

Georgia State University

Study Abroad Programs

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Upcoming Events:

- 10/13 - Study Abroad Fair
- 11/14 - How to Afford Study Abroad Workshop
- 11/15 - Spending a Semester Abroad panel
- 11/16 - Broadening Horizons panel
- 11/17 - Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures International Photo Competition Ceremony and Reception

Scholarship Info:

Spring 2012 Deadlines:

- Gilman : **October 4th**
- International Education Fee (IEF): **October 24th**
- Global Experience Scholarship (GES): **October 24th**

For additional information on these scholarships, please visit the Study Abroad Programs website. Also check out the Georgia State University Scholarship Resource Center for additional scholarship opportunities.

Come one, come all to the 15th Annual Study Abroad Fair!

Mark your calendars folks, you won't want to miss this! The GSU Study Abroad Programs office is currently gearing up for its biggest and best study abroad fair yet. Meet with representatives from Georgia State study abroad programs, other Georgia schools, affiliate program providers, and knowledgeable study abroad alumni to discuss available programs.

Come learn about Georgia State's "Psychology of Skin Bleaching" Maymester in Tanzania program, the University of Georgia's summer "Biodiversity and

Land Conservation" program in Costa Rica, or any of the hundreds of other programs led by other University System of Georgia schools and our five affiliate program providers. If you've ever thought about studying abroad, now is your chance to collect all the information you want in one convenient location! Have class from 11-2:15? Don't fret! The study abroad fair is a drop-in event, meaning you can spend as little (or as much!) time as you'd like!

While you're there, don't forget to drop by the trivia booth

to enter for a chance to **win great prizes**, like a Eurail Global Youth Pass, valued at \$500, or any of our other great prizes! Even if you've already applied to study abroad, come check out our financial aid and scholarship information and application deadlines—we have something for everyone!

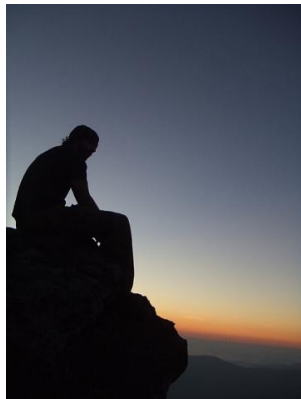
**Thurs., Oct. 13
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Student Center
Ballroom**

Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures

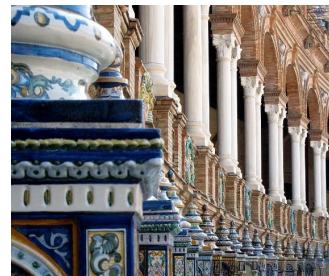
Thurs., Nov. 17th • 5 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

Attention all returned study abroad students and current international students! The Crossing Paths, Crossing Cultures photo competition is almost here! This annual competition, ceremony, and exhibit seeks to bring together the cross-culture experiences of our study abroad students and our international students studying at Georgia State University.

Students can enter up to three photographs in the categories of Daily Life, People, and Places. Guests will enjoy a reception featuring live entertainment, food, and a fantastic exhibit. The deadline to enter photos is October 7th, so start sorting through those photo albums from your time abroad. Take a look at these past winners for some inspiration!

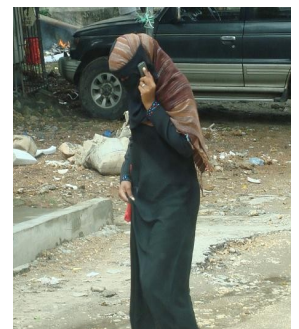


"My First Sunrise in the U.S."
Photographer: Sejung Huh
Cold Mountain, NC (GSU Touch the Earth trip), 2010



"Plaza de Espana"
Photographer: Kimmia Salehi
Spanish Studies in Granada
Summer, 2010

"Tradition Meets Modernity"
Photographer: Matthew Donald
Psychology of Skin Bleaching in Tanzania
May, 2010



It's Time to Get Connected with *Students Connecting Our World*

What are you waiting for? Now is the time to do something for your future. We have all heard about the tough job market students are facing these days. How can you stand out from the crowd?

Studying abroad can hold the key to a successful career in the global economy we live in today. You learn how to interact in a different culture, speak a new language, adapt to unfamiliar situations, and make long-lasting friendships around the world.

Whether you're just starting to think about study abroad, are preparing to go, or have recently returned, *Students Connecting Our World* (<https://www.facebook.com/StudentsCoWorld>) is the place for you. Share your questions, travel tips, and fun stories. Explore how study abroad changes and inspires lives. Discover a bigger picture about why studying abroad is so important in today's world.

So come on already and like the page! Then you can:

- jump into the conversations about how to make study abroad affordable and realistic with your course load
- post videos, pictures, and stories from your time abroad
- tune into live chats with other students to ask questions
- learn how to prepare, pack, and have a meaningful study abroad experience
- share tips on how to include study abroad on your resume and in job interviews
- e-mail your members of Congress and the President your stories and tell them why studying abroad needs their support
- enter fun contests and win some awesome prizes

So, what are you waiting for? It's time to get connected!

10 Things YOU Need to Know About the Gilman Scholarship:

1. You have to be receiving the Pell grant
2. Gilman gives preference to non-traditional locations (although students still win scholarships for Western Europe!)
3. Gilman also gives preference to non-traditional language study (French and Spanish are still okay, though!)
4. Awards are typically for semester-long study, although in 2011, Gilman opened their summer applications to ALL majors
5. Gilman prefers non-traditional students (male, minority, LGBTQI, OWLS [older, wiser learners], athletes, low-income)
6. Awards range from \$1,000 - \$5,000
7. Students must complete a follow-on project (okay, so it's not ENTIRELY free money)
8. Applicants who work most closely with our office have the highest probability of winning an award
9. It's all in the essay - your personal statement and follow-on project description are super important (but don't worry, we'll help you!)
10. This is FANTASTIC for your resume!

Spring 2012 Deadline:
Tuesday, Oct. 4th
www.iie.org/gilman

Student Spotlight: Enrique Celedon



Enrique at the Frankfurt Stock Exchange

When we asked Enrique, a Senior Political Science major, "why did you study abroad?" he looked really confused. He couldn't understand why someone would not want to take the same classes you would in GCB but in a different country. "I looked at my financial aid and scholarships I received and realized that for a couple more bucks I could take the same classes I needed in Europe."

Enrique spent last spring semester in Strasbourg, France on GSU's *EU Studies in Strasbourg* program. Although primarily a Political Science program, students were also able to take business and language courses. Because of Strasbourg's location at the border of both France and Germany, Enrique recalled seeing EU legislation firsthand. "It was amazing how EU regulations on border control were so relaxed.... I would go to class in France in the morning and I would take a city bus to Germany to go grocery shopping in the afternoon."

Enrique's favorite parts of the whole program were actually the excursions. Students were able to visit institutions like the European Parliament, Council of Europe, The German Constitutional Court, and the Frankfurt Stock

Exchange, among others. "A lot of our classes focused heavily on the European Institutions, so actually visiting them gave us a better understanding of them. It was one thing to read about the Council of Europe and another to actually sit through a live debate."

Finally, we asked Enrique if he had any advice for future study abroad participants: "Buy a nice digital camera, a journal, have an open mind, and never stop exploring."

In addition to Enrique being our Student Spotlight, he is also the newest member of the Study Abroad Squad! Stop by the office during his peer advising hours, Thursdays 2-3 p.m., to say 'hi' and ask him your study abroad questions!

Where in the World?



Testing your international knowledge here. Think you know where in the world this photo was taken? Here's a hint: I hear 'Haggis' is a popular food item...ick!

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