



Building Bridges

Between Cultures and Countries



Dates to remember

October 27
Faculty-Directed Study
Abroad Workshop

November 6 & 7
Study Abroad Pre-
Departure Orientation

November 12-16
International
Education Week

Cultural Nights

7:00 pm
International Centre

Oct. 15.....Germany
Oct. 25..... Yemen
Nov. 1 Mexico
Nov. 8 Croatia
Nov. 15 Native
American
Nov. 29 United
Kingdom

Country in Focus: **Germany**

(from IIEPassport.org &
Facts About Germany)



Fast Facts:

Population: (2004)
82,424, 609
Capital: Berlin, 3.4 million
Government: Democratic
parliamentary federal
democracy since 1949
Currency: Euro
Emblem: Stylized eagle



State holiday: October 3,
Day of German Unity
Day (1990)

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International Centre
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Changes in the OIP Staff

James Fox joined the OIP staff in late September as the new **Education Abroad Advisor** replacing Melinda McCannell-Unger who has served as an education abroad advisor for the past two years.



Jim comes to UND with a BA degree in Spanish from the University of Montana and study abroad experience in Spain.

International Centre Hours

November 10th, 11th & 12th (Veterans' Day)
Centre is open from 12 noon to 10 pm
November 21st - Centre will close at 6 pm
November 22nd - 1 pm to 3 pm.
November 23rd - 8 am to 4:30 pm
November 24th & 25th - 12 noon to 10 pm

OIP Staff Directory

Education Abroad Advisors

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*"An investment in knowledge always
pays the best interest."
Benjamin Franklin*

Programming

International Education Week Nov. 12-16

"Teaching our students about international issues today will make us better equipped to tackle global challenges in the future, from poverty to environmental concerns, hunger, and disease.



International education enlarges our perspective, as individuals and as a nation. By transcending the comforts of what is familiar, we gain access to exciting new ideas, rich cultures and traditions, and innovative ways of thinking. Schools around the world recognize the importance of helping students develop strong character and the skills they will need to be responsible and productive citizens."

From *Statement on International Education Week 2007*, Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings

Resources for International Education Week
can be found at <http://iew.state.gov>

International Quiz Bowl

During International Education Week (IEW) and one of the IEW events, test your knowledge and sign up for the International Quiz Bowl. The Office of International Programs is hosting a Quiz Bowl Competition on November 16th. Preliminary rounds are on November 5th and 6th. Form a team of three and sign up by October 29th at 777-2033.

Thanksgiving Dinner: Volunteers Needed

Each year the Office of International Programs provides a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for our international students on Thanksgiving Day. As we plan ahead, we plan to serve about 200 students on this national holiday and are seeking volunteers to help serve the meal. All the food is prepared. Volunteers are needed to serve the meal on Thanksgiving Day. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shannon Jolly at 701.777.4118.

"A nation, like a person, has a mind...that must be kept informed and alert, that must know itself, that understands the hopes and needs of its neighbors - all the other nations that live within the narrowing circle of the world."

Franklin Roosevelt



**Country in Focus:
Germany**
Official language:

German. German is the mother tongue of 100 million people. German is the mother tongue spoken most frequently in the European Union

Population density:

With 231 inhabitants per square kilometer Germany is one of the most densely populated countries in Europe; Montana is the size of Germany and has only 902,195 inhabitants.

International cooperation:

Germany joins its European and transatlantic partners in championing peace, democracy and human rights the world over. Germany is a member in key European and other international organizations

Tradition:

German writers, composers and philosophers such as Goethe, Schiller, Bach, Beethoven, Kant and Hegel have strongly influenced cultural epochs and are acclaimed figures the world over.

United Nations:

Germany has been a full member of the United Nations (UN) since 1973. Since 1996 Bonn has had the title of "UN City"; 12 UN organizations are based there.

Education Abroad

Faculty-Directed Study Abroad Workshop – 26 October 2007

Now is the time to start planning for next year's faculty-directed study abroad possibilities. If you may be considering this, please attend this workshop on:

Friday, Oct. 26, 2007

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

International Centre

This workshop is designed for those considering offering a course in an international context and would like to know how to get started. We cover all the "how to's" including logistics, finances, marketing, UND requirements, etc. To register, contact Tatijana at 777.6438 or:

tatjanarichards@mail.und.edu

Pre-Departure Orientations:

November 6 & 7

All students who study abroad are required to take part in a Pre-Departure Orientation which provides

them with information regarding cultural adjustment, academic issues such as the transfer of credits, health and safety, etc. We involve students who have studied abroad as well as the different units on campus (e.g. Financial Aid, Student Health, and Counseling Center) to assist and empower our students to maximize their study abroad.

Study Abroad Referrals

In an effort to enhance integration between academic departments and the OIP, a referral system is being implemented for prospective study abroad students. Anyone in contact with students is welcome to refer students to our office. As recently seen at the University of Minnesota, study abroad programs are beneficial regardless of major, and we appreciate your help in bringing exciting opportunities in education abroad to your students. The referral can be found on the OIP website: www.und.edu/dept/oip/documents/SA_Referral.pdf

International Students & Scholars Services

International Student Advising Notes

- When advising international students with deficiencies, please remind them that they should not drop classes if it will put them below full time status. Students holding F or J student visas are required by law to be enrolled full-time.
- Students planning to graduate in December should contact an international student advisor soon (if they have not already done so) to discuss their post-graduation options for maintaining or ending status. These options may include:

- Changing to a new degree program
- Moving to a new university
- Applying for Optional Practical Training employment
- Returning home

Hiring International Scholars/Faculty/Researchers

When departments and/or divisions are considering hiring internationally, please contact Dr. Will Young, Associate Director at the OIP. (777.3935) Will has worked extensively with many departments on campus and will lead you through the process of hiring international faculty, scholars, or researchers.



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