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GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM NEWS

Spring 2009 Course Lists Now Available Online

To help our students in planning courses for the spring semester, we have compiled lists of the spring 2009 courses that will count toward the Global Politics (GP) major/minor, the International Relations (IR) major/minor, and the minor in Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Economic Development (IEE). As always, please remember that some courses may have prerequisites.

The lists of courses are available on our website at <http://www.cmu.edu/ir/current-course-offerings.html>.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 4

Election Day is this coming Tuesday, November 4—be sure to vote!

Funding for Spring Semester in Washington: The Friedman Semester Program

As part of a bold vision on the part of Cynthia Friedman to expand the Friedman Internship to a semester program, a new opportunity for students interested in Washington, D.C. has emerged. **For the first time ever, students participating in the Washington Semester Program at American University may apply for a Friedman Internship in the spring of 2009.**

The Milton and Cynthia Friedman Internships Washington DC program was created in 2000 through a generous gift from Cynthia Friedman, currently a trustee of the university, in memory of her husband, an alumnus of Carnegie Mellon. The grants encourage and support the participation of undergraduate and graduate students in policy-related internships located in the nation's capital. They are designed to foster significant work experiences that complement students' academic work and assist them as they make career and graduate education decisions.

Applications for the program are available online within the Office of Government Relations web site. All applications are returned by the December deadline and reviewed by a panel of faculty and staff members who award an average of ten grants of up to \$3,000 each year. For Washington Semester Program students, funding may be used to offset housing or other program costs.

Friedman interns work on substantive projects, develop professional skills and benefit from the personal attention of a supervisor at their organization. In addition to their professional duties, Friedman interns attend exciting events, both educational and social, presented by influential and effective politicians, academics and leaders from the nonprofit sector. With Dr. Kiron Skinner's involvement, semester students will also be linked to the Heinz School's Washington DC program, which this past semester has given students access to high-level representatives from the State Department, USAID, think tanks, the Washington Post, and other DC-based institutions.

All Carnegie Mellon undergraduates from any college or school who have a strong academic record and would value the opportunity to spend a semester gaining firsthand policy experience in a public or private sector in Washington, D.C., are invited to apply.

Two applications are required:

1. The Washington Semester Program (www.american.edu/washingtonsemester/)

This application is on-line and is submitted directly to the WSP at American University. Before applying, students should contact Carnegie Mellon's WSP representative, Connie Angermeier, Coordinator of Student Programs, Social and Decision Sciences (cla2@andrew.cmu.edu).

2. The Friedman Internship Program (www.cmu.edu/govrel/internships/index.html)

The deadline for submission is December 5, 2008. Although it does not specifically list spring 2009, please use this application when applying for next semester.

GLOBAL & IR PROGRAM EVENTS

Teleconference: "The New U.S. President: Election Results and Priorities Ahead"

Thursday, November 6, 2008
12:00pm – 1:00pm
Baker 232Q (Statistics conference room)

Join the Global & International Relations Program for a teleconference with Peter Beinart, Senior Fellow for U.S. Foreign Policy, Council on Foreign Relations. Pizza and beverages will be provided, courtesy of the Global & International Relations Program and the Department of Social and Decision Sciences.

Lecture: “How Race Affected the Presidential Election”
Marcus Mabry, International Business Editor, The New York Times

Thursday, November 13, 2008
4:30pm – 5:45pm
Porter Hall 100

Award-winning journalist Marcus Mabry joined The New York Times as the International Business Editor in July 2007, where he directs coverage of international news for the Times’ Business Day section, and manages the section’s foreign correspondents around the world.

Before joining the Times, Mabry worked at Newsweek for 19 years, covering business and international affairs and serving as Chief of Correspondents and the Senior Editor of Newsweek International.

He is the author of *Twice As Good: Condoleezza Rice and Her Path to Power*, and of the memoir, *White Bucks and Blackeyed Peas: Coming of Age Black in White America*. Mabry is a frequent television commentator on politics, world affairs, and public opinion in both English and French.

OTHER EVENTS

Workshop: “Sustainable Peace”

Monday, November 3, 2008
5:00pm - 6:30pm
Hillel JUC (corner of Forbes and Craig)

The Overseas Student Program at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev and the Hillel in Pittsburgh are proud to be sponsoring a free workshop on “Sustainable Peace,” which will be exploring the interplay between the environmental challenges facing the Middle East and the peace process.

