# University of Northern Iowa

# Study Abroad Newsletter

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## Important Deadlines and Opportunities

API Applications:
The deadlines for the following programs have been extended to **April 15**: Costa Rica, England, France, Ireland, and Poland. Visit ***www. facebook.com/APIstudyabroad*** for more information.

GLS Study Abroad Scholar Awards:
$1,500 award for students going abroad for a semester during Fall 2010 or Spring 2011. For more information visit ***http://www.globalsemesters.com/takischrysanthou.html.***

Golden Key International Honor Society Study Abroad Scholarships
**Application Deadline: April 15, 2010**
***URL address: http://www.goldenkey.org/GKIHS/MemberBenefits/ScholarshipsandAwards/***

## It's not too late: Summer Programs Still Available!

**Capstone in London and Paris**
May 10 to May 24
**Education in Turkey**
Two weeks in May
**Global Skills in China**
June 2 to June 23
**Holocaust Studies in Poland**
***May 11 to May 27****
**Capstone in Russia**
mid May to late June
**Capstone in London**
May 10 to May 25
**Psychology in London and Barcelona**
May 19 to June 3
**Socio-Economic Capstone in Nicaragua**
May 11to May 22
*Turn Your Summer into an Adventure!*

## PROGRAM OF THE WEEK:

### AKITA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY, JAPAN

Japanese gardens have specific traditions that are kept alive by using word of mouth. They create an uneven surface first in order to attract attention upwards to the focal point which is often a traditional sculpture or art form.

## CLASSES OFFERED TO ENGLISH STUDENTS

- Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Math and Natural Sciences, World language and Linguistics, Health and Physical Education, Core Electives, Capstones, Teacher's License Program, Global Business Program
- Japanese Language, Interdisciplinary Studies, Japan Studies,
- For a complete list of classes available for English students go to http://www.aiu.ac.jp/en/academics/pdf/offer2010_for2008.pdf

## Save the Date!

**International Opportunities Fair**

**When: September 15, 2010**

**Time: 11 am-4 pm**

**Where: Maucker Union Ballroom**

# Questions to Ponder over the Summer!

- **What country do you want to study in?**

  What universities offer course in my major?

  What cities are within traveling distances?

  What are some of the historical sights near by?

  What cultural sits have I always wanted to see?

  What is the landscape of the country?
  Big cities?
  Majestic Mountains?
  Rolling countryside?
  Striking jungles?

  **Getting to the country/city?**

  How expensive is the airfare?

  Would I have to transfer planes?

  How long is the flights?

  What are my departure and arrival cities?

- **What transportation is available?**

  Are taxis offered?

  Is there a train station in the city?

  Where can I go by train? By plane?

  Is public transportation convenient?

  How easy is it to travel within the country?

  Can you travel to other countries?

- **What language(s) would you need to know?**

  What language do they speak?

  Does the University offer classes in English?

  Could you take language classes over the summer?

  Could you begin learning the language once you are abroad?

  Is the language easy to learn? Write? Speak?

## Facts About Tibet

It's no secret that the Dalai Lama will be arriving on the UNI campus in a little over a month. The Dalai Lama is one of the most recognized figures around the world and it's quite the honor to have him speak on the UNI campus. To prepare for his visit here are some facts about the Tibetan culture:

Art— Tibetan Sand Paintings, called Mandalas in the Sanskrit language, are a popular art form in Tibetan culture. Mandalas also hold a special sacred meaning in the Tibetan culture. For weeks the artists painstakingly place specific colored sand onto a flat platform. Once it is complete, the sands are swept away and poured into a body of water to represent the impermanence of everything.

Religion— The religion practiced most in Tibet is Buddhism and it is the center of their entire world. There are four branches of Buddhism: Nigingma, Sakya, Kagyu, and Gelupga. Gelupga is the sector that the Dalai Lama heads and it is the most commonly practiced in Tibet.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Tibetan Brown Bag Ceremony
When: April 16, 2010
Where: Above the union in the Center for Multicultural Education
Time:11:30a.m.-1:00p.m

Yamantaka Mandala
When: Coming in May.
There will be a new Yamantaka Mandala constructed in honor of the Dalai Lama coming. The Yamantaka Mandala is a cosmic blueprint of the celestial palace of the deity Yamantaka, Conqueror of Death

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