PROGRAM UPDATES

Change in Assessment Procedure for Economics Students at the University of Nottingham

The School of Economics at Nottingham has made the decision not to allow students to undertake alternative assessment if they are studying for the fall term only. This means that any fall-only students that wish to take courses in Economics will have to sit the final exam in January, after they return to the USA. Please contact Traci Chupik (chupikt@arcadia.edu) with any questions or concerns.

Admissions Requirements for King’s College London

Effective immediately, the GPA requirement for all departments at King’s College will now be a cumulative GPA of 3.3. The History, English and War Studies departments previously required a higher cumulative GPA of 3.5, but King’s no longer thinks it’s necessary as previous study abroad students in these departments have done very well academically.

Webinar to be Conducted for Students Going to Australia and New Zealand

Due to the positive feedback we received from students (and parents) going on Arcadia programs in Europe who participated in our December Webinar, we will be offering an informational Webinar to students (and parents) going on Arcadia programs to Australia and New Zealand on Wednesday, January 25th from 8-9 pm. The presentation titled, “Arcadia & You: Countdown to Departure” is designed to address the following topics:

- Arcadia Services
- Visas & Immigration
- Issues of Health & Safety
- Shipping & Storing Personal Items
- Flight & Arrival Details
- Student Activities & Excursions
- Accommodation Details
- What to Pack
- Computer Access & Laptops

The presentation will be available on our website within a week following the Webinar. Please visit www.arcadia.edu/cea or contact David Rudd at rudd@arcadia.edu for further details.

Summer Programs

Arcadia’s summer programs take advantage of the unique cultural opportunities available at each program site and feature significant field study visits to historical sites of interest and interaction with students from around the world. The focused nature of our summer programs allows students to concentrate on a particular topic such as creative writing, the ecology of Australia’s coral reefs, or Alexander the Great. For complete information on our summer programs, please visit www.arcadia.edu/summer. This month, we would like to draw your attention to four programs in particular which reflect the diversity of experiences available: The SUISS program in Edinburgh, the Community Service program through SHAWCO in Cape Town, the Greece summer programs, and the Alliance programs in China.

1. Scottish Universities International Summer School

This summer, the Scottish Universities International Summer School at the University of Edinburgh will celebrate its 60th year of offering students a unique opportunity to participate in intensive, collaborative learning experiences with renowned British authors and academics, while absorbing...
the incomparable surroundings of Scotland’s capital city of Edinburgh. Details are as follows:

- 2 three-week terms (early July to mid-August) Students may choose to participate in the full program or one three-week term (3-6 credits).
- Comprehensive courses examining literature from Britain and Ireland in the context of the major changes and developments in society and culture during the 20th century.
- Renowned guest speakers and accomplished authors such as Catherine Belsey, Cairns Craig, Terry Eagleton, and Toril Moi.
- The SUISS Creative Writing course (offered during the 2nd term) is one of the most exciting and diverse courses available in Britain and is unique in offering its participants exciting events organized to coincide with the Edinburgh International Book Festival (http://www.edbookfest.co.uk/). Edinburgh is also host to the Edinburgh International Festival (http://www.eif.co.uk/), the Fringe Festival (http://www.edfringe.com/), and the International Film Festival (www.edfilmfest.org.uk).
- Participants will attend classes with other students from around the world; therefore opening them up to a range of different perspectives when reading and evaluating literature and sharing ideas.

2. Community Development/Tutoring Program though SHAWCO

Arcadia has teamed up with SHAWCO (Students’ Health and Welfare Centres Organisation), an organization founded and governed by the students of the University of Cape Town, to offer students a chance to contribute to communities in need, develop leadership skills, and earn credit at the same time. The program is structured so that participants will attend a lecture course in the mornings focusing on the theoretical foundations of community and international development. In the afternoon, students will travel to their tutoring sites for four hours of teaching and community service. For more information, please contact David Rudd at rudd@arcadia.edu.

3. Summer Program Expanded in Greece

Our program in Athens will be offering a new, three-week summer course: “Byzantium: Images of a Holy Empire”. This program offers a rich introduction to the history of Byzantine society and culture (330-1453) through a direct encounter with its remaining monuments. The program examines the legacy of Constantine the Great and his Holy Empire. Students will see history come alive before their eyes as they climb the rock monasteries of Meteora, explore the Byzantine ghosttown of Mystras, and stroll through the cobbled lanes of the great maritime medieval city of Monemvasia!

This third course will be offered in addition to our two popular courses: “Of Gods and the City” and “On the Trail of Alexander the Great”. Please contact Tim Barton, Senior Program Coordinator for Greece and Ireland at barton@arcadia.edu for details or visit our website at www.arcadia.edu/cea/summer. Please note: Courses will now run concurrently and session dates have changed significantly in order to better accommodate the scheduling needs of students from schools that work on the quarter system.

4. Alliance Summer Programs in China

The Alliance for Global Education is launching its first programs in Beijing and Shanghai this month. Twenty-six students are headed to China for the spring 2007 term. We are currently accepting applications for the summer and fall terms. Like our semester students, summer applicants have the opportunity to study in the intensive Chinese language program (Fudan University in Shanghai), international business program (Shanghai University of Finance and Economics), or Chinese language and culture programs (Fudan University or Beijing Language and Culture University). Each program lasts 8 weeks and students can expect to earn between 7-8 credits depending on the program they choose. Our students are particularly excited about the opportunity to live with Chinese roommates and to participate in the Capstone Project, which will allow them to explore an aspect of Chinese society in depth. The Alliance has scholarship funds available for all terms, including summer, so please encourage your students to apply. Please contact Julia Levy at levy@arcadia.edu for details.
We are very sad to say goodbye to Jennifer Brewer, Senior Program Coordinator, and to Craig Rinker, Assistant Director for the Southeast Region. Jen started with CEA in September of 2000 and her first caseload included assisting with Australia, New Zealand, Spain and Mexico and was quickly promoted to Coordinator and then most recently, Senior Coordinator for New Zealand and Spain. Jen will be moving to Germany in March and we wish her all the best in her new life. We are grateful to Jen for the significant contributions she’s made to Arcadia.

Craig Rinker started working with Arcadia’s London office in 2002 and moved to his current position in 2004. Craig has worked diligently with advisors from the Southeast Region over the past 2 years and we will greatly miss his dedication, innovation, and gentility. Craig will remain in the field of study abroad and has accepted a position as Manager of Study Abroad at Babson College in Wellesley, MA. Best wishes to Craig in his new position and our thanks for his excellent work.

Searches for both positions are currently underway. Please contact Lorna Stern, Director of Institutional Relations, at sternl@arcadia.edu for more details.