

Eye On Campus

International Studies Program: Prime Time to Travel All Over the World in 2007

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Ever wanted to go to Peru, or maybe to St. Petersburg or Moscow? Guatemala? France? Well you can! This year these trips are made possible by professors Alita Kelly and Constance Kirker, who introduced the international studies program to the campus in 1995.

This program hopes to broaden student's view of the world culturally, while supporting the college so students will have an international experience be apart of their education and accommodating them timely and financially.

The campus website provides the bulk of information on these trips.

Here are ten simple steps for traveling aboard here at Penn State Delco:

- 1 Review the list of destinations and courses needed to go on each trip. There are three or four courses that will educate you about a specific destination and you may enroll in one or two courses, thus earning up to six credits. Also, make sure you have your passport handy.
- 2 Choose where you'd like to go and enroll in the required courses. Contacting the listed faculty member for syllabus details and any other questions you may have about the course would be beneficial. It is not required for most trips that you take the specific courses and family and friends are welcome to travel too, but if you do take a course, the assignments for the course will be completed prior to the trip, during the trip, and after the trip.

- 3 Make sure to register for the course by going to the Registrar's Office at 105 Main.
- 4 Register for the trip by contacting Celestial Voyagers via phone (1-800-651-6262) or email (www.celestialvoyagers.com). They will help answer any questions regarding flights, schedules, hotels, and such, but also make sure to have your travel insurance and emergency contact information because it is required for the trip.
- 5 Be sure to send the deposit and final payment to Celestial Voyagers by the dates specified on the website and brochure - don't be late!
- 6 Begin the coursework that needs to be completed before travel begins, which your course instructor will provide and whom you should keep in contact with for advice and information on the trip.
- 7 Pick up the tickets and submit your pre-trip coursework that has been assigned for the trip, and be sure to get it in on time because late work will not receive full credit.
- 8 Go on the trip and have fun! While there complete assignments required. But don't worry, you'll have a blast.
- 9 Submit your completed coursework by the final date listed on the syllabus of the specified course.
- 10 Why not travel again? Or even earn an International Studies minor of 18 credits? Once you go on one trip, a second one is quite tempting.
Lima, Cuzco, Machu, and Picchu are all the cities you can visit in

Peru on the first trip for this year on December 26, 2006 through January 5, 2007. The price starts at \$1799.00, not including for guided tours, insurance, tips, meals, personal items, other things as well.

Most people know these trips aren't cheap, so the International Studies Program awards students who meet the requirements of financial need, scholarly merit, and strength of application easy a price reduction of the bill up to 50% for the trip from Celestial Voyagers. It's not a cash or monetary award and it doesn't cover shopping, tuition, or other expenses. This year's winners were Paul Hurych, Elizabeth Larkin and Meredith Street.

"Winning this award was awesome because it's allowing me to go to France in May. I went on the Italy trip last May and had an absolute blast," Meredith says

Not many college campuses sponsor international trips like these so take advantage of the opportunities offered here for travel.

For more information on the international studies program, trips and more.

www.de.psu.edu/Academics/intlprograms.htm

What are you waiting for?

Congratulations to the winners of the International Studies Award:

Paul Hurych
Elizabeth Larkin
Meredith Street

Admissions: Up, Up and Away!

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There is more to a campus than just land and buildings. There's more than equipment and professors, no matter how many advanced degrees they might hold. A campus is defined by its student body. Penn State Delaware County is proudly able to say that it is the most diverse campus within the Penn State system and the incoming freshman class is helping to keep up that status.

