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International Intrigue: Earning Credits While Traveling Abroad

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Would you like to earn exciting credits that can be highlighted on your resume? This can be done while you are climbing the Eiffel Tower, watching a bullfight, or partaking in many educational adventures abroad.

At Penn State Delaware County many students have participated in weeklong trips abroad. Studying and traveling in France, Spain, Rome, and England can provide students with six credits (3 in arts, and 3 in humanities). Meredith, a student who now goes to University Park, has been to Paris and Madrid. "I enjoyed the unbelievable wonders that the two different countries offered me, which has

helped me to learn and to grow," said Meredith. Steve, a student at Delco who has been to Rome and Madrid, believes that "it is essential to travel to different countries in order to learn about oneself and the nation.

Organizers, Dr. Constance Kirker (art history professor) and Dr. Alita Kelley (language professor) are now proposing that the travel courses can lead to a minor in International Studies. Dr. Kelley said, "It is a great opportunity for students to have their credits go towards a minor, which will be impressive to many future employers."

According to Dr. George Fran' (director of Academic Affairs), the proposal has been submitted, and he expects the approval to be coming

soon. The organizers are optimistic, "Dr. Kirker and I are going ahead with plans," said Dr. Kelley.

The International Studies minor is described as an option for undergraduate students in any major who must complete an education abroad program, foreign language competency, and related advanced course work (according to "The Blue Book)." In 3 trips abroad a student could earn the 18 required course credits.

The International Studies minor looks like one of the next great options students can choose from at Delco. Students with questions can contact Dr. Kirker at 610-892-1468 or Dr. Kelley at 610-892-1477.



PSU Delco students walk under the Eiffel Tower after visiting it as part of their campus-sponsored trip.

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Freshman Profile: Meet the New Class Filled with Ambitious Goals

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In high school, being a freshman usually meant that you were in for one large order of a workload with the inescapable side of lower class hazing. That is just what you expect. So after spending four years of trying to get away from that stature you get the chance to attend a college where guess what? You are a freshman all over again. But this is college people and here we value the freshman experience, most of us. It is no wonder that this year at Penn State 588 students wish to re-live their freshman days because this time around at least you

don't have to go to detention.

The freshman class of the millennium is enjoying the pleasure of being one of the larger bodies here at Delco, thanks in part to a revamped student government commitment and word getting around about our lovely campus since some 165 different high schools are represented here at this campus alone. This year we even have two international freshman hailing from Canada and Lebanon showing that yes, we do have a world buzz. Student Christine Adera an Information Science and Technology major from Ridley High first heard about Penn State during her senior year. "I have always wanted to

come to Penn State...I was planning to come here for two years and then transfer to a different campus, hopefully Main. The program here caught my attention."

Ms. Adera is one of many students taking advantage of the new technology building because of her major and expressed that Penn States' technology department gave her that opportunity. Other students such as Mike Barbone from West Chester East High School came here with the intent of using it as a stepping stone to the Shangri-la that is

Happy Valley through studying finance. "

I basically applied to Penn State

(Main) but when I didn't get in I came here to try and go through this campus first. My sister went to another school for accounting and said that I would hate that so I figured I would give finance a shot," Mr. Barbone acknowledged both as good ways to make a living.

Altogether the Freshman class represents a larger amount of future Penn State graduates. With the Commonwealth university making strides towards the millennium in technology and sciences the Delaware County campus is looking forward to more upstarts to represent Penn State world of careers.

Introducing New Faculty at PSU Delco Campus

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Penn State Delaware County has several new faces in its classrooms. The new faculty members are excited and ready to begin an intellectual journey with students.

Cindy Dell Clark is a fulltime human development family studies faculty member, who can be reached at cdc9@psu.edu. She is extremely excited about being a part of a degree program that is still in its formative years. She also enjoys the "small-town" atmosphere, the resources offered by other Penn State branches, and the diversity of the students that the campus offers.

Besides teaching, Clark is working on several research projects that involve the study of children. Her projects include how children can cope with chronic illness and children's' imaginations. Clark has already written a book called *Flights of Fancy, Leaps of Faith: Children's Myths in*

Contemporary America. She is thrilled to teach students what she is learning and what she has already learned.

Maureen Fielding is a fulltime member of the English faculty. She received her PhD in literature at Amherst. Her dissertation was on trauma, post-traumatic stress disorder, and recovery in postcolonial women's writing. She has studied in Africa, Vietnam, and Northern Ireland. Her background includes freelance writing, reporting, radio corresponding, and now teaching at Penn State.

Andrea Hornett is a fulltime business teacher. She is not a stranger to the campus, having taught during the spring '99 semester. She received her PhD at George Washington University and has worked at Merck and Dupont.

James McGlinchey is a fulltime information science technology teacher, who can be reached at 207F classroom building. He is familiar with the area and has taught at Drexel University and Montgomery County

Community College. Not only is he a science wiz, he also has worked in the business department at Thomas Jefferson University.

James Wawrzyniak is a fulltime information science technology instructor, who can be reached at js11@psu.edu. He has taught MIS at this campus. His prior teaching and education enables him to be help~1 with the Bachelor of Science in Business program. Dr. George Franz describes him as a "link between the BSB program and the new IST major." Wawrzyniak has a BS in accounting from Penn State, a MS in computer and information systems from Temple, and a MBA in finance from the University of Detroit.

Besides teaching, Wawrzyniak is a Navy Pilot, who loves to fly and to go sailing.

Elise Youth is a full-time urban education teacher, who can be reached at ely104@psu.edu. She has replaced Nina Asher, who went to Louisiana. Youth has a BS, a M.Ed, and now a

PhD in curriculum and instruction from Penn State. She is not only familiar with being the student in a classroom, she is also a former Philadelphia schoolteacher.

Elizabeth Dudkin is a fulltime biology instructor, who is teaching Dr. Cooper's classes. She taught biology at this campus before, and has also taken classes here. In addition to teaching, Dudkin will be helping the pre-med and allied health advising.

Johanna Lombard is now teaching math on the campus. Last year she worked in the Learning Center.

James Symmons is a fulltime theater, and speech communications instructor. He previously was a part-time theater teacher at Delco.

Joyce Douse is a new urban education teacher. She is a retired Philadelphia schoolteacher, who also helps out with student teaching here on campus.

Stephen Richter is a full-time computer science teacher.