Environmentalist Noam Dolgin will be presenting, and we think that any student of the Middle East Conflict and who has concerns about the environment will find this subject a fascinating view into how decisions made and solutions can be reached on vital sustainability issues that affect all residents of the region.

Cooperation between the Palestinians, Jordanians and Israelis on the subject of environmental policy has been one of the only areas, that despite the long and difficult period of the 2nd intifada in the early 2000's, never broke down and never stopped proving that this issue is recognized in the region as one that must be addressed and knows no borders.

We hope that interested students and faculty will join us for this interesting evening (and a free Middle Eastern dinner) on November 3rd at 5:00PM at the Hillel building in Pittsburgh.

For more information contact Brad Chitiner at 412-621-8875, ext. #110.

Lecture: "The Silk Road and Early Connections with the Korean Peninsula"

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

2:30pm - 5:15pm

Seminar Room (1st Floor), Frick Fine Arts Building

Lecture by Professor Sarah Nelson of the University of Denver.

Film: "Las Doce Sillas"

Wednesday, November 5, 2008

7:30pm

Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Dir. Tomas Gutierrez Alea (Cuba-1962). Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano Fall 2008 Film Series. Today Latin American film is among the best in the world. All this and more will be part of the Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano 2008 Fall Series named Historias minimas (Short Stories), with a special homage to Argentina for its outstanding film production. Also look out for a selection of unique films about women. Some films are adult in nature and may not be appropriate for young audiences. For more information, contact amigoscinelatinoamericano08@gmail.com

Panel Discussion: "Pathways to Employment in International Law"

Thursday, November 6, 2008

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Alcoa Room, Barco Law Building, University of Pittsburgh

The ABA Section of International Law and the Center for International Legal Education are hosting a distinguished panel of speakers to share their insight into pursuing an international career. Speakers include Robert W. Brown, Corporate Counsel for PPG Industries Inc.; Richard Fruehauf, Senior Counsel for Westinghouse Electric Company; and Frank Kerber, Retired Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State, who currently teaches in GSPIA as an Adjunct Professor. Pizza and drinks will be served. For more information, contact Wes Rist: 412-383-6754, dwrisk@pitt.edu.

Cultural Event: Polish Festival

Sunday, November 9, 2008

12:00pm - 5:00pm

Cathedral of Learning, Commons Room, University of Pittsburgh

The Polish Festival will be featuring ethnic foods, Polish dances, demonstrations and crafts. For more information, contact 412-624-6150.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: STUDY ABROAD

Deadline for Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership (11/3)

Sophomore women are eligible to apply for the Vira I. Heinz Scholarship Program for Women in Global Leadership. Scholarship recipients receive \$5000 to study abroad during the summer between their sophomore and junior years. Completed scholarship applications are due to the Office of International Education (3rd floor, Warner Hall) by 4pm on Monday, November 3rd. No late applications will be accepted. Criteria and application materials may be found at <http://www.studentaffairs.cmu.edu/oie/sab/gettingstarted/scholarshipsCarnegie.html>.

Women Abroad Lunch

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

12:00pm - 1:30pm

McKenna/Peter/Wright Room, University Center

Recently returned study abroad students and students considering study abroad are encouraged to attend this interactive lunch designed to address issues specific to women while abroad. RSVP is required to goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu by November 10th. Lunch will be provided.

Mandatory Pre-Departure Orientation for Spring 2009 Study Abroad

The study abroad pre-departure orientation is REQUIRED for students studying abroad for credit. Students studying abroad for the spring of 2009 should attend a pre-departure orientation this fall. You will NOT receive study abroad credit unless you attend ONE pre-departure session. Please attend - even if you have not yet been accepted. You must attend the full two hours of the orientation. If you have not yet been accepted but think you may be going abroad, attend to be sure you get the orientation.

This orientation will prepare you for both cultural and practical issues regarding study abroad. You will get all the paperwork you need to register for study abroad.

Pizza and drinks will be served.

Please RSVP to goabroad@andrew.cmu.edu for ONE pre-departure orientation- please put the date of attendance in the subject line and your name in the body of the message.

Predeparture dates for the Fall 2008 semester:

- Wednesday, November 12th, 5-7pm, McKenna/Peter Room, UC
- Monday, November 24th, 5-7pm, Peter Room, UC
- Thursday, December 4th, 5-7pm, McKenna Room, UC

Scholarships for Journalism Program in Germany

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) is pleased to announce the second year of an intensive scholarship-supported summer seminar/internship program in Berlin for American journalism and communications students - called "internXchange."

