While Everyone Else Spends Their Winter in the Pennsylvania Snow....

Study Abroad with Penn State

By Kionna Lipscomb— Entertainment Editor kzl122@psu.edu Imagine having an authentic English dinner of fish and chips at a pub in London, or seeing the centuries old architecture of eastern Europe....walking in the lush green grasses of Ireland, helping build a community in Guatemala, or seeing and smelling the delights that are Italy.

This could be you, if you choose to study abroad with Penn State.

Full-time PSU students, friends and family are all welcome. This amazing opportunity affords students the chance of expanding upon their worldview, conquering new challenges and setting new goals.

Students who are interested in the classes that are offered on each trip are encouraged to contact the faculty member who will be teaching the class to get more detailed information. To register for courses offered as a part of Brandywine's International Programs, students are required to get academic approval from both their advisor and teacher of the course or courses he or she wish to take. Students can take up to two courses and earn up to 6 credits at no additional cost.

With hotel and transportation accommodations provided by Celestial Voyagers anyone can take pleasure in a fantastic international experience at very affordable rates. First-up, London, England (\$1200) for the duration of Thanksgiving break. Price includes round trip airfare, 6 nights stay at the Royal National Hotel and continental breakfast daily. For travels internationally, a passport is required. Study Abroad scholarships are available online at http://www.bw.psu.edu/Academics/International-Programs/intlprograms.htm

Currently, two trips are being offered for the fall semester: London, England over Thanksgiving break and Vienna, Austria & Prague, Czech Republic, over the Winter Break. Seats are still available for both trips, but London is close to being

sold out. Those interested in London are encouraged to speak to Mrs. Gail Wray in the Vairo Library as soon as possible to ensure that there is still room.

And make sure you save the date: upcoming trips offered in Spring 2010 are Guatemala, Ireland and Italy and you won't want to miss those either!

Week-long trips abroad, with accompanying courses, were introduced at Penn State Brandywine in 1996. The program was developed to broaden a student's world view and cultural horizons to meet new job market demands, to support the University's goal of students engaging in a significant international experience as part of their undergraduate years, and to accommodate students' limited financial resources and time constraints.

The courses are scheduled to run throughout the entire semester, with the trip occurring during semester breaks. Students may take up to two courses, for six general education credits, out of a variety of classes that are offered. On each trip, there are optional excursions available at extra cost, but students can do most of their academic work using low cost public transportation. Off-season travel keeps costs down with fewer tourists present than during peak travel times. And students who wish to enhance their resume at the same time that they travel and learn can elect to add the International Studies minor to their degree!

While many experiences are enhanced by familiarity with the host country's language, all courses are in English. Multilingual teachers are available to assist students, however, with regard to language barriers. Once abroad, students usually form small groups that may function independently and everyone on the trip is able to fully appreciate and experience the benefits of working in a small, spontaneous learning groups. Students from other Penn State campuses and from other universities also take the courses, so a well-rounded learning experience is always present.

For more information regarding the classes you can take this academic year, contact Gail Wray at 610-892-1472 or at gbwl@psu.edu. For more information regarding travel, please contact any of Celestial Voyagers staff, Françoise, Suzy or Leigh, at 800-651-6262 or celestial voyagers.com.



London, England

Price from \$1,200 (includes airfare, taxes and surcharges)

Travel dates: November 20, -November 27, 2009