

Weekly Newsletter | International Programs Office



### Join Us This Week

**EVENTS** 

### **Programs in Belize**

MONDAY, MARCH 15 AT 4 P.M. | ONLINE Join Senior Study Abroad Advisor, Hugh Anderson, to learn more about opportunities to study in Belize.

### University of La Rochelle Info Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 16 AT 4 P.M. | ONLINE Join Senior International Program Coordinator, Kayla N. DeCoste, to learn about studying abroad in La Rochelle, France.

### Study Abroad 101

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 | ONLINE Join us online to learn all about how to begin planning your study abroad experience.

Access Events: <a href="https://sunycortland.webex.com/meet/ip.webex">https://sunycortland.webex.com/meet/ip.webex</a>



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# **Program Spotlight:** Tamkang University

<u>Tamkang University</u> in Taiwan (R.O.C.) is one of SUNY Cortland's newest and most dynamic international exchange partners. Since 2016, when the partnership was established, 26 Tamkang undergraduates have studied at SUNY Cortland as one-year visiting students, taking courses across the disciplines. These students have been active members of our campus community, joining clubs and events, giving presentations on Taiwanese culture, and participating actively in discussions both in and out of the classroom.



In exchange, two groups of SUNY students have visited Tamkang as part of a study abroad course, <u>One Culture/Two Sociopolitical Systems</u>, led by Dr. Shufang Strause (Childhood/Early Childhood), Dr. Jeremy Jimenez (Foundations and Social Advocacy), Dr. Luo Xu (History), and Dr. Dennis Weng (formerly of Political Science). Through this summer course, students have gained firsthand knowledge about the rise of China and Taiwan in the world while learning about the extensive history, education, politics, and culture of these two places. After spending two weeks in Beijing and in Qufu on mainland China, the groups enjoy a week graciously hosted by Tamkang faculty, staff, and students, exploring Taiwan's historic and cultural sites and learning with their Taiwanese peers.

"SUNY Cortland is a place [that] I think is more than a home for me. My social life got better, my academic life is more colorful, and the experience that I had at SUNY Cortland helped me a lot in my career path."

THU-DUNG (EMILY) CHOU TAMKANG UNIVERSITY

STUDIED AT SUNY CORTLAND: 2018-2019



### **Order An International Graduation Sash**

PARTICIPATE IN THIS SPECIAL TRADITION

Honor your study abroad experience, your time at SUNY Cortland as an international student, or your cultural heritage by purchasing an international graduation sash!

Made possible by an ASC grant, you can purchase a sash at a reduced cost. Sash orders can be placed online directly through Vision Wear via this link: <a href="https://bit.ly/INTLGradSash">https://bit.ly/INTLGradSash</a>

You can select up to three country flags for your international graduation sash. After designing your sash, enter the code CORTLAND2021 at checkout to receive \$30 off. If you're currently living abroad, we will cover the cost of international shipping as well! Just enter the code: CORTLAND2020-INTL at checkout.





# Win a Free Graduation Sash! Video Contest

SUBMIT BY FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Enter IPO's video contest and tell us how your international experience has impacted your life. The video must be 1-2 minutes long and can be whatever form you choose—a simple reflection, edited to include photos, scripted, etc. Please be sure not to use copyrighted music in your video. If you plan to submit an entry, wait to order your sash.

Winner Announced: MARCH 25

Questions? Email studyabroad@cortland.edu.

### **Upcoming Events:**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PANEL MONDAY, MARCH 15 3:00 P.M.

Access Session Here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2bcb857t">https://tinyurl.com/2bcb857t</a>

The International Programs Office, in collaboration with Dr. Jeremy Jimenez and his FSA 333-International Education course, will present an international student panel that will facilitate students learning directly from one another's individual experiences of education abroad. The panel will feature students from India, Italy, and South Korea, who will share their personal cultural perspectives of living and studying abroad.



# St. Patrick's Day Festivities

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

The International Programs Office will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a variety of activities. In conjunction with Campus Activities, there will be cookie decorating kits for pickup and a themed photo booth in the IPO office. Plus, a series of videos will be released on the IPO website and social media, celebrating SUNY Cortland's Irish connections. In addition, on March 16 and 17, the SUNY Cortland sign lights will change to green in celebration of Tourism in Ireland's Global Greening Initiative. To learn more about the schedule of events, to view content, and to learn how to get involved, check out our website: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2944cf4z">https://tinyurl.com/2944cf4z</a>



# Alumni Panel: Study Abroad

TUESDAY. MARCH 30 AT 6 P.M.

Five SUNY Cortland alumni who studied abroad will reflect on their experiences, discuss how their experiences have impacted their lives since, and share advice for future study abroad students.

Register today to join the webinar <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2db4cxvv">https://tinyurl.com/2db4cxvv</a>

The panel will feature:
Beverly O'Connor '70, Switzerland
Margaret Riley '74 Ireland
Joseph Vallo '79 London
David Gardner '97 Belize
Melanie Mooney '04 China

This event is hosted in conjunction with SUNY Cortland Alumni Engagement

## **International Women's Day**

TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 8

The International Programs Office staff, in conjunction with the Gender Policies and Initiatives Council and the Center for Gender and Intercultural Studies, handed out 100 colorful, fragrant roses on March 8 in celebration of International Women's Day to brighten the days of students and employees across campus. International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.





# **Updates for Travelers**

JANUARY 25, 2021

Proclamation on the Suspension of Entry as Immigrants and Non-Immigrants of Certain Additional Persons Who Pose a Risk of Transmitting Coronavirus Disease:

This updated Presidential Proclamation extends the existing Brazil, South Africa, U.K., Ireland, and Schengen Area travel restrictions. Going forward, as had been the case for much of 2020, entry into the U.S. is suspended for most individuals who have been physically present in one of the countries listed above, during the 14-day period preceding their entry into the U.S.

The following individuals are eligible for National Interest Exception (NIE):

- F-1 students traveling with valid visa
- B-1s (including ESTA), J-1 academics & students with a valid visa may apply for NIE at consulate.
- People traveling for humanitarian reasons, public health response, or national security in any visa classification.

# International Student Spotlight

KERIM KARABAS '16, TURKEY

"When I was leaving my homeland, one of my major goals was to be a universal person in the terms of technical, social and interpersonal skills. I wanted to be exposed to different perspectives, ideas, cultures, stories and problems, and engineering skills in order to be a better person and engineer. SUNY Cortland has provided me everything that I needed during my graduate study such as great education and diverse cultural environment that has equipped me with great technical and social tools to succeed in real life. The starting point in one's life is not everything, you might have a bad starting point but you can change the trajectory of your life with hard work and dedication. But, a good start like at SUNY Cortland is a great leverage point that I cannot deny."

### **Contact Us**

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.

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