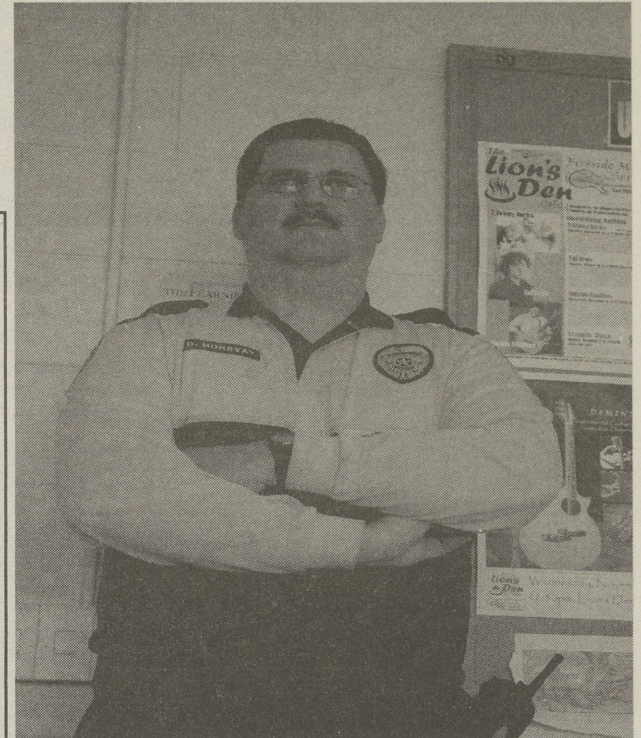
Between seniors graduating, students dropping out or transferring and the multitude of students moving from here to University Park a significant plurality of the student population is made up of incoming students, over thirty percent this semester. Interestingly the males in the incoming class dominate over the females with a fifty nine percent to forty one percent spread.

Anyone walking through the campus can see that the majority of students are Caucasian, falling in at sixty four percent of the new students this year. That being said, the minorities among the students cannot be looked over. Twenty percent of the new students are black, and the remaining sixteen percent being a mix of Hispanics, Native Americans and people from a slew of other foreign countries.

Not only is the incoming class maintaining the diversity of the campus it is also helping with the growth as well. This year's freshman class is the largest in several years, beating out last year's by more than 100 students. When you're talking about a difference between just below 400 going to over 500 students, it shows its significance even more.

When they arrive on campus the freshmen do more than just go to their classes and study hard to keep their grades up. Many students signed up for some of the many clubs on campus, mainly by going to club rushes held early in the year, but some of them also decided what they wanted to do and searched out a club on their own. Rather than giving up and doing something else, they went ahead and started their own club. There have been 9 new clubs started this year already. Among those new clubs are the Penn State Patriots, Film Club, Gay-Straight Alliance, and the Snowboarding Club, all of which were started by freshman.

New students this year are on their way to adapting to the college lifestyle. But more than that they are adapting the college in new ways to keep Delco diverse in all ways, not just the background of the students, but the activities in which they participate. New students keep this campus the place that it is and help it grow into the greater things that it will be in the future.



Eye On Crime

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Penn State Delco is a campus that holds approximately 1,439 full-time students, 295 part-time students, and more than 200 faculty members.

Due to a smaller population, especially in comparison with other local universities, the campus is known for its low crime rate. Campus statistics provided by the Office of Safety and Security at Delco show that criminal offenses have decreased over the past three years, with 27 offenses reported in 2003, 19 in 2004 and 18 in 2005.

"Theft is the biggest problem on our campus," says Dave Horevay, group leader of Safety and Security Systems at Delco.

Horevay, who was hired by the university more than seven years ago, explains how mislaid items can lead to theft.

"Someone will go to the gym to play basketball and leave their wallet or textbooks lying around," he said.

Horevay is one of two full-time security officers on campus. There are also two part-time officers.

In 2003, there were 16 thefts reported at Penn State Delco. That number dropped to 10 in 2004, and rose to only 11 in 2005.

Theft seems to be a problem at other local universities as well. Delaware County Community College, which has approximately 9,556 students, provides crime statistics which show 30 accounts of theft in 2005. Villanova University, which hosts about 6,100 full-time students and 330 part-time students, reported 78 theft offenses in the same year.

Campus population plays a big role in reported crime statistics. Larger universities display a significantly greater number of offenses when compared to smaller schools. Temple University, which has over 9,000 students, reported 233 on-campus thefts in 2005. With an average enrollment of 40,000 students, Penn State Main Campus had 539 thefts in 2005.

From 2003 to 2005, crimes at Delco have been kept to a minimum. Five reports of vandalism, one report of gambling and two reports of disorderly conduct were reported in 2003. Crimes committed in 2004 included one report of embezzlement and three reports of vandalism. Five reports of vandalism were again reported in 2005.

Campus crime statistics are made available to students in compliance with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990. The Campus Security Act requires that all colleges and universities across the United States disclose information about crimes committed on and around their campuses. Statistics are also recorded with the Pennsylvania State Police.

Further crime statistics relating to the Delco can be found at <http://www.psu.edu/dept/police/delaware.pdf>. If you are witness to any university violations, criminal activities, or anything suspicious in nature, please report it. Campus security can be reached at 610-496-2522.