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Upcoming for Fall 2019

Academic Year 2019-2020 is jam-packed with exciting opportunities!

As the academic year ends, Education Abroad looks back on another exciting and eventful year. From implementing the first-ever Winter Session, to over 500 students participating in Education Abroad programs, this year has brought a lot of change and innovation. Looking ahead to Academic Year 2019-2020, we have many exciting developments on the horizon!

Information Sessions Resume

Information Sessions will resume the third week of classes, beginning on September 17, 2019. Although exact times and locations remain TBD, you can check back regularly at our [Information Session Homepage](#). Information sessions are the required first step to learning about Education Abroad at BGSU! After attending an information session, you can meet with the Education Abroad Advisor by appointment.

Expand Your Horizons Fair

The Expand Your Horizons Fair will occur on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 10am-2pm in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lenhart Grand Ballroom. This fair is a great opportunity to meet with representatives from all of Education Abroad's programs and

affiliate partners. There will also be plenty of great raffle prizes, so be sure to swing by! You can read more about the Expand Your Horizons Fair [here](#), or on page 2!

Winter Session 2020

Winter Session 2019 was a [huge success](#)! Many students participated in 2-3 week long faculty led trips to destinations across the globe. From [examining architecture in Spain](#) trip all the way to studying the environment in New Zealand, students were thrilled to take advantage of the many short-term Education Abroad opportunities available to both grow their academic and professional experiences, as well as beat the Midwestern January cold. You can see more about Winter Session 2019 [on and off-campus here](#)!

Winter Session 2020 programs are already available in our [Program Search](#)! You can also keep checking in on the [Winter Session homepage](#) for all of the available programs. We look forward to continue expanding our program availability for all terms, and look forward to receiving next year's applications!



Social Media and BGSU News

Like our Facebook and Instagram pages! Stay updated on upcoming events, deadline reminders, and new developments. Also, check out some of the headlines our students are making:



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Student Ambassador Highlight

Raven Hazlett, '19

What year are you in and what are you studying?

I am a senior studying Business Administration with a Specialization in Marketing.

Which program did you participate in?

I spent spring semester 2018 in Melbourne, Australia on exchange at Deakin University.

What was one of your favorite experiences during your time abroad?

One of the standout memories during my time abroad was a trip myself and a few other exchange students made to The Great Ocean Road. This was one of our best bonding experiences as a group and the scenery along the southern border was breathtaking. Every trip that we made whether it be a week in Queensland, a weekend in Sydney, or just a day trip to the Melbourne CBD has its own special memories attached to it that are hard to put into words.

How did Education Abroad help you grow personally/academically/professionally?

Education Abroad has helped me develop into a more well-rounded person overall. I learned how to adapt to a totally new place,



meet and interact with people of different backgrounds than me, and how to immerse myself into the culture. Living in Ohio my whole life, I hadn't had much interaction with different people and cultures. My experience abroad was eye opening at the least. I feel much more confident, adventurous, and appreciative than I would have without it.

What was one of the challenges you faced while abroad?

One of the biggest challenges I faced while abroad was definitely managing my finances. I am used to working year-round, which means a steady paycheck. Being abroad and being unemployed meant I was spending a lot more money than usual and not bringing in any income. This was a hard adjustment to make, but it helped me learn how to prioritize my spending and that has translated to my life back home.

What would you like to say to students interested in Education Abroad?

Just do it!! Dive in, ask questions, and find a way. If you're interested, talk to someone who has been there before, an Education Abroad Ambassador, or make an appointment at the office. The sooner, the better. When else will you have an opportunity to live in a completely new place and pay the same tuition as you do here? You'd be surprised how much it can change you in such a short amount of time.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT OUR STUDENT AMBASSADORS AND STUDENT TESTIMONIALS BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE:

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)



You can learn more about the Expand Your Horizons Fair by visiting the website: [CLICK HERE](#)

Expand Your Horizons Fair 2019

Want to start your journey with Education Abroad, but don't know where to begin? Come check out the Expand Your Horizons Fair in order to learn more about Education Abroad's programs and much more!

At Expand Your Horizons you will find information about the following:

- Community-based learning
- Education Abroad
- Internships, co-ops and practicums
- Learning Communities
- Public Policy Projects
- Undergraduate research/scholarly/creative opportunities in all disciplines
- Volunteer opportunities

Attend to collect stickers and enter to win great prizes!