The program is targeted at undergraduate students, but a limited number of Master's students may be accepted.

For the first six weeks of the internXchange program, participants will take part in a seminar series to expand their academic understanding of the politics, society and culture of Germany, and the country's current social conditions and media scene. During the second week, students will complete a project with journalism students from the Independent States of the former Soviet Union. The final five weeks consist of an intensive internship with a German newspaper, magazine, radio station or PR firm in or near Berlin. A complete program schedule will be available soon on the program website.

The 20 applicants who are finally selected for the program will be awarded a monthly stipend of 650 Euros for the duration of their stay in Germany. DAAD will also provide participants a partial travel subsidy of 650-975 Euros (depending on US city of origin) towards the cost of international transportation to Germany; travel costs not covered by the partial subsidy must be paid by the individual program participants themselves. DAAD will also provide health and accident insurance. There will be a program fee of 140 Euros.

The application deadline is January 31, 2009. The 40 applicants who are invited to a selection interview in New York City (in early March) will receive up to \$300 toward the cost of their flight to the interview location.

Visit <http://www.daad.org/page/internxchange/> for eligibility criteria and application requirements.

Scholarships for Summer Critical Language Study

The United States Department of State and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) are pleased to announce the availability of overseas scholarships for intensive summer language institutes in eleven critical need foreign languages for summer 2009: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla/Bengali, Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Persian, Punjabi, Russian, Turkish, and Urdu. Countries may include: Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Jordan, Morocco, Oman, Russia, South Korea, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkey, or others where the target languages are spoken.

Critical Language Scholarships (CLS) provide seven to ten week group-based intensive language instruction and extensive cultural enrichment experiences at the beginning, intermediate and advanced levels (beginning not offered for Azerbaijani, Russian, Chinese or Persian). Full

program details and number of scholarships available per language are available on our website, www.CLScholarship.org.

The CLS Program is part of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI), a U.S. government interagency effort to expand dramatically the number of Americans studying and mastering critical need foreign languages. Students of diverse disciplines and majors are encouraged to apply. Participants are expected to continue their language study beyond the scholarship period, and later apply their critical language skills in their future professional careers in any field.

On-line application must be submitted by 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time, Friday, November 14, 2008. For more information, visit www.CLScholarship.org.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS

For scholarships/fellowships related to study abroad, please see “Announcements: Study Abroad.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS: MISCELLANEOUS

Invitation to Join New Student Club: Global Union

A new, exciting club “Global Union” is inviting you. Global Union is essentially open to undergraduate students of all majors who are interested in international issues and/or international students can and would love to read their native countries’ current issues and translate the intriguing news into English so that we can share the news with all Carnegie Mellon students. We are in the process of creating this new club because of two main reasons. We believe that Carnegie Mellon University is a culturally diversifying community and that we should value this characteristic. And we know that understanding, sharing and informing different country’s perspectives on their own native news can utilize the great asset of the university. Moreover, given that not only our campus newspaper *Tartan* but also our mainstream newspapers in the United States do not focus much on global issues, we should take this opportunity to get broader perspective of the ever-changing, globalizing world.

This club will be associated with different international students who come from diverse areas and students who are interested in international news. Our goal is to broaden our perspectives on and inform Carnegie Mellon students about many countries’ current issues in different perspectives. Mainly we will share and translate different countries headline news into English. Each international student will read their home countries’ news and then translate into English. Different from the school’s others newspapers, we will inform current issues to the campus community of other countries that were not mainly mentioned in our national newspapers and in major school newspaper *Tartan*. Even the current issues were mentioned before we will focus the news in more specific terms such as interviews or background of the issue and also how these

current international issues affect our American society. Now, we are living in a globalizing world which is becoming more important everyday to be aware of other countries' issues. We believe that our school, Carnegie Mellon University needs to be focusing on this globalizing world and following the prevailing rhythm. This club "Global Union" will contribute to catch up this prevailing globalization rhythm to our CMU students and faculty.

Please email Jeewon Sarah Kim sarahkim@andrew.cmu.edu and Ji Soo Jeon jjeon@andrew.cmu.edu to notify us that you are interested. Since we need at least 8 starting members, we would appreciate if you respond to this email as soon as possible. We will have a meeting shortly and inform you about time and place. We love to hear from you! Thank you.

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