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THE ROAD AHEAD: ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-22

MARY SCHLARB, DIRECTOR

We in International Programs hope you all had time to rest and rejuvenate over the summer and are feeling as energized as we are by the life our students and colleagues have brought back to campus. In the past weeks, we have had the privilege of welcoming back our returning (and sorely missed) international students and orienting an enthusiastic group of 34 new exchange and degree-seeking students from around the world. You will meet them in your classes or residence halls, at your office hours or club meetings and on the ice or the pitch. Wherever you meet these students, we are sure you will help us roll out the Cortland red carpet and welcome them to our caring community.

This year, we continue to plan on shifting sands as the status of study abroad operations remains unclear, but we encourage all interested students to visit us in Old Main, Room 219 so we can assist you in planning your future academic adventure abroad. We are hopeful that New York state and SUNY will allow us to relaunch our programs abroad in the near future. When we can reopen our programs, we will make sure you are prepared to travel safely and make the most out of your experience.

In the meantime, we are planning some lively events and programs on campus to promote global learning and celebrate the widely diverse cultures represented within our SUNY Cortland community. We will feature these activities in this and future issues of the newsletter, along with profiles of international and study abroad students, program features, and faculty/staff internationalization efforts.

We look forward to seeing you at the International Programs Office soon.





PAST EVENTS

KAYLA DECOSTE, SENIOR COORDINATOR

International Student Orientation

SUNY Cortland welcomed 34 new international students to campus on Aug. 24. They, along with our returning international students, represent 21 countries. They participated in a five-day orientation program designed specifically to help acclimate them to the United States and the Cortland area. Students listened to presentations from various offices, such as Residence Life and Housing, The Learning Center, the Library, and Student Conduct to learn about the services and resources available to them. They also participated in an Academic Honesty and Classroom Etiquette information session with Distinguished Professor Sharon Steadman and Professor Girish Bhat.

In addition to sessions during the day, the new international students participated in activities each evening introducing them to the Cortland area, including bowling and mini-golfing. The week was capped off with a picnic and hike at Taughannock Falls State Park on Saturday.

Thank you to everyone who made our International Student Orientation such a success! And a special thank you to our two Orientation co-coordinators and four Orientation assistants, who were with our new students every step of the way!

Welcome Party

The International Programs Office hosted an International Welcome Celebration on Friday, Aug. 27 as part of the Welcome Week festivities. The event welcomed international students to the SUNY Cortland campus and introduced American students to the many international opportunities available to them through our office. Despite a few raindrops, it was an enjoyable afternoon of conversation and food. Attendees also participated in a map activity where they placed pins in their home countries and those they hope to visit one day. The map will be displayed on the second floor of Old Main near the International Programs Office soon for viewing. This event was sponsored in part by a Cortland Auxiliary Grant.

This event, occurring on the Corey Union Patio, was done in conjunction with the Multicultural Life and Diversity Office and Alumni Engagement’s Inclusive Welcome Celebration, which featured a table with the International Programs Office’s new identity-based study abroad resources. You can read our Diversity and Identity Resources on our website.

State Fair Trip

Twenty-nine international and American students took part in an annual regional tradition on Sunday, Sept. 5 — the Great New York State Fair! Students visited the animals, rode rides on the Mid-Way and learned about New York culture. They also participated in a selfie scavenger hunt, which included instructions to visit the Butter Sculpture, eat a deep-fried Oreo, visit the animal barns, get a snack in the Dairy Building and much more. The students truly enjoyed participating in this uniquely American experience. This event was sponsored in part by a Cortland Auxiliary Grant.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m
Corey Union Lower Patio and Steps

Learn everything you want to know about SUNY Cortland study abroad programs! Staff and students will be on hand to share firsthand knowledge of what it's like to study abroad in locations around the world. Enter our raffle to win a gift basket of travel gear, and enjoy some free food. Faculty – we encourage you to bring your classes!

Study Abroad 101

Fall 2021 Sessions

Offered every Wednesday at 3 p.m.

- In-person in Old Main, Room 220 (Colloquium) on Sept. 15 and 29, Oct. 13 and 27, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8.

Learn about Study Abroad and how to get started. You only need to attend one session.

Niagara Falls Trip

Saturday, Sept. 18

Cortland students are invited to participate in the International Programs Office's trip to Niagara Falls on Saturday, Sept. 18. The cost to register is \$35 and covers your transportation to and from the falls on a charter bus as well as your entry fee for the Maid of the Mist boat ride. Registration begins at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 14, on the International Programs Office's Cortland Connect page. Students must register there first and then pay their registration fee in cash at the International Programs Office located in Old Main, Room 219. Come experience this natural wonder of the world! This event is sponsored in part by a Cortland Auxiliary Grant.





STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2022 (TENTATIVE)

DEADLINE: OCT. 1

Costa Rica: Universidad Veritas
San Jose

Egypt: American University at Cairo
New Cairo

France: University of La Rochelle
La Rochelle

Germany: German Sport University
Cologne

Germany: Fulda University
Fulda

Ireland: University College Cork
Cork

Spain: University of Salamanca
Salamanca

United Kingdom: Anglia Ruskin University
Cambridge

United Kingdom: London Metropolitan University
London



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: GERMAN SPORT UNIVERSITY

HUGH ANDERSON, SENIOR ADVISOR

A unique university with a world-renowned pedigree, the German Sport University gives study abroad students an unforgettable experience. A campus dedicated entirely to sport, with world-class indoor and outdoor facilities along with an outstanding faculty, the German Sport University is located in Cologne, one of Germany's major cities. Coursework is offered in English and in German for students who study athletic training, exercise science, fitness development, physical education and sport management.

Students at the German Sport University study from April through July, with all courses counting as spring semester credit. Studying abroad at the German Sport University is truly affordable, with the total cost of the semester being less than a semester at SUNY Cortland.

Seven students from the German Sport University are studying at SUNY Cortland this semester, so be on the lookout for them in your classes! If you are interested in studying abroad through this program, please check out our [German Sport University program page to learn more](#) or contact us at studyabroad@cutland.edu and find out how to apply for Spring 2022.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

LUCY HARWOOD, SENIOR PROFESSIONAL WRITING MAJOR



"I studied abroad at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, England in Spring 2020. I chose to study abroad in England because my mom is British and my dad is American so it was important to me to experience the second half of my identity. I had never been to England but I grew up with both American and British culture. At Anglia Ruskin, I studied English literature and writing. The classes I took

abroad were very different from any that I had taken at Cortland and they challenged me which I really appreciated. I made some amazing friends abroad including students from England as well as many other countries. I was able to learn about other cultures just through these friendships. Cambridge is a small city with lots of history and character.

"My student accommodation was across the street from the train station so visiting other cities like London and Bath was extremely accessible. I loved my time abroad because I gained so many new experiences that I wouldn't have had otherwise. Some of my favorite parts about studying in England were that I was able to experience life in a new culture and that I met so many amazing people. The friendships I made are ones that will last a long time. My time abroad was exciting, emotional, fun, and refreshing.

"I took three classes at Anglia Ruskin so I had time during the week to explore Cambridge. I studied abroad in the Spring so my experience was cut short due to Covid. I was unable to travel outside of England due to the pandemic but I did get to visit multiple cities in England. During my time abroad, I made incredible memories and grew very attached to Cambridge. Coming home was one of the hardest things I have had to do. I was nervous to study abroad but it is truly the best experience I have ever had. The classes were interesting and I built really good relationships with my professors. Studying abroad was something I always dreamed of doing and I am so thankful that I had the opportunity to do it."

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Contact us to schedule an appointment with an advisor or to learn more. We look forward to hearing from you!

OFFICE HOURS

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ADVISING APPOINTMENT

MONDAY-FRIDAY

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Old Main, Room 219

Advising Hours

1-3 p.m.

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