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1) Upcoming Events and Deadlines

See <http://www.muohio.edu/international/events.php> for more information on upcoming events and deadlines, including times, locations and links for more information. If you plan on studying abroad in spring 2008, CHECK NOW to see what your program's application deadline is.

- November 5 – Office of Diversity Affairs Study Abroad Information Session
- November 5 – Peace Corps Information Session
- November 10-11 – Study abroad advisors out of the office for a conference (peer advisors will be here)
- November 14 – Extended application deadline for selected IES spring 2009 programs
- November 15 – Extended application deadline for selected CIEE, IFSA-Butler and ISA spring 2009 programs
- November 19 – Human Rights and Social Justice Fair
- December 1 – Extended application deadline for selected CIEE and IFSA-Butler spring 2009 programs
- December 2 – Spring 2009 Orientation Session - For all students studying abroad on Miami Exchange, Co-Sponsored, Approved and Non-Miami programs. (Note: MUDEC students should attend Luxembourg orientation sessions instead of this one). We will be discussing Miami study abroad procedures, health and safety, money matters, travel tips, etc. This is a good way to meet up with people who are going to the same region/country/city/program as you, and to get advice from a panel of returning students about packing, academics, health and safety, and other study abroad questions you have. We strongly recommend that all students studying abroad in spring 2009 attend this session, but if you absolutely cannot attend, some orientation materials will be available online.

Remember that our **Study Abroad 101** group advising sessions are held several times a week throughout the semester – see the events page of our website for specific dates and times (See “What is Study Abroad 101” below for more information).

2) Program Updates

- IFSA-Butler has extended the November 1 deadline to November 15 for: Beijing Language and Culture University, Contemporary India: Development, Environment, Public Health, Fudan University, Massey University, University of Auckland, Xi'an International Studies University. See <http://www.ifsabutler.org/about-us/news-a-updates.html>
- IFSA-Butler have extended the November 15 deadline to December 1 for: Murdoch University, University of Adelaide, University of Tasmania, University of Western Australia. See <http://www.ifsabutler.org/about-us/news-a-updates.html>
- ISA has extended their application deadline to November 15 for the following programs: Meknes, Buenos Aires, Heredia, San Jose, Santiago (Dominican Republic), Guanajuato, Xalapa, Cusco. See <http://www.studiesabroad.com/programs/viewApplicationDueDateApproaching>
- IES has extended their application deadline from November 3 to November 14 for the following programs: Auckland, Berlin (all programs), Buenos Aires (Beginning/Intermediate and Advanced programs), Christchurch, Dublin (Irish General Studies and Peace & Conflict Studies), European Union, Freiburg, London (Study London and Theater Studies), Melbourne, Quito (Language & Area Studies), Santiago, Sydney (all programs), Tokyo (all programs), Vienna (all programs). See [https://www.iesabroad.org/IES/About IES/IES News/Articles/newsArticle0061.html](https://www.iesabroad.org/IES/About%20IES/IES%20News/Articles/newsArticle0061.html)
- CIEE has extended their application deadline to November 15 for the following programs: Argentina, Buenos Aires – Liberal Arts (November 15 or until all spaces are full), Australia, Wollongong – Arts and Sciences, Botswana, Gaborone – Arts and Sciences, Chile, Santiago – Liberal Arts, Chile, Valparaíso – Liberal Arts, China, Nanjing – Intensive Chinese Language and Culture, France, Paris – Contemporary French Studies, France, Paris – Critical Studies, France, Rennes – Liberal Arts, Ghana, Accra – International Business and Culture, Ghana, Legon – Arts and Sciences, Hungary, Budapest – Central European Studies, Italy, Ferrara – Language and Culture, Italy, Ferrara – Liberal Arts, Netherlands, Amsterdam – Social Sciences, Poland, Warsaw – Central European Studies. See http://ciee.org/alerts_news.aspx?item_id=130

- CIEE has extended their application deadline to December 1 for the following programs: Australia, Sydney – Arts and Sciences, Australia, Sydney – Internship and Integrated Studies, Australia, Sydney – Studio Arts, China, Beijing – Chinese Language and Ethnic Studies, Ireland, Dublin – Arts and Sciences, Peru, Lima – Business and Society, Peru, Lima – Language and Culture, Peru, Lima – Liberal Arts, Portugal, Lisbon – Language and Culture, Mexico, Guanajuato – Spanish Language (January program), Mexico, Guanajuato – Liberal Arts, Nicaragua, Managua – Liberal Arts, Southern Caribbean, Bonaire – Tropical Marine Ecology and Conservation, Turkey, Ankara – Language and Culture, Vietnam, Ho Chi Minh City – Language and Culture. See http://ciee.org/alerts_news.aspx?item_id=130

3) What is Study Abroad 101?

