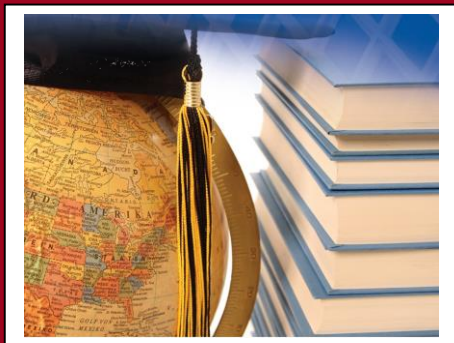


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STUDY ABROAD NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Office of International Education!

Greetings and happy holidays!

We are looking forward to welcoming back our Fall 2014 students as well as to welcoming our newly arrived exchange students. The former will have had this amazing experience abroad, and the latter's is about to begin.

We also want to wish a fond farewell to our Spring 2015 study abroad students as well as our leaving exchange students. It is the circle of life in the study abroad world.

What I want to suggest to all, is to get involved! Those of you going abroad, take advantage of all there is to offer. Those of you returning or arriving into Pittsburgh, make sure to get re/acquainted with CMU!

I mention this because it can be very easy to lose "connections" once abroad as well as once you've returned. However, take this experience you've now had and run with it. Ask if you can share your experience to your classes, organizations, clubs, and sports teams; and especially at one of our *Study Abroad Information Sessions*! Find new groups to befriend and practice your newly learned language skills. Become a mentor to a lower year student. Get involved – join a new sports team, service organization, Greek life. While the initial hurdle to re-acclimate can be difficult, the outcome is substantial, and allows you success both personally *and* professionally.

Once you've had an amazing study abroad experience, it can be easy to think you've "moved on" from this time abroad or from your time at CMU. However, the connections you make here AND abroad are worth a lifetime. Make sure to keep those connections going strong!

For now, enjoy and experience! For those returning and arriving, we look forward to seeing you at our Welcome Back Reception, Jan. 14th, 4:30pm-6:00pm, in Danforth, CUC.

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*"I have seen more than I remember, and I
remember more than I have seen."
-Benjamin Disraeli*

THE MINDSET LIST

BELOIT COLLEGE

[HTTPS://WWW.BELOIT.EDU/MINDSET/2018/](https://www.beloit.edu/mindset/2018/)

Though many of you may not find this amusing, for seasoned veterans of life, this is a wonderful reflection on just how fast time flies.

Every August, since 1998, Beloit College has put together their annual *Mindset List*, “providing a look at the cultural touchstones and experiences that have shaped the worldview of students entering colleges and universities in the fall” of that particular year.

Thus, this year’s list, the August 2018 list (named so for when this year’s entering class will graduate) lets us know some amazing and surprising facts; and how technology continues to progress quickly. Some facts that are notable from this year’s list? For this group of Freshman:

5. “Press pound” on the phone is now translated as “hit hashtag.”

6. Celebrity “selfies” are far cooler than autographs.

13. Women have always attended the Virginia Military Institute and the Citadel.

17. Courts have always been overturning bans on same-sex marriages.

38. Attending schools outside their neighborhoods, they gather with friends on Skype, not in their local park.

43. Two-term presidents are routine, but none of them ever won in a landslide.

For more of the list, visit The Mindset List on Beloit College’s website: <https://www.beloit.edu/mindset/>



THE NEW CMU STUDY ABROAD PORTAL IS LIVE!

[HTTPS://CMU-SA.TERRADOTTA.COM/](https://cmu-sa.terradotta.com/)

The Office of International Education is pleased to announce that our new CMU Study Abroad Portal is now live, and available for use!

This portal will not only replace the need for students to complete paper pre-departure forms, it will also act as an additional search engine for opportunities abroad. On the staff/faculty side, it will allow our office to oversee students abroad wherever we are in the world, right from our computer.

We will be run reports on various travel data, advise with students as they search for options, and keep cleaner records (due to a link with CMU’s SIO). We hope this new system will prove to be an invaluable resource, and we will continue to explore its capabilities, (for example, how we can use this system to organize scholarship applications, exchange agreements, promote events, etc...)

The Spring 2015 study abroad students were the first group to fully utilize this new process. Though tweaks still need to be made, especially with the new “electronic SATC” and “Follow-up SATC”, we look forward to working with this new system. We send our thanks to all the students, faculty, and staff who continue to cooperate and collaborate on this new portal!

Visit: www.cmu.edu/studyabroad for more information.



Come join us for our annual Spring
Welcome Back Reception
 Wed., January 14th, 2015
 4:30-6:00pm
 Danforth, CUC

“To travel is to live.” – Hans Christian Andersen

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

There are plenty of ways to bring your experience back when you return to Carnegie Mellon.

- Attend the Welcome Back Reception
- Help out with Information Sessions and Pre-Departure
- Serve as an [e-peer advisor](#)
- Publish your journals, short stories, or poetry
- Enter the [2015 Photo Contest](#).
- Use your experience to complete a senior thesis
- Apply for a Fulbright, Rhodes or Marshall scholarship
- Continue your experience with an international internship

SATC (STUDY ABROAD TRANSFER CREDIT)

If you made changes to your course registration abroad and have not already made arrangements with your academic advisor(s) please use the [follow up SATC form](#) to update your courses.

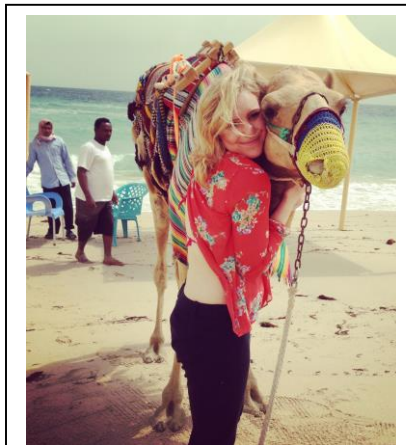
Please complete all categories including URL's to specific courses. A copy of the form will be automatically sent to the student's Andrew account and forwarded to the correct advisor. Advisors will review courses and approve when appropriate.

THIS FORM WILL BE ARCHIVED SOON, DUE TO OUR NEW PORTAL. PLEASE CLEAR UP ALL FALL CLASS CHANGES ASAP.

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*Some of our [2014 Photo Contest Winning Photos](#).
Submit your photos for
the [2015 contest](#)!*



Carnegie Mellon 2013-14 Study Abroad Statistics

Top 10 Destinations:

1. Germany
2. Honduras
3. China
4. United Kingdom
5. Morocco
6. Hong Kong, China
7. Israel
8. France
9. Italy
10. Spain

When students study abroad:

- 28% Fall
- 11% Spring
- 12% Fall
- 45% Mini Spring
- 3% All year
- 1% Mini Winter

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"People don't take trips. Trips take people." John Steinbeck