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Study Abroad Alumni Panel

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 AT 6 P.M. | ONLINE

Alumni who studied abroad reflect on their experiences, discuss how their experiences have impacted their lives since and share advice for future study abroad students.

[Register online](#) to receive log-in information.

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Study Abroad 101

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 AT 3.M. | ONLINE

Join us online to learn all about how to begin planning your study abroad experience.

Access Events: <https://sunycortland.webex.com/meet/ip.webex>

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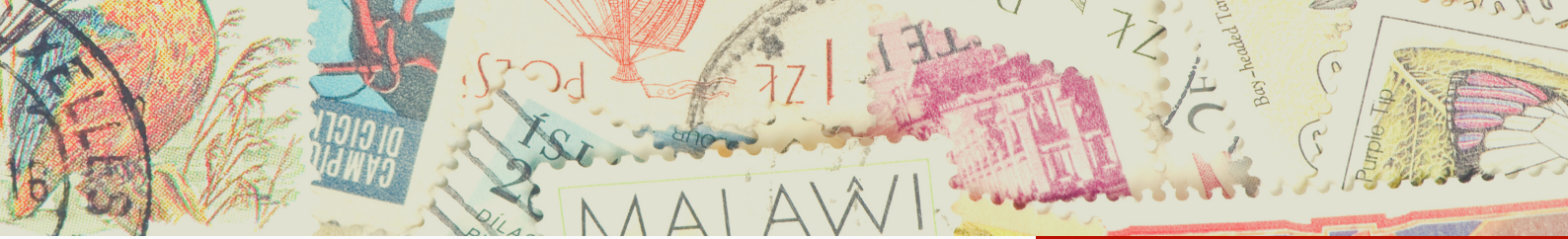
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Partnership Spotlight: Fulda University of Applied Sciences

In 2011, SUNY Cortland and Fulda University of Applied Science, in Germany, entered into a cultural and academic exchange partnership that has flourished ever since. SUNY Cortland Philosophy Professor Mecke Nagel, a native of Fulda, has been instrumental in forging the connections between the two institutions, first through Fulda's Department of Social and Cultural Studies, and then expanding in 2017 to include the Departments of Social Work and Business. Discussions on adding the Department of Nursing and Health Sciences are currently underway as an avenue for exchange of students interested in the health fields.



Since the program's inception, 37 Fulda exchange students have come to Cortland and 38 SUNY students have studied at Fulda, and currently, three Fulda students are taking online classes through Cortland. Faculty and staff mobility has been equally active through teaching exchange and visits by several Fulda and Cortland faculty and administrators, including Drs. Mecke Nagel, Gigi Peterson, German Zarate, Ute Ritz-Deutch, Scott Moranda, Seth Asumah, President Bitterbaum, Hugh Anderson, and Mary Schlarb.

This spring, the vibrant Fulda-Cortland partnership has taken on an exciting new dimension, when Fulda selected SUNY Cortland with five other universities to collaborate on projects funded by a substantial grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). In addition to supporting further student and faculty exchange, proposed activities include joint participation in the SUNY Model European Union, coordinated by Dr. Alex Balas, and collaborative online international learning (COIL) courses.

To learn more about the Fulda study abroad program, visit the IPO's [Fulda program page](#), or contact IPO at studyabroad@cortland.edu

Click [here](#) for more information on the Fulda DAAD project, or contact Dr. Nagel at mecke.nagel@cortland.edu





Carbon Offset Webinar

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 4 P.M.

The benefits of travel are immense, but it's important to understand how students can reduce the impact travel causes on the environment. Learn more about reducing your carbon footprint by attending the Education Abroad, Personal Travel, and Carbon Offsets Webinar on Tuesday, March 30 at 4 p.m.