Study Abroad 101 is the Office of International Education's new group advising program. All students who are considering studying abroad are strongly encouraged to attend a Study Abroad 101 session before making an appointment with a study abroad advisor, to pick up tips about choosing a study abroad program, applying for scholarships, a timeline for the study abroad process and other things to consider when you want to study abroad. We strongly recommend that all students attend a Study Abroad 101 session before they meet with a study abroad advisor, so that we can be sure that everyone we talk to gets the same basic advice starting out. One of the goals of Study Abroad 101 is to get students thinking about the huge variety of options that are available, and to open students' minds to places or types of programs that they may not have already considered (or known existed!).

Once you've attended a Study Abroad 101 session, then you can make an appointment (via phone, email or in person in MacMillan Hall) to meet with a study abroad advisor to talk about your specific academic, personal and professional needs and we can help you find the program that's best for you. Our contact information is here:

<http://www.units.muohio.edu/internationalprograms/about.php#sa-staff>

To find out when the next Study Abroad 101 sessions are being offered, check out our Events page at: <http://www.units.muohio.edu/internationalprograms/events.php> or see them listed on our Facebook page at: <http://www.new.facebook.com/pages/Oxford-OH/Miami-University-Study-Abroad/26042947210>

4) Study Abroad Association

One of our study abroad peer advisors has started the ball rolling on developing a Study Abroad Association, which would bring together students who have studied abroad and students who would like to study abroad, as well as having events and activities that would integrate with international students here on campus. If you would be interested in joining or even being an officer in this group, please contact Stephanie Bistriz at bistrisc@muohio.edu.

On November 18th, an organizational meeting will be held for students who want to help start the group, at 6pm in 225 MacMillan.

5) Office of International Education Feedback

Would you be interested in sharing your thoughts about how the Office of International Education is doing? The Office of International Education is now undertaking a Program Review and will soon have two external reviewers visit campus to meet our staff and students to assess the quality of our work and our effectiveness in helping students study abroad and extend the "international dimension" at Miami.

Drs. Rota and Leventhal will be available to meet with you at an "open session". No RSVP is necessary.

- Day/Date: Wednesday, November 5th
- Time: 2:45pm to 3:15pm Open Session with Returned Study Abroad Students
- Place: MacMillan Great Room (212 MacMillan)

If you can take the time to speak with Drs. Rota and Leventhal, we will be very grateful. You will be speaking in confidence to them and we encourage you to be frank and detailed. If you find successes, please mention them. If you find weaknesses, please list them, too. We intend to improve our work through this process and we will very much appreciate your help in making these efforts successful.

6) Featured Study Abroad Location of the Month: Chile

Chile is currently seen as the most politically and economically stable country in Latin America, and claims a fascinatingly unique colonial and modern political history. Chilean history is most distinguished as a result of the 1973 coup d'état carried out by rightist elements of the Chilean Armed Forces which deposed of the hemisphere's first democratically elected socialist leader, Salvador Allende. This event

astounded the world and earned Chile a spot on the political forefront as the oppressive dictatorial regime of Augusto Pinochet exercised a stranglehold on Chilean affairs and in doing so tortured, kidnapped, and killed tens of thousands of dissident voices within the Chilean political arena. Loyalty to and identification with either Salvador Allende or Augusto Pinochet still in many ways divides and defines Chilean politics to this day.

Chilean culture offers a stark contrast to typical Latin American culture in their tendency to adhere to more reserved European cultural mannerisms and to utilize a very distinct dialect, replete with scattered indigenous words throughout their vernacular and a sing-songy intonation readily identifiable throughout the region as a “chilenismo”.

The Chilean capital Santiago and the surrounding areas comprise more than 1/3 of the country’s population, so the remainder of the narrow strip of land is relatively sparsely populated. The Chilean landscape encompasses one of the most diverse and beautiful terrains of any country of the world, due to its vast span across more than forty degrees of latitude (including the Atacama Desert, which contains the driest place on Earth, the high-altitude snow-capped Andes, the wine valleys, to the frigid tundra regions of Chilean Patagonia). Travel to nearby countries such as Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, and even Uruguay and Paraguay make Chile an ideal albeit seldom visited study abroad destination.

- Tim Struve, study abroad peer advisor
Studied abroad in Santiago, Chile through IFSA-Butler

Many students, when choosing to study abroad in Europe, will tell us “I want to go to Europe so that I can travel.” (For one thing, this is **not** a good way to choose a study abroad program, and doesn’t even make sense, because you can travel all over the world!) But what’s more, students who are looking for geographic or cultural diversity can often find it even staying within one country, and Chile is a great example of this. Within one country, students have access to the desert, lush farming/wine country, mountains, coastal regions, Easter Island and parts of Antarctica. The recent political history of Chile is closely tied to our own, with more distant Spanish colonial history as well. Nowadays, Chile is becoming an important player in Asian/Pacific business as well. Miami has options in Chile for students who want to take all of their classes in Spanish (as Spanish majors often do) but there are also options to take classes in English, for students who don’t have the language skills to get by in a Chilean classroom, but want the cultural experience. Come and check it out!

For more information: <http://www.units.muohio.edu/internationalprograms/sa-cl.php>

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