

**INFORMATION
FOR MAY 2010
JUNIORS ABROAD TRIPS
(And Cross Cultural Study Courses)**

TO: **May 2010 Juniors Abroad Students**
FROM: **Paul Chamberlain, Director of Juniors Abroad**

November 10, 2009

This memo provides the general information you will need for your Juniors Abroad **Cross Cultural Experience** course AND the **Cross Cultural Study** courses for May 2010. This year George Fox University is offering eleven options for Juniors Abroad and two options for the Cross Cultural Study Course. Descriptions of these courses are included below.

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING IN IT!!!

**JUNIORS ABROAD
INFORMATION MEETING**

**6:00 PM, Wednesday, November 17, 2009
Hoover 105**

An important opportunity for all juniors to obtain information
on the Juniors Abroad courses and sign-up requirements, and to ask questions.
This meeting should last 30 – 40 minutes

IMPORTANT: You MUST pay your \$300 deposit and turn in ALL FORMS by January 15, 2010 or your name will automatically be dropped from the class list, and you will lose your place in the course. This includes:

Turn into Health Center
Medical form (Due by December 11, 2009)

Turn into Student Financial Services
\$300 deposit
Signed liability form
Deposit form

Turn into Woodmar 204
Copy of passport –
ISIC application w/ passport quality photo

IMPORTANT DATES

December 11, 2009 – Medical Form due – Turn in at the Health Center

January 15, 2010 – **Deposit and deposit forms, ISIC application, AND copy of passport due**

February 15, 2010 – University account must be paid in full (except for Juniors Abroad)

March 1, 2010 – ½ of remaining Juniors Abroad payment due

April 1, 2010 – **Final Juniors Abroad payment due**

May 30, 2010 – Complete an on-line course evaluation

• ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

These include Junior Standing or above, a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the end of the fall semester preceding the May trip, and good standing with the Student Life Office the fall and spring semesters preceding the May trip. **Students NOT meeting these requirements may NOT be allowed to participate.**

What happens if I am caught breaking the University's lifestyle statement before I leave for the trip?

The policy as stated in the catalog is:

Students must be in good standing with the Office of Student Life in the fall and spring semesters preceding the May tour (see Standards of Conduct). **If you lose good standing with the Student Life Office in either the fall or spring semester before you go on the Juniors Abroad trip you will NOT be allowed to participate on the trip.**

What happens if I am caught breaking the University's lifestyle statement while on the trip?

You signed the following statement as part of the deposit form and liability statement:

That in the interests of the entire group, **the appointed faculty of GFU reserve the right to send a person home at that person's expense for reasons of disciplinary action** or if the person is unable due to injury, illness, or other circumstances, to maintain the tour itinerary. **Your grade will be lowered one letter grade and the faculty/director of Juniors Abroad also reserve the right to fine a person, up to an amount equal to the University's cost of the trip, for behavior outside of the GFU lifestyle statement.**

Please note carefully all of the academic, student life, and financial eligibility requirements as listed in the George Fox University Catalog. As with all policies these can be appealed.

Any questions - Paul Chamberlain, Director of Juniors Abroad, x2702, EHS 310

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Lynn Scott, Assistant to the Director of Juniors Abroad, x2140, Woodmar 204

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• HOW DO I SIGN-UP?

1. REGISTER FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE COURSES:

See course descriptions below

GEED 365A

Amsterdam to Paris

Ciella Jaffe, Sylvette Norre

GEED 365B

Australia

Marley Brown, Amber Russell

GEED 365C

China and Tibet

Alex Pia, Gary Buhler

GEED 365D	Costa Rica and Honduras	Viki Defferding, Kathleen Heininge
GEED 365E	East Africa	Paul Chamberlain, Carlisle Chambers
GEED 365F	Egypt	Mike Magill, Bob Hamilton
GEED 365G	Italy and France (JUNE)	Caitlin Corning, Mark Terry
GEED 365H	Italy and Tunisia	Mark Weinert, Becky Ankeny
GEED 365I	Rome to Berlin	Sue Newell, Roger Newell
GEED 365J	Rome to Paris	Steve Grant, Dale Isaak
GEED 365K	Ireland, Wales, England	Jerrie Nelson, Terrie Boehr

OR ONE OF THE CROSS-CULTURAL STUDY COURSES:

NURS 399 **Ethiopia** **Marcella Gowan, Carla Hagen**
 (Course descriptions and registration information for this course comes after the Juniors Abroad course descriptions)

YOU CAN BE REGISTERED FOR ONLY ONE TRIP. You can also be wait-listed on an additional trip.

All classes meet at 6:30pm on the day of the week listed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please be aware that the University reserves the right, in the event of an international monetary, military, health, or other crisis to cancel or postpone a trip, or to make alternate arrangements.

