



Building Bridges

Between Cultures and Countries



Dates to remember

Cultural Nights

Thursdays, 7:00 pm
Loading Dock, MU

- March 27 - Russia
- April 3 - Bangladesh
- April 10 – Ghana
- April 17 - Georgia
- April 24 - Hawaii

Country in Focus: **Bangladesh**

Population: 144,233,000

Capital: Dhaka;
12,560,000

Area: 147,570 square
kilometers (56,977
square miles)

Language: Bangla
(Bengali), English

Religion: Muslim, Hindu

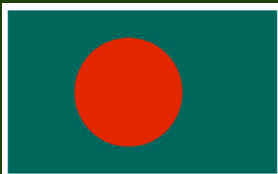
Currency: taka

Life Expectancy: 59

GDP per Capita: U.S.
\$1,800

Literacy Percent: 43

Bangladesh, meaning "Bengal nation," is a low-lying country formed by the alluvial plain of the Ganges-Brahmaputra river system—the largest delta in the world. The rivers' annual floods bring silt to



renew farmland fertility, often creating new islands in the delta that are quickly claimed as farmland.

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Internationalization in Higher Ed.

For some people, internationalization in higher education means a series of international activities such as academic mobility for students and teachers; international linkages, partnerships, and projects; and new, international academic programs and research initiatives.

For others, it means the delivery of education to other countries through new types of arrangements such as branch campuses or franchises using a variety of face-to-face and distance techniques.

To many, it means the inclusion of an international, intercultural, and/or global dimension into the curriculum and teaching learning process.

Still others see international development projects and the increasing emphasis on trade in higher education as internationalization.

According to Jane Knight, Internationalization within higher education is defined as:

The process of integrating an international, intercultural or global dimension into the purpose, functions or delivery of post-secondary education.

- It is a *process*, an ongoing and continuing effort.
- *International* is used in the sense of relationships between and among nations, cultures, or countries.
- *Intercultural* is used to address the aspects of internationalization at home.
- *Global* provides the sense of worldwide scope.
- *Integration* denotes the process of infusing or embedding the international and intercultural dimension into policies

and programs to ensure that the international dimension remains central, not marginal, and is sustainable.

- *Purpose, function, and delivery.*
 - *Purpose* - the mission or mandate of an individual institution.
 - *Function* refers to the primary elements or tasks that characterize a national postsecondary system and also an individual institution. Usually these include teaching/training, research and scholarly activities, and service to the society at large.
 - *Delivery* is a narrower concept. It refers to the offering of education courses and programs either domestically or in other countries.

From *Knight / Internationalization Remodeled*

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International Women's Day

On March 11th UND celebrated International Women's Day, which usually takes place in countries around the world on March 8th. UND honored female students, staff and faculty by handing out over 500 flowers. In the evening over 40 women came together at the International Centre to share their traditions, ideas and opinions about this day, female role models and women in today's society. It has been a very special event and we are looking forward to celebrating International Women's Day 2009. The Office of International Programs greatly appreciates the collaboration with the Women's Center, ELS Language Centers, and the Women's Association.



Country in Focus: Bangladesh

Much of the land is barely above sea level, with the exception of hills east and south of Chittagong. The monsoon winds come in summer (June to September) and bring heavy rainfall and cyclones. Bangladesh is one of the poorest countries on Earth, and most people are subsistence farmers.

Supported by India, East Pakistan became Bangladesh in 1971 after a war of independence against Pakistan.

Bangladesh has the third largest Muslim population in the world after Indonesia and Pakistan. With more than 1,000 people per square kilometer (2,600 per square mile), the country is one of the most crowded on earth. Rich soils yield three rice harvests a year, but major cyclones cause storm surges that smash into the delta, sweeping people, livestock, and crops from the lowlands.

Deforestation in upper watersheds of the Ganges and Brahmaputra Rivers worsens flooding downstream. The government protects the Sundarbans mangrove forest—one of the largest in the world and home to threatened species like the Bengal tiger.



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Education Abroad

Pre-Departure Orientations

Pre-Departure Orientations:

- Summer programs (non-faculty directed) will be on April 16th from 4-7pm at the International Centre.
- Fall programs will be on April 17th from 4-7pm

Thank You

Thank you to all the professors, instructors, and advisors who helped us to promote study abroad this year and those who wrote references for the students applying. Your support is very important and very valuable in our efforts to empower more students to study abroad.

International Students & Scholars Services

Advising Notes

Reminders:

International students who are graduating should be sure to see an International Student Advisor soon, if they have not done so already. For students planning to graduate, but will not, they too need to arrange an appointment with an International Student Advisor soon.

U2 Workshop

Basic International Student Requirements for Faculty and Staff

It is important for faculty and staff who advise international students to be aware of the extra regulatory expectations placed on

these students and what this may mean for their programs. This workshop will provide an overview of the basic requirements governing most international students' ability to enter and remain in the U.S. for their studies—from admission to graduation. Topics addressed will include the visa application process, enrollment requirements, international student employment and social security, program completion requirements. Lunch provided by International Programs.

Presenters: Shannon Jolly and Anne Ekkaia

Timeline: March 28, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: International Centre

Programming

Feast of Nations 2008

The 46th Annual Feast of Nations was held on Saturday, February 16, 2008 at the Alerus Center. Over 900 joined in this celebration that featured performances by a number of international students, a group of Hmong student dancers from Minneapolis/St. Paul, and from Winnipeg, the Rusalka Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. The evening ended with live music provided by *Clave del Sol* from Winnipeg who featured a lively mixture of Latin music.

Remaining Cultural Nights for Spring 2008

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The program is free.
Food is \$1.00 per person.