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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.

- February 4 – Visit from IFSA-Butler
- February 11 – **Financing Your Study Abroad session** (see below)
- February 11 – Peace Corps Information Session
- February 11 – Application deadline for Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant Competition
- February 16 – Visit from ISA
- February 24 – Visit from Study Australia/The Education Abroad Network
- March 1 – Application deadline for 2009-10 MUDEC program (second-round deadline; applications turned in after this date will be considered if there is space remaining)
- March 16 – Application deadline for fall 2009 OIE-administered scholarships
- April 6 – Application deadline for Bridging Scholarships
- April 7 – Application deadline for Gilman International Scholarship
- April 17 – Deadline to turn in Study Abroad Declaration Forms for summer 2009, fall 2009 or academic year 2009-10
- April 21 – Study Abroad Predeparture Orientation Session (for students studying abroad in summer 2009, fall 2009 and academic year 2009-10)

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.

2) Program Updates

- Many of our program providers are freezing their program fees at the 2008-09 rate for 2009-10. Sometimes these price freezes are based on applying by a certain date, though, so you should check the websites of any programs you're interested in, to see what you need to do to lock in these prices.
- [FU-BEST](#) is now accepting applications for fall 2009 and beyond study in Berlin, Germany.
- [IFSA-Butler](#) deadlines for Glasgow School of Art and University College London have been moved up from April 15 to March 15.
- If you're applying for an IFSA-Butler program, you might want to check out their new social network: <http://community.ifsabutler.org/>. You can ask questions of program alumni, make plans in advance with your fellow program members, and discuss different aspects of studying abroad in the forums. Don't forget to friend your study abroad advisors! ☺
- [Royal Holloway](#) will be moving to an electronic (rather than paper-based) application system starting later this month. If you are planning to apply to Royal Holloway for the 2009-10 school year, you should hold off on applying until the electronic system is in place. If you contact me (mcnittsa@muohio.edu) to let me know of your interest, I can put you on a list to be notified when the new system is in place.
- [IES](#) has extended the deadline for their fall 2009/year 2009-10 Oxford, England program to February 20, 2009.
- [IES](#) has announced that students participating in academic year programs will need to vacate their housing arrangements between semesters. This information has been included in their predeparture materials.
- [IES](#)'s new option at La Trobe University in Melbourne is a lower-cost option for students interested in studying in Australia, compared to their other Australian offerings. Starting in fall 2009, they will also offer an internship option.

- [SIT](#) will be eliminating group flights from their study abroad programs so that students can make arrangements that best fit their own travel needs.

3) Financing Your Study Abroad



Are you interested in studying abroad but you and/or your parents have concerns about how to make it affordable? In these economic times, we can all use a little help saving here and there. We'll be holding an information session about study abroad affordability on Wednesday, February 11 at 5pm in 212 MacMillan. We will discuss topics including choosing an affordable study abroad program, applying for (and winning!) scholarships and making good spending decisions while abroad.

You can RSVP for this session here: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=34640688238> or just show up on February 11.

4) Need Help Finding a Program?

We are working department-by-department to identify programs that are generally a good match for their majors. Each student's case is different, of course, and that's why we recommend that you meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss your situation and your interests. These lists can be a good example of places to get started, or leads on programs that could be a good academic match for you. To look at a list of departments we've already worked with (including Political Science, Spanish and Sport Studies) and their recommended programs, see: <http://www.units.muohio.edu/internationalprograms/programs.php#bymajor>. If you are a faculty member attached to a department who would be interested in a similar project OR if you're a student who would like recommendations for another department, contact a study abroad advisor!

5) Featured Study Abroad Program of the Month: Arcadia in Tanzania

Arcadia University started a new semester study abroad program this year in [Arusha, Tanzania](#), a city that has been described as the "Geneva of Africa" for all of the international NGOs and organizations in residence there (including UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the East African Community (EAC), and the African Union's Court for Human and Peoples' Rights among others). This program would be a great opportunity for students interested in Peace and Conflict Studies, African Studies or International Studies. It could also be a stepping-stone for students who are interested in careers in NGOs or in diplomacy.

All students on the program take the core course, "Tanzania in the Midst of Peace and Conflict: Contemporary Issues in East Africa" as well as a mandatory Kiswahili language course. Additional courses are available focusing on community development, public health, women's studies, law, history, music and photography. Guest speakers from and field trips to governmental and non-governmental organizations will be built into relevant courses to give students a taste of the international activity in Arusha.

The cultural and travel activities on the program include a safari trip to the Ngorongoro Crater (a World Heritage Site) and Tanzania's Northern Circuit.

- For more information on Arcadia in Tanzania, see: <http://www.arcadia.edu/abroad/default.aspx?id=15730>
- For information on other study abroad programs in Tanzania, see: <http://www.units.muohio.edu/internationalprograms/sa-tz.php>



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