2. SUBMIT THE HEALTH RECORD FORM TO THE HEALTH AND COUNSELING CENTER.

Both pages must be filled out and signed. **THIS IS DUE BY DECEMBER 11, 2009**

3. SUBMIT A \$300 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT AND DEPOSIT FORM.

This deposit will be applied to your charges for the trip; however, it will **not** be refunded if you withdraw, so consider your plans carefully. Deposits are to be made in the Student Accounts Office in the Edward Stevens Center. **The deadline for deposits is JANUARY 15, 2010.** You **MUST** complete and submit a signed **Responsibility and Liability Statement**, and **Deposit Form** with your deposit.

4. SUBMIT A COPY OF PASSPORT AND ISIC FORM to Woodmar 204 by JANUARY 15, 2010.

You are NOT officially part of the trip until ALL of these forms are completed and turned in.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT JUNIORS ABROAD

- **You must have at least a C-** the week before departure or you will not be allowed to travel with the group, you will receive an F in the course, and there will be NO REFUNDS.
- **You cannot double-book classes.** You can NOT register for another course that meets on the same night and time as the Cross-Cultural course. Please make sure that you do not enroll in a Juniors Abroad course at the same time as a required course for your major.
- **You cannot attend an off-campus program** and be enrolled in the Juniors Abroad course the same semester. You can go on Juniors Abroad the following year and have the same priority as a junior.
- You can include the course as part of your spring semesters block tuition. However, if you go over 18 hours you will be charged for the extra credits. You can audit the course, but you will not receive academic credit. Audit credit is charged at half the rate of regular tuition.

- Transfer students who choose to go on a Juniors Abroad trip will be charged an extra fee based on the number of credit hours transferred and the number of semesters that they are at George Fox.
- Eligibility requirements include a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 at the end of the fall semester preceding the May trip and good standing with the Student Life Office the fall and spring semesters preceding the May trip. Students not meeting these requirements will NOT be allowed to participate.
- Trips to developing countries might also require VISAS. International students may also require VISAS where US citizens do not.
- **Certain trips to developing countries will REQUIRE immunizations. These MUST be obtained or you cannot go on the trip.**
- You are required to attend all class sessions.
- **Your student accounts must be current as of February 15th in order to take part in the program.** This means that your college account balance, except Juniors Abroad, needs to be paid in full, or, if you are on a payment plan, your payments need to be up-to-date.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• **WHAT DO I DO AFTER I Register?**

1. Obtain a passport.
2. Submit a medical release form.
3. Submit a nonrefundable \$300 deposit, deposit form, copy of passport and ISIC application by January 15, 2010
4. Attend class sessions for your study course.
5. Make payments by March 1st and April 1st.
6. Pay your account in full by February 15, 2010
7. Maintain your academic, financial, and student life eligibility.
8. Communicate any questions with your faculty leader and/or the Director of Juniors Abroad.
9. Complete an online course evaluation upon your return from the trip.

• **WHAT WILL MY TOTAL TRAVEL COSTS BE?**

Your total travel costs consist of two categories:

1. Charges for lodging, meals, and other trip expenses. This figure may also include some of the airfare for especially expensive destinations. Everyone signing-up for a trip will receive a statement and reminder of these charges included with your spring semester bill. Your \$300 deposit is applied toward these charges; **half of the remaining balance is due March 1st and the remainder is due April 1st.** Transportation costs are paid by the University for *eligible* juniors; this transportation subsidy represents a **40 - 50% DISCOUNT of the actual trip cost.**

Transfer students will be charged an additional charge, dependent on the number of semesters spent at George Fox. Students, staff, alumni and other friends of the University, who are not eligible for the Juniors Abroad transportation supplement, may apply to join a study tour, paying full expenses for the trip. They will be accommodated on a space-available basis.

2. Out-of-pocket expenses which are not included in the trip charges include passport charges, visa's if needed, cost of passport photos, cost of birth certificates or other documentation needed for passport applications, health-related expenses such as vaccines, spending money for souvenirs, snacks, postcards, stamps, independent meals and optional excursions, etc. Your faculty trip leader will give you suggested guidelines at your group meetings during spring semester on the amount of spending money to take along for your particular trip. Typical amounts students take, range from \$200 - \$600. Where possible, it is

usually best to use ATM cards to obtain cash in foreign countries. Check with your individual faculty leaders to see if this is appropriate for your trip.

• HOW DO I GET A PASSPORT?

Passport applications for U.S. citizens are available in WMR 204. You must have an official copy of your birth certificate and two official passport photos (photos printed off of your printer will NOT work). Detailed instructions and lists of charges are on the passport application. You will need to turn in your application and show the supporting documentation at one of the official passport offices; **the nearest office to Newberg is the Dundee Post Office in Dundee at 279 SW. 5th Ave (800-275-8777)**. The Yamhill County Courthouse (535 E. 5th, McMinnville, Oregon, phone 503-472-9371) also accepts passport applications. Have your photos taken at any place that does passport photos.

