

**Application Process:**

1. Applications may be found through the main website: <http://studyabroad.uoregon.edu>.

- 2. Applications generally require:
  - application forms (they are fillable PDFs!)
  - 2 or 3 short statements (about 1 page each)
  - 2 recommendations (on forms provided)
  - official transcripts from all universities/colleges where you earned 12 or more credits (including the UO)
  - a nonrefundable application fee of \$50
  - additional requirements (e.g., paid deposits, résumé, etc.)

3. Once the application is complete, the student will be contacted to schedule an interview. All applicants are interviewed, which means that there is a chance to "put your best foot forward" and talk about your goals in applying for the program.

4. If the program is a good match, you will be accepted after the interview and can begin the process of preparing for departure (we will coach you!).

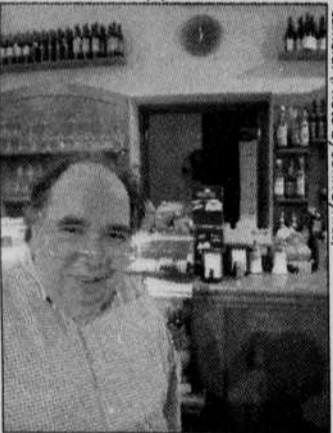
Note: For most programs, admissions are noncompetitive and all eligible applicants are admitted. Some programs can fill to capacity (usually on a first-come, first-served basis), and then a waiting list begins. In a few cases, the program may offer only a handful of places and admission is competitive. In all cases, early application is encouraged.

(Photo by John Symes)



A ubiquitous sight in Italy, this Vespa waits outside its rider's doorway.

This Italian barkeep poses for the student's camera. (Photo by John Symes)



(Photo by Ryan O'Sullivan)



Students pose in 'classic' student form while touring ruins in Greece.

Pants are dried the old-fashioned way in Argentina. (Photo by Shana Sullivan)



This famous Gaudi building in Spain looks almost like a



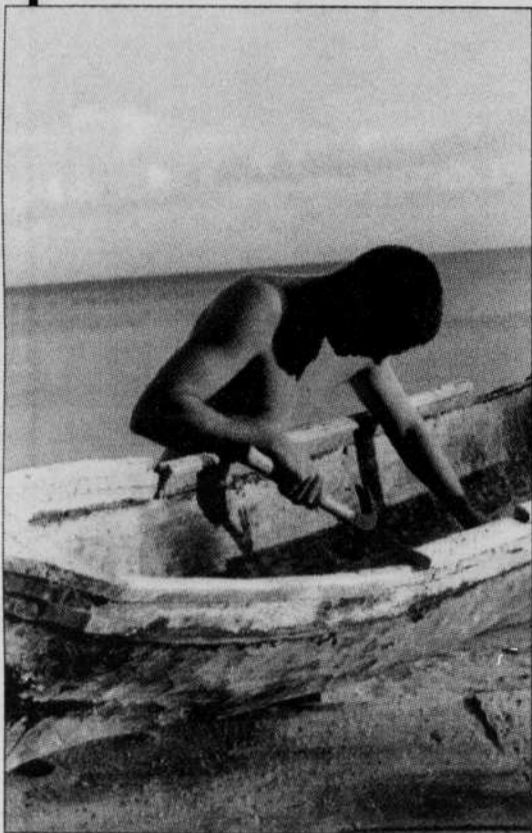
photographic negative when its unusual features are backlit at night. (Photo by Shauna Morris)

the rugged spirit of Mongolia. (Photo courtesy of SIT Study Abroad)



A man, a boy and a bird of prey seem to capture

The Shinjuku shopping district of Tokyo dazzles newcomers with its array of colors. (Photo by Ethan Walsh)



A man repairs a small boat in Belize. (Photo courtesy of SIT Study Abroad)



any of the photographs and student-authored articles in this issue of Beyond Your Borders are the result of the Office of International Programs' semi-annual Photo & Essay Contest.

Students and alumni who have recently studied abroad send in their best photos for consideration, and some also write a brief article-style essay that addresses their unique overseas experience. There will also be a digital video section of the

contest from January 2005.

If you are a recent returnee and are interested in the contest, keep check out the contest information available online at <http://studyabroad.uoregon.edu>.

If you are thinking about studying abroad in a UO-sponsored program, keep the contest in mind. We'd love to hear about your experiences and see shots from your favorite places, and you could possibly land a cash prize for your efforts.

Here's to great adventures and great memories!