- Five-piece luggage set
- \$200 voucher for an alternative break trip
- Starbucks giftcards
- \$600 plane ticket voucher for an Education Abroad experience
- Football game day experience (tour, run out with the team, sideline passes)

Come to this event on Wednesday September 18, 2019 from 10am-2pm in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lenhart Grand Ballroom!

Student Ambassador Highlight

Ellis Todd Ulery, '20

What year are you in and what are you studying?

I am currently a junior and I am majoring in Aviation with a Flight Technology and Operations Specialization along with pursuing a minor in International Business.

Which program did you participate in?

I participated in one of the affiliate Education Abroad programs with BGSU known as ISA (International Studies Abroad). I did their program in London, England at Queen Mary, University of London which was right in the heart of the city on the east end and I was there for the spring semester from December 27th 2017 to July 11th 2018.

What was one of your favorite experiences during your time abroad?

Easily one of the hardest questions you can ask someone who has studied abroad, in my opinion. If I had to narrow it down to one or two from the many favorites I've had, I would say it was my time in Iceland. Sometime in March, I decided with three of my friends I made at the university to go find some tickets to Iceland and stay there for a long weekend from Thursday to Monday morning (just in time to make class that day). Going to Iceland had always been something I've wanted to do since I was a sophomore in high school after watching *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, so once I saw an opportunity to go I jumped on it. I don't know if it was driving down a mountain road with U2 blasting on the stereo with me singing to it, seeing breath taking scenery, hiking to a glacier, having lunch on a black sand beach, or being in the middle of nowhere looking up to see the northern lights dance for miles across the sky. My time on that trip was something so special and I'm thankful to have had experienced something so truly amazing.

How did Education Abroad help you grow personally/academically/professionally?

Education Abroad just forces you to grow in every way you can think of while you spend your time away. Academically, it taught me how to balance my work and time management properly. I was so focused on taking advantage of every opportunity available to me abroad and still do well on my studies. Taking off for four days in Spain only works if you get your seven-page history assignment done the day before you leave. Professionally, it helped me out tremendously because I loved meeting

people from all over the world and you just never know who you're going to meet. I met five different professionals in my field of study that had given me their contacts for whenever I'm out of college and countless of other contacts in different fields. You never know who you're going to sit next to on a train. Personally, I believe meeting so many different people from different parts of the world and different nationalities was where I grew the most during my time over there. Being on your own in a foreign city and not knowing a soul can be terrifying, but it taught me how to be more resourceful and to embrace everything with a good attitude that was thrown my way (good and bad).

What was one of the challenges you faced while abroad?

Like most students who study abroad, I had a hard time adjusting to being abroad initially. The first two weeks of my semester I was just getting unnecessarily stressed out over my new classes and being abroad. I was barely leaving my room to explore the city and I wasn't branching out to meet new people. I guess I was just so intimidated at first by being by myself in such a big place, I was confining myself to my spot in my room. Then one day it hit me when I was sitting in my chair, and I realized I was wasting my time and missing out on one of the biggest adventures of my life so far. So, from that day on I made it a point to just keep moving, exploring, and doing things to make the most of my experience. Eventually, I was doing it for so long the seven months I was traveling, there were times when it just felt wrong sitting down for too long. Also, there was a time I got stuck in a little obscure town in France when the whole country decided to go on a train strike, finding my way back that night was a challenge.

What would you like to say to students interested in Education Abroad?

Do it... You can think of a million reasons as to why you shouldn't go study abroad, trust me there are a lot out there. However, if you have the opportunity, the experience will teach you more about yourself and what's going on in the world than any class room can even attempt to do. You only get so many chances in life to go do something as meaningful as this and for most of them you don't get to be nearly as free as being a student abroad. Just take the leap into the unknown and take this chance for something you'll never forget.

IMAGES FROM ELLIS' TIME ABROAD



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UPCOMING EVENTS

CLASSES RESUME

August 26, 2019

LABOR DAY, NO CLASSES

September 2, 2019

FALL SEMESTER INFO SESSIONS:

September 10, 2019-December
6, 2019, Time/Location TBA

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS FAIR

September 18, 2019, 10am-
2pm, BTSU Lenhart Grand
Ballroom

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR WINTER SESSION 2020 AND SPRING 2020 PROGRAMS

October 1, 2019

VETERAN'S DAY, NO CLASSES

November 11, 2019

THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 27-29, 2019

EXAM WEEK

December 9-13, 2019