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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.

- March 4 – Visit from GlobalLinks (AustraLearn/AsiaLearn/EuroLearn)
- March 24 - Visit from IES
- April 6 – Application deadline for Bridging Scholarships
- April 7 – Application deadline for Gilman International Scholarship
- April 14-17 – Asian Awareness Week (various events)
- 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.

Application deadlines for summer study abroad are mainly in February and March, so **NOW** is the time to apply. Most application deadlines for fall/academic year study are between March and May, so if you're planning on studying abroad in fall 2009 and have not yet seen a study abroad advisor, make an appointment **NOW** and be sure to get your Study Abroad Declaration Forms in by April 17!

2) Program Updates

- [ISA](#) has new programs in Florianópolis, Brazil (Portuguese Language, Culture, and Economics), Lisbon, Portugal (Portuguese Language and Culture), London England (King's College London), Paris, France (Business, Management, Language and Humanities in Paris) and Florence, Italy (Business, Studio Art and Liberal Arts).
- Students who pay in full for fall 2009 and academic year 2009-10 [ISA](#) programs by April 1, 2009 will receive a \$500 discount.
- [IES](#) would like students to know that if they're looking for lower-cost options, they may want to look into the following IES programs: Beijing (Contemporary Issues or Language Intensive), Buenos Aires, Cape Town, London (City University or Mountview Academy of Theater Arts), Melbourne (La Trobe University), Rabat and Shanghai.
- The [University of Manchester](#) would like students to be aware that they're one of the top five research universities in England, and that their business school is accredited by AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS. Students who plan to apply to law school and who have enough flexibility in their schedule, they can get a grounding in that subject at Manchester, where Law is offered as an undergraduate degree.
- If you're studying abroad on [CEA](#)'s Paris, Aix-en-Provence, French Alps or French Riviera programs in fall 2009 or academic year 2009-10, you can sign up for a two-week French "[boot camp](#)" to get you up to speed in the language before the beginning of the semester.
- [IFSA-Butler](#) has extended application deadlines for the following programs: Massey University graphics program (extended to March 15), China or India summer (March 27), All Australia and New Zealand programs (April 1), Cambridge University summer (April 1), University of St Andrews summer (April 15).
- If you're interested in studying abroad in the summer, have you checked out Miami's faculty-led short-term credit workshops? There are programs in dozens of countries and a variety of academic areas. A full list is available [here](#).
- [Wright State University](#) would also like to invite Miami students to enroll in their faculty-led programs, with themes including Holocaust Service Learning (Berlin and Poland), Paris and Pays Basque (France), Business and Language (Spain), Impact of Culture on Health Care (Japan) and Culture and Literature of Ireland (Ireland).

- [Arcadia](#) is offering [new scholarship grants](#) ranging from \$500 to \$5000 for select Arcadia programs in London, Barcelona and Sydney.

3) Study Abroad Blogs

We've added more students to our list of spring 2009 bloggers, so now you can read:

- [Allison in India](#) (Miami University India Semester Program, Hyderabad, India)
- [Steph in Japan](#) (Kansai Gaidai exchange, Osaka, Japan)
- [Anna in Amman](#) (CIEE Amman, Jordan)
- [Suomessa](#) (ISEP Exchange, Tampere, Finland)

4) Subletting for Next Year

Are you (or anyone you know) planning on studying abroad for a semester next year and wondering where you'll live for the other semester? There are plenty of apartments up for sublet in Oxford, and you can find many of them on our Facebook site here: <http://www.new.facebook.com/board.php?uid=26042947210>. Help out a fellow student, and maybe make some new friends!

5) Welcoming International Students to Miami

A message to you from the International Students & Scholars Advisor, Molly Heidemann:

The Office of International Education (OIE) is now accepting applications for the Fall 2009 Peer Orientation Leader (POL) positions. In August, approximately 350 new international students from 40 countries will arrive at Miami to begin their academic programs. **We are seeking culturally-sensitive and highly motivated students who would like to introduce our new international students to Miami University, the Oxford community, and to life in the United States.** The opportunity to work with these international students will provide you with a setting to learn and use valuable cross-cultural skills that are becoming very important in the world. By participating in this program, you will also play an important role in helping our new international students adjust to our community.

If you would like to learn more and/or apply for this **paid** position, you can download the job description and application here: http://www.units.muohio.edu/internationalprograms/pdf/POL_application_2009.pdf

Applications must be received by 5pm on March 6, 2009. If you have questions, please contact Molly Heidemann (heidemml@muohio.edu).

6) International Business Tips

If you're planning on a career in international business, how can studying abroad help you? By understanding and being interested in the language and culture of the locations where you'll be doing business, you can be a more effective partner. Here are some strategically important places where you might want to gain experience:

Emerging Markets

- Egypt
- Israel
- Jordan
- Morocco
- South Africa
- Turkey
- Argentina
- Brazil
- Chile
- Mexico
- Peru
- China
- India
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Poland
- Russia

US's Top Trade Partners

1. Canada
2. Mexico
3. China
4. Japan
5. Germany
6. United Kingdom
7. Netherlands
8. South Korea
9. Brazil
10. France

We've made up a list of some study abroad programs you might want to check out in these countries: http://www.units.muohio.edu/internationalprograms/pdf/subject_emerging_markets.pdf

7) Photos Sought for Display

Are you an international student? Studied abroad? Lived abroad? Have friends or family in another country? AIESEC is searching for photos of rites of passage from around the world. Rites of passage can include weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, birthdays, funerals and other culturally and religiously relevant events. These photos and descriptions will be displayed in through the end of April in the MacMillan foyer.

Please e-mail your photo and a brief description to Kate O'Brien (obrienk4@muohio.edu). The brief description should include your name, location, time period and a short statement or paragraph about the event or ceremony.

8) Featured Study Abroad Program of the Month: Royal Holloway University of London

Are you looking to study in England, but don't want to live in London? London is one of the largest and most expensive cities in the world, but there are plenty of great options within England (and the rest of the UK) beyond London, including Royal Holloway. Royal Holloway is a good match for students majoring in Classics, English, History, Political Science, Theater and many other subject areas.

Royal Holloway is a fit for students who are looking for a green campus environment similar to Oxford, but with close access to a metropolitan center. It is part of the University of London system, although it is located in Egham, Surrey, just west of London. The university is 7 miles from Heathrow Airport and 19 miles from London's city center. Egham is small, like Oxford, and most of the social life centers around the university. The distance to London is similar to the distance between Oxford and Cincinnati, but is served by public transportation.



“I felt very safe and comfortable; the lodging was great, the people friendly, and the area very safe. [...] There's a bus stop right outside of the campus entrance that can take you into Egham or larger town of Staines, and the train system in England was fantastic. They're almost always right on time, they're clean and well lit, and they're very quick and comfortable. I did a lot of travel by train, and I'd highly recommend it.”

- Jacquelyn Howell, studied at Royal Holloway in fall 2008

Jacquelyn's advice to students going to Royal Holloway (which holds true no matter where you're going!):

“Get involved! This is really clichéd advice, but it's absolutely true. While you have to pay for them, the clubs and societies are great fun, and the best way to make British friends. You meet a lot of international and American students in the first week or two, and most of the people in your flat probably won't be British, so it's really easy to end up just hanging out with American and international students, because you're not around British students as much in the beginning. The clubs and societies, however, seem to be largely composed of British students (and sometimes Korean students as well), so it's a great opportunity to get to know the people and the culture of Great Britain, and an easy way to find common ground.”

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