

# Building Bridges

Between Cultures and Countries



## Did you know:

- India is the leading place of origin for international students with 76,503 students in the U.S. in 2005/06
- The most popular fields of study for international students in the U.S. in 2005/06 were Business and Management (18% of total), Engineering (16%) and Physical and Life Sciences (9%), followed closely by Social Sciences (8%) and Mathematics and Computer Sciences (8%).

From "Open Doors:  
Report on International  
Educational Exchange"

## Dates to remember:

- New International Student Orientation  
Monday, January 8, 2007
- Study Abroad Fair  
February 7, 2007

## Cultural Nights

7:00 pm  
International Centre

Spring Schedule  
will soon be online  
at

[www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/prgm.htm](http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/prgm.htm)

University of North Dakota  
Office of International Programs  
[www.und.edu/dept/oip](http://www.und.edu/dept/oip)

International Centre  
2908 University Avenue, Stop 7109  
Grand Forks, ND 58202-7109

## International Centre hours between Fall & Spring Semesters

From **December 18, 2006** through **January 4, 2007**, the International Centre will be open only during regular office hours, **Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm**.

The Centre will be closed the weekends of **Dec. 23-25**, and **Dec. 30 – Jan. 1, 2007**.

## Programming

[www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/prgm.htm](http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/prgm.htm)

### International Education Week Quiz Bowl Winners

As part of International Education week, the OIP hosted an International Quiz Bowl. The preliminary rounds involved 10 teams. The championship round was held on Friday, November 17. The winning team was comprised of 3 students: Jared Wall, Kelly Kamnikar and Marcy Sanford, all members of the student organization, Student Leaders International which helps to promote study abroad and orientate students through the study abroad process.

### Feast of Nations 2007

**When:** February 24, 2007

**Where:** Alerus Center

**Details:** Coming soon; will include time, menu, and entertainment

**Watch the OIP website for more information.**  
[www.und.edu/dept/oip](http://www.und.edu/dept/oip)

## Education Abroad

[www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/sabroad.htm](http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/sabroad.htm)



[www.yearofstudyabroad.org](http://www.yearofstudyabroad.org)

### Spring Study Abroad Fair – February 7

Featured will be:

- UND programs at partner universities worldwide
- UND affiliated program providers, e.g. AustraLearn, IFSA-Butler Univ, ISA, AIFS, Semester-at-Sea
- UND Faculty-Directed programs

Please encourage your students to consider studying abroad and visiting the Study Abroad Fair on Feb. 7 at the International Centre.

### UND Faculty-Directed Programs for Spring and Summer 2007

- Business in the UK** – Spring Break: Dr. Mary Loyland
- Aviation Global Perspectives in Germany**  
Spring Break Dr. Tom Zeidlik

- Advanced Photography in Europe**  
May/June: Dr. Lynda Kenney
- Chinese Studies: Summer Study Abroad**  
May/June: Dr. Colleen Berry & Dr. Victoria Beard
- Spring 2007 in the Balkans: Educational Leadership** – May/June: Dr. Gary Schnellert
- Nursing in Spain** – June: Dr. Julie Anderson
- Russian Field Trip for Space Facilities**  
June: Dr. Vadim Rygalov
- Ukraine Field Trip for Space Facilities**  
June: Dr. Vadim Rygalov & Eugene Holubnyak
- History and Archaeology of Cyprus**  
June: Dr. Bill Caraher
- Study Abroad Germany: German Language**  
Summer (dates TBD): Ursula Hovet
- Tentative: Art Appreciation: Italy study tour**  
(Summer course with 2 week study tour)  
June: Dyan Rae & Melinda McCannell-Unger

- Nearly two-thirds (65.6%) of those who study abroad are female and one-third (34.4%) is male, while the total undergraduate population is 56.4% female and 43.6% male.
- Only 3.4% of those who study abroad are black and 5.0% are Hispanic, while each group accounts for about 12% of the total U.S. undergraduate population.
- A disproportionately high number of humanities majors (14.6% of total undergraduates) comprise 30.2% of all students who study abroad, while engineering/computer science majors, who represent 14.1% of total undergraduates, enroll only 5.3% in overseas programs.

Lincoln Commission Report  
"Global Competence & National Needs: One Million Americans Studying Abroad" 11/14/2005

**"My year of study abroad was the single most important year of my education, or perhaps more broadly, my growing up. . . I know I feel permanently attached to the city, and in the time in my life, that I feel I first became vividly aware of other people's lives all around me."**

—John Irving, author of *The Cider House Rules* and *The World Accordin' to Gar*

# International Students & Scholars

[www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/istudent.htm](http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/istudent.htm)  
[www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/scholar\\_srvc.html](http://www.und.edu/dept/oip/html/scholar_srvc.html)

## State Department Announces Changes in J-1 Exchange Visitor Program

The U.S. Department of State has made two significant changes in the J-1 Professor and J-1 Research Scholar categories. Effective immediately, a J-1 Exchange Visitor is eligible for up to 5 continuous years as a Professor or Research Scholar. This is a change from the previous 3-year limit. Contact Dr. William Young, the Associate Director of International Programs, at 777-3935 for additional information or a request for an extension.

In addition, effective immediately, once a J-1 Professor or J-1 Research Scholar has completed an exchange program they will need to wait two years before the individual is eligible for another J-1 Professor/Research Scholar program.

## International Student Advisor Walk-In Hours

- Regular Walk in hours continue through December 13 (Weds. and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12)
- The additional times will be:
  - **December 7:** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - **December 8:** 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - **December 11:** 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Walk in hours are for signatures, short questions, document drop-off etc.**
- Matters requiring **more than about 15-20 minutes** max. should be done by **appointment.**
- Students applying for **CPT or OPT** authorization must make appointments.

## International Student Advising Notes

### **Registration Requirements:**

When advising international students please note that international students are required to be registered as full-time students and maintain full-time status throughout the semester.

"Full-time undergraduate students means undergraduate students who are enrolled in 12 or more credit hours during fall or spring semester.

Effective Summer 2006, full-time graduate students means graduate students enrolled in 9 or more credit hours during fall or spring semester. " (SBHE Policies 404.3.g & h)

**Please help students ensure their full time status as they register**

## International Students must see Shannon Jolly, International Student Advisor if:

- traveling internationally over break to clarify travel requirements, signatures etc.
- needing extensions of I-20s or still plan to apply for OPT – contact Shannon IMMEDIATELY
- moving to a new degree level (Up or down)
- changing major or changing schools; all changes have paperwork that must be completed with our office.
- leaving UND and going home after this semester – contact Shannon before leaving

## Planning to Visit Canada?

Before planning a trip to Canada, all International Students and Scholars should check to find out if a visa is required to visit Canada. Canadian officials require the citizens of 146 countries to have a visa to visit (or transit) through their country. If required, a Canadian visa costs \$75 for single entry and \$150 for multiple entries. To find out if you require need a visa, check out [www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.html](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.html). If you need a visa, visit the Canadian Citizenship and Immigration website at [www.cic.gc.ca/english](http://www.cic.gc.ca/english) to find the appropriate application forms, instructions, and addresses of Canadian Consulates. It takes 2 to 4 weeks to obtain a visa from a Canadian Consulate in the United States.