

# UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA

# STUDY ABROAD NEWSLETTER

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Deadline for 2010 Summer and Fall Semester Programs is **March 1!**

## INFORMATION SESSIONS

### OVIEDO, SPAIN

Date & Time: March 1 @ 3-4 PM

Location: GIL 101

Date & Time: March 3 @ 3-4 PM

Location: GIL 101

## Upcoming Events!

**STUDY ABROAD OPEN HOUSE** — Stop by and look around at the posters of many different study abroad programs and learn about program offerings.

**Date:** Feb. 26, 2010

**Time:** 12:00-3:00 PM

**Where:** GIL 028

### Gilman Scholarship

Offers funding to U.S. students receiving Pell grants and studying abroad for semester/academic year.

Application Deadline: April 13, 2010

<http://www.iie.org/gilman>.

## SNAPSHOTS FROM ABROAD

### Study Abroad Photo Contest (09-10):

University Book and Supply is sponsoring the contest and will award a \$50 gift card to first place, and \$25 gift cards for the second and third places. Photos from

Summer and Fall 2009 programs and Spring 2010 programs will be considered. Winners will be chosen **May 2010**. The due date is **April 1**. Send photos to Vanessa Houser at [vrhouser@gmail.com](mailto:vrhouser@gmail.com). Photo by Brian Van Drasek



## PROGRAM OF THE WEEK:

### Studio Art in Berlin



**The Brandenburg Gate**— This gate is a symbol of Germany and leads to the tree lined boulevard of Unter den Linden, which formerly led to the Palace.

## AREA SITES IN

**Reichstag**— The Reichstag is Germany's Parliament building, but it also has a painted past. Its name often shows up in history books during WWII when the Nazis gained political power and took over government buildings.

**Checkpoint Charlie**— The original Checkpoint Charlie tower, which was the symbol of tension between East and West Berlin, has been torn down and a replica put in its place. The replica is still a poignant visual to what it was like when the wall separated the city.

**Museums**— The Pergamon is one of the cities most expansive museums and holds some of the world's most renowned art from ancient Greece, Babylonia, and Rome.

## STUDY ABROAD MYTHS

**Myth:** Future employers will consider my application the same as someone who has studied abroad **Fact:** Most employers will look for anything on an application to discard it. Since, the job marketing is decreasing and the world is becoming connected and diverse, companies are looking for applicants who have had an international experience. If there are equal applicants for the same position, most companies will hire the one who went abroad during college. Don't lose out on that perfect career, because you never went abroad!

# SPRING BEAK DESTINATIONS!!

## SUMMER WEATHER!

**Paradise Island, Bahamas (78 degrees F)** — If you're looking for an out of the ordinary spring break trip Paradise Island has the answer. Hone your yoga skills at an Ashram, which will help revive and awaken your spirit. Take classes in the morning and late afternoon and spend the rest of the day doing water sports or shopping!



**Cancun, Mexico (84 degrees)** — With the draw of tourism to this tropical city, it has expanded to have around 24,000 hotel rooms, so there's no shortage of places to stay. With the influx of tourists, Cancun offers visitors the chance of a life time to swim with dolphins, visit clubs, and relax by the beach.



**Cairns, Australia (77 degrees F)** — Visit this beautiful Northern Australia location and swim in the Great Barrier Reef, one of the wonders of the world. There are plenty of place to swim and scuba dive with the beautiful and diverse wildlife.



**Rio De Janeiro, Brazil (86 degrees F)** — Visit Copacabana and experience beautiful sandy beaches and relax by blue-green waters. While visiting this classic tourist destination that even has a song named after it, go to the historical Copacabana Palace Hotel, which the area is named after or visit the Copacabana Fort which was built in 1914 to protect Guanabara Bay.



**Monteverde, Costa Rica (81 degrees F)** — For those who want a little adventure on their spring break. Costa Rica is one of the most economically friendly countries in the world and ecotourism is growing in popularity in this area. One activity Monteverde offers is the Sky Trek which is similar to a zip-line. See the rainforests of Costa Rica from the canopy rather than the ground level. The guides will take care of suiting you up and starting and stopping as you travel down through the forest.



## WINTER WEATHER!

**Vancouver, British Columbia (47 degrees F)** — Vancouver is an up and coming city with something to do for everyone going on your trip. For the fashionistas the downtown metropolitan area offers a wide variety of shopping including boutiques, malls, and high fashion. For those that enjoy the more extreme side of life, Vancouver is surrounded by mountains that offer ski and snowboarding resorts.



**Paris, France (50 degrees F)** — While not necessarily a cold destination, Paris offers a different way to spend your spring break. Window shop along the Champs Elysees or look at famous artworks at the Louvre. Enjoy coffee at a quaint sidewalk café and take in the wonders of the French culture.



**Abetone, Italy (41 degrees F)** — Abetone is the major ski resort of the Apennine's. This ski resort puts visitors in close proximity to both Florence and Pisa. Florence offers some of the country's most beautiful scenery and visitors can try to straighten out the Tower of Pisa in Pisa. This region of Italy offers a beautiful mix of trails, mountains, and valleys in addition to the skiing and snowboarding available.



**Niseko, Japan (4 degrees F)** — Surprisingly, this part of Japan gets some of the best snow in the world. Professional snowboarders from all over the world travel to this far away destination to hone their skills and new tricks. Experience Japanese culture in the local village, Hirafu. It has an eclectic mix of new and traditional style bars and restaurants catering to whatever needs the snow-loving visitor could want.



**Innsbruck, Austria (48 degrees F)** — Innsbruck is located in the Tyrol region of Austria and has some of the most beautiful sights in the world. Visitors to this city can experience both the culture of old Austria and live on the wild side of life by cruising down a mountain. You can go and see the ornate Tyrolean Palace in downtown Innsbruck, or experience the simple side of life and visit an old mill in the country.



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