We will discuss personal strategies to travel more sustainably, and recommended carbon offset online calculators to translate your co2 emissions into a dollar amount. Register to attend by going to this link: bit.ly/CIECarbonOffsets



Fulbright Scholar Program

2022 - 2023 APPLICATION CYCLE OPEN

The Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program 2022-2023 competition is now open for interested faculty and staff. The Scholar Program offers diverse opportunities for U.S. academics, administrators and professionals to teach, research, do professional projects and attend seminars abroad. Explore the catalog of awards and learn about the eligibility criteria and application process on the [Fulbright Scholar website](#). The Fulbright Student Program competition for 2022-2023 grants to fund individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs will open on March 31, 2021.

Application Deadline: September 15, 2021

Upcoming Events:



TAX HELP

Sprintax will be hosting free webinars to assist with tax preparation.

Tues., March 30 @ 1:30pm EST
[Register here](#)

Wed., April 7 @ 2pm EST
[Register here](#)





Study Abroad Alumni Panel

TUESDAY MARCH 30 AT 6 P.M. VIA WEBEX

The International Programs Office, in conjunction with the Alumni Engagement Office, will be hosting a Study Abroad Alumni Panel discussion in which alumni who studied abroad reflect on their experiences, discuss how their experiences have impacted their lives since, and share advice for future study abroad students.

Panelists include:

- David Gardner '97, Belize study abroad
- Melanie Mooney '04, China study abroad
- Beverly O'Connor '70, Switzerland study abroad
- Margaret Riley '74, Ireland study abroad
- Joseph Vallo '79, United Kingdom study abroad

To register and receive log-in instructions, complete [this registration form](#).

Graduation Sash Winner

CASSANDRA ACOSTA
BIOLOGY

The winner of our international graduation sash video contest is Cassandra Acosta. In her video, Cassandra reflects on her participation in the Healthcare in Mexico faculty-led study abroad program in Winter 2020 to Cuernavaca, Mexico. You can view Cassandra's winning video here:

<https://tinyurl.com/hzkpj2p8>

Cassandra's prize is an international graduation sash, with up to 3 flags, graciously donated by Vision Wear!

Study Abroad Panel



St. Patrick's Day Events

TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 17

The SUNY Cortland signs were lit green for Tourism in Ireland's Global Greening Initiative. There was a photo booth in the IPO so students could try to win a Cortland student a study abroad scholarship to Ireland. We gave out 125 cookie decorating kits to students, faculty, and staff in conjunction with Campus Activities. The day also featured a virtual greeting from our Irish study abroad partner, University College Cork, and videos on Irish step dancing and the history of the Syracuse St. Patrick's Day parade. Check out all of the content from the day [on our website](#).





Fall 2021 Student Visa Processing

MARCH 18, 2021

Letter to Secretary of Homeland Security and Secretary of State;

The American Council on Education (ACE) joined 40 other organizations in a letter to Secretaries Mayorkas (Department of Homeland Security) and Blinken (Department of State) urging the agencies to take steps to prepare for the Fall 2021 semester, including:

- Timely and efficient processing of visa applications.
- Waiving the in-person interview requirement for students, or allow for online interviews
- Issuing ICE policy guidance for the coming Fall, and allow students to enter the U.S. for study
- Extending the exemption for students to allow travel from all the COVID travel restricted countries, not just from the European Schengen area, the U.K., and Ireland.

International Student Spotlight

MAYA ZAYNETDINOVA '17 RUSSIA

Maya Zaynetdinova, a dual International Studies and Economics major, reflecting on her time at Cortland, said: "My time at SUNY Cortland had a huge impact on my life. It provided me with a good understanding of American academia which led me to pursue a PhD career after graduation. I also met so many amazing people from around the world who I still stay in touch with. SUNY Cortland's excellent educational base gave me a head start on my career." She credits her academic advisor, Dr. Alexandru Balas as "an incredible mentor who taught me practical applications of international relations and successful negotiations. The Model European Union, that he organizes, was one of the most memorable experiences of my college years."

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LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Contact studyabroad@cortland.edu to schedule an appointment with an advisor. Or, contact our office by phone at (607) 753-2209.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Advising

IN-PERSON

MON - FRI
11 A.M. - 1 P.M.

Old Main, Room 219

ONLINE

MON - FRI
1 P.M. - 3 P.M.

<https://suncortland.webex.com/meet/ip.webex>

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