(NOTE: Besides photos for your passport, you will also need a photo for your ISIC and possible visas.)

Please note that your passport must be good six months **after** you travel. Also, **if you obtained a passport as a child, you will need to get a new passport now that you are an adult.**

If you have not already obtained your passport you MUST apply IMMEDIATELY!!

IMPORTANT NOTE

You will need to have a copy of your passport on January 15, 2010. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PASSPORT YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COURSE AND TRIP.

Steps to getting a passport:

1. Obtain an official copy of your birth certificate (Your parents or guardians should have this). If not you will need to obtain a copy from the county courthouse where you were born. This can sometimes be a time consuming process and should be done as soon as possible.
2. Obtain a passport application (WMR 204) or online.
3. Obtain at least two **official** passport photos. These can NOT be done by you. You may need more depending on your trip.
4. Take money, passport, passport photos and birth certificate to an official passport office. **DO NOT SIGN THE PASSPORT UNTIL YOU ARE AT THE PASSPORT OFFICE.**
5. Some trips will require a visa to enter the country. See your trip leader for further information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

If you are an international student you may also need to obtain visas that US students do not. Please check with your faculty leader or the consulate of the country you will be visiting for more information. It is essential that you begin this process as soon as possible, since it often takes weeks to obtain visas.

• DOES THE SCHOOL PROVIDE INSURANCE WHILE I AM OVERSEAS?

The University does NOT provide separate major medical coverage for students. Typically, your current insurance, either through the University, or through your parents, will also cover you while you are traveling. You are encouraged to check with your insurance carrier about coverage while you are traveling in a foreign country.

The University does purchase EMERGENCY travel insurance for each student through the International Student ID Card. This does NOT replace your medical insurance, but is a supplement in case of emergency.

• HOW DO I GET A INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD?

All Juniors Abroad Students are **REQUIRED** to obtain an International Student Identity Card (ISIC). These can be obtained from Lynn Scott, Woodmar 204. Bring a completed application and a passport size photo to

Woodmar 204. **This is due by January 15, 2010 at the latest. \$25 will be charged for all late applications. You cannot go on the trip without this card. (NOTE the cost of \$22 is included in your Juniors Abroad fee)**

Besides providing discounts at a number of locations (in the US and abroad) the card also gives each student the following insurance benefits. There is also a toll-free emergency number available.

- \$300,000 Emergency Evacuation
- \$25,000 Repatriation of Remains
- \$25,000 Accident Medical Expense (Includes \$500 Emergency Dental Coverage)
- \$5,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment - Air
- \$1,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment - All Other
- \$500 Lost Document Replacement (includes your ISIC card)
- \$165 per day Sickness/Hospital Benefit (up to 61 days)
- \$100 Baggage Delay
- \$100 Travel Delay
- Free Travel Guard Assistance

*Limits and restrictions do apply. Please see the Certificate of Insurance for complete details. Only ISIC, ITIC and IYTC issued in the U.S.A. carry these insurance benefits.

The insurance is valid only when an insured person is outside of their home country or country of domicile if different. There is also a toll-free emergency number available. You need to obtain the emergency travel number of the countries you will be traveling to.

For more details on insurance, phone numbers, and discounts go to the following website.

<http://www.myisic.com/MyISIC/DiscountFinder/Home.aspx>

• HOW DO I CALL HOME FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY?

There are several ways to do this:

1. Purchase a pre-paid calling card in the US (Costco has great deals) or in the country you are visiting (probably the best and least expensive).
2. Check with your home long-distance carrier or your cell phone carrier. They will give you information on obtaining a phone card, which will include international numbers to access the US. **This is very expensive.**
3. Note that calling internationally from another country may not be as easy as from the US. Please see your faculty leader for more information.
4. Most cell phones do NOT work overseas. If they do it is VERY expensive!

• HOW DO I USE JUNIORS ABROAD CREDIT IN MY PROGRAM?

All study tours are offered as GED 365 Cross-Cultural Experience courses for 3 semester hours. Students can use the course credits to meet the Global and Cultural Understanding General Education requirement, or upper-division elective credits. If you wish to use the course in lieu of another course, please consult with your academic advisor, the faculty leader and the course's department chair.

Occasionally students wish to register for the course as an **auditor**; this is permitted but please keep in mind that you will not earn college credit for an audited course, and that audited courses are billed as 1.5 hours.

• WHAT HAPPENS IF DEMAND EXCEEDS SPACE IN A TRIP?

The Juniors Abroad program offers a variety of destinations each May, but cannot guarantee a trip to a specific location. In order to keep groups at a manageable size, trips are typically capped at 20 or fewer. If a trip fills, students will be given priority over non-students, and, among students, juniors will be given priority over seniors. If the number of juniors signed up still exceeds space, the Director of Juniors Abroad will work with students on waiting lists to match them up with other trips. **Students who have not made deposits by the January deadline will have their spots offered to students on the waiting list.** Students are encouraged to make a second choice if they are not selected for their first choice.

NOTE: SENIORS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE PUT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WAIT-LIST

- **CAN I STAY AFTER THE GROUP RETURNS HOME?**

Maybe. Airline tickets are purchased as a group. Thus it is up to the individual airline if they will allow a deviation from the group itinerary. Most airlines allow up to 20% of the tickets to deviate. There is typically an additional cost for changing the itinerary from the group itinerary. Again, this is determined by the airline. If you would like to change your itinerary, you need to discuss this with the faculty leader as soon as possible after the start of classes in the spring. The faculty member will then contact the travel agent to determine if your itinerary is possible and what the additional cost will be. You must have all of the information, including the actual dates BEFORE the faculty member can contact the travel agent.

NOTE: Once you leave the group all arrangements are your responsibility.

- **WHAT IF I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS?**

For answers to general questions about the Juniors Abroad Program, policies, eligibility and procedures, or if you need to find out the best place to go to get a response to other questions, see:

Paul Chamberlain, Director of Juniors Abroad, ext. 2702, pchamberlain@georgefox.edu, EHS 310
Lynn Scott, Assistant to the Director of Juniors Abroad, ext 2140, lscott@georgefox.edu, Woodmar 04

For answers to specific questions about the activities and requirements of a particular study tour, see the Faculty Leaders for that trip.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MAY 2010

TRAVEL DATES: We expect departures from Portland International Airport to be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, May 3 – 5, 2010, with return approximately 21 days later. Exact air itineraries are available from your faculty leader.

TRIP COSTS: The **Student Cost** figure shown below is for eligible Juniors (see the University Catalog for eligibility requirements). The student cost figure is considerably less than the total trip costs since the University covers transportation for eligible Juniors. **Note that some trips have additional fees, such as visas and immunization fees.** Transfer students must pay an additional “buy-in” fee depending on the number of semesters that they are transferring into George Fox.

Note: You may register for one trip and be on the wait-list for a second trip.

All classes meet at 6:30pm on the day of the week listed.

JUNIORS ABROAD

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE COURSES

GEED 365A – Amsterdam to Paris

Faculty: Clella Jaffe and Sylvette Norre

Meeting Night: Monday

COST: \$1950

This trip will travel to Amsterdam and Haarlem in the Netherlands; Bruges and Brussels in Belgium; Paris and WWII sites in Normandy in France. The focus will be on the history, art, and modern-day politics of each area. We will arrive in Amsterdam just in time to celebrate National Remembrance Day (when the Queen and members of the Royal Family appear in Dam Square) and Liberation Day (when there are many free concerts in local parks). Plans include visits to the Anne Frank House, The Rijksmuseum, and the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam. We'll tour the city via canals and worship with local Christians. A day trip to Haarlem (where the Ten Boom family created the “Hiding Place”) and to the Kuykenhof Gardens are included in the Netherlands portion of the trip. In Bruges, we'll discover the fabulous architecture and the chocolate factories; we'll also take a bicycle tour into the countryside (with the option of riding to the coast); in Brussels, we'll learn more about the European Union. In Normandy we'll tour Mont Saint Michel, view the Bayeux tapestry, see the famous WWII beaches, and reflect on the sobering reality of war. Our stay in Paris will include major sites, including Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Musée D'Orsay and an “insiders view” of the Basilica of Sacre Coeur in the most fabulous city in Europe!

GEED 365B - Australia

Faculty: Marley Brown and Amber Russell

Class Meeting Night: Thursday

COST: \$2100

Join us on an action packed adventure in the “Land down under”. It will be autumn during the three weeks in May that we tour Australia so we will start in Sydney and work our way 1600 miles north toward the tropics.

This is a trip for those who love the outdoors Aussie style - sailing, snorkeling, kayaking, white water rafting, swimming in beautiful surf beaches (surf lesson included), hiking, riding scenic trains, visiting eucalyptus (gum) forests, a pineapple plantation, beautiful mountain ranges, rain forests, ocean beaches and coral reefs. The educational focus will be on history, architecture, culture and science (flora & fauna) as we compare and contrast our country to theirs.

We will start our exploration in the same place the first Europeans did by taking a historic walking tour through “the Rocks”, Australia's first European settlement and penal colony in what is now Sydney. A visit to the Sydney Aquarium will assure us of seeing many hard to find species such as the duck-billed platypus and

also safely