

Overseas Study Programs

Beyond Your Borders

University of Oregon
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On the Move.

RAPID GROWTH AND CHANGES IN UO STUDY ABROAD

The past year has seen tremendous changes in UO Overseas Study Programs.

First, the number of UO students who chose to study or intern in an overseas location again grew by leaps and bounds, continuing a decade-long trend of rapid increase. Although final numbers for 2004-05 are still out, it is clear that more than 900 UO students elected to study or intern abroad in the past academic year, marking at least 9% growth over the 2003-04 total of 825.

Second, overseas study and internship options open to UO students have continued to expand at an almost astonishing rate. 2005-06 introduces a range of new opportunities, including new programs at existing study sites, new internship openings, and entirely new program sites.

Certain programs, such as Denmark's International Studies Program (DIS), have added a range of novel alternatives, like a summer pre-med program on HIV and AIDS in Western Europe, a glass design program and a program in molecular biology. Likewise, the program at the University of Hong Kong, offered every spring semester, has grown from strictly an architecture program to one with opportunities in many fields.

Internships are also expanding. In Africa, the always popular Tostan, a non-profit organization aiding community development projects in Senegal, has added work sites in Guinea. In Iceland, a new relationship with the national organization that promotes study of Iceland worldwide has led to a summer internship in promotions and marketing. And, for the first time ever, internships in a wide range of fields are now available in and around Florence, Italy.

Plus, there are several completely new study programs making their debut this academic year, including such diverse picks as: sustainable community planning on the island of Kefalonia, Greece; summer courses in literature and medieval studies at Cambridge, England; and new exchange programs with



In Fez, Morocco, a merchant peddles halwa, a colorful local confection.
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universities in South Korea, Singapore, Japan and Taiwan.

Most significant among the changes in the office itself is the arrival of Overseas Program Coordinator Jamie Hoag Barnett, who comes to the UO after working with high school exchanges, serving in the Peace Corps in Ukraine, and earning a master's degree in international education from the School for International Training. Jamie replaces Surendra Subramani, who now teaches full-time in the College of Education. Jamie will work with programs located throughout the world, including Spanish-speaking countries,

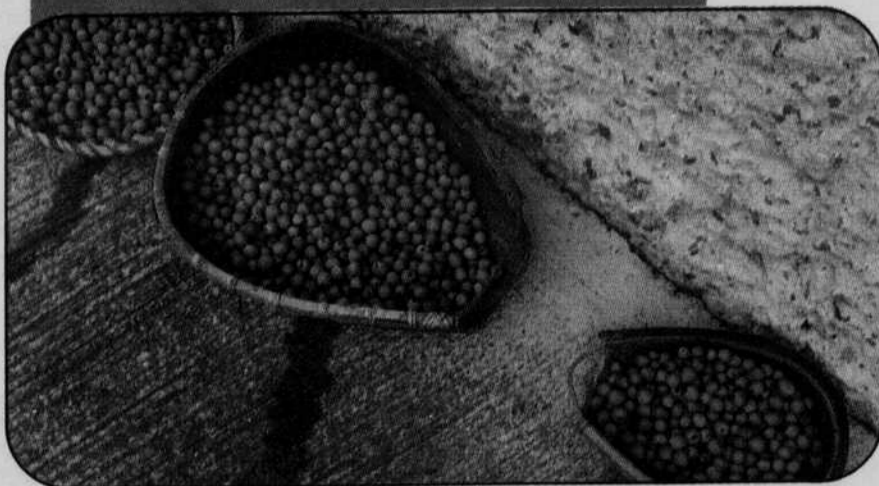
Africa, former Soviet states (including Russia), Oceania, Mongolia, and the Indian Subcontinent.

Finally, this year the staff of Overseas Study Programs will debut a Blackboard pre-departure orientation to reduce the amount of time spent in live sessions, a vastly expanded and more user-friendly website, and a range of new ways to learn about study abroad opportunities on campus.

We hope you will seize the wonderful opportunity your college (or grad school) years provide to explore and experience the world beyond your borders. ■

FOR AN EXHAUSTIVE LOOK AT NEW OPTIONS, SEE THE CHART ON PAGE 3.

Fresh ume (small, tart plums) drying in harvesting baskets. Ume are pickled and eaten with many traditional Japanese dishes.



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Making Peace with Tokyo.

SMALL WONDERS IN A CITY OF CHANGE

Editor's Note: The following first prize essay was submitted by journalism major Kathryn Ortlund as part of an entry for the OIP Photo & Essay Contest. Kathryn studied in the Waseda University program in the 2003-04 academic year.

I woke up Saturday morning to the immense pounding of construction equipment. No matter that I slept with earplugs to block out the noise of motorcyclists revving their engines in the dead of night; every morning at 8:00 a.m. sharp I was quite literally shaken awake by the heavy machinery ten feet from my bedroom window.

They were tearing down the ramen shop in front of my house to widen the street. This is the direction of progress. Yet, when they broke a new foundation, they blessed the soil in the

Shinto tradition and, mercifully, ceased work for several weeks.

Tokyo. A city of longstanding tradition and immense change. A sea of contradictions.

During the time I spent studying abroad at Waseda University, I lived in a small, dusty house on the outskirts of Shinjuku, one of Tokyo's major metropolitan districts. Many of my classmates lived in suburban or rural areas, with a long commute to our downtown university by train. I took a bus for fifteen

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