filmseries.html>
 - QFF: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~qff/>
 - Bach Festival: <http://bachfest.uoregon.edu>
 - WVFF: <http://culturalforum.uoregon.edu>
 - Gamelan ensemble: Email <rhyl@oregon> or call 346-3766

Walk the Walk

If you really want to show your commitment to being a member of the UO international community, there are several options to get more involved. Consider volunteering for this year's **FLIS Day** (see the website listed above) on April 25, 2003, or for **International Week** (see the ISA website listed above). If you'd like to get both international and work experience, consider an international internship through either Oregon's International Education, Experience and Employment (IE₃) program, or through the International Studies Program (ISP). Or join with scores of other UO alumni who have had remarkable and unique experiences abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program or the Peace Corps. With opportunities in nearly every corner of the globe, there are few limits to where the UO can launch you.

- Resources:**
- IE₃: <http://ie3global.orst.edu>
 - ISP: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~isp/>
 - Fulbright: Call 346-3207 to make an informational appointment, and see <http://www.ife.org>
 - Peace Corps: <http://uocareer.uoregon.edu/peacecorps.htm>

Learn more about the world around you

The UO offers numerous ways to educate yourself about the world and its many cultures. There are ten international area studies programs, like the Asian Studies Program and the Latin American Studies Program, each offering courses (and sometimes majors and minors) on the peoples, cultures, history, and politics of the region. If you are interested in cross-border issues, the newly formed **Center for Crit-**

ical Theory and Transnational Studies (CCTTS) will sponsor events and research on the increasing globalization of world cultures. Likewise, the **Center for Indigenous Cultural Survival (CICS)** examines the experiences of indigenous peoples (like Native American peoples, the Maori peoples of New Zealand, and the Sami peoples of northern Europe) in cross-cultural perspective. In addition to special events, the center sponsors a large variety of summer-term courses on indigenous issues. In addition, the UO hosts a variety of international conferences each year, including two annual meetings on global ecological topics: the **Coalition Against Environmental Racism (CAER) Conference** (February), and the **HOPES Eco-Design Arts Conference** (April), which is sponsored by the Architecture School's Ecological Design Center—the same organization that sponsored the solar power project in the EMU. And of course, the **International Resource Center (IRC)**, housed in the EMU, offers a variety of print and electronic resources on countries and cultures from around the globe, as well as international television broadcasts and special events.

- Resources:**
- Area studies programs: <http://international.uoregon.edu/areastudies.html>
 - CCTTS: <http://www.uoregon.edu/~cctts>
 - CICS: <http://www.uoregon.edu/~cics/center.htm>
 - CAER Conference: <http://gladstone.uoregon.edu/~caer>
 - HOPES Conference: <http://edc.uoregon.edu/conferences>
 - IRC: <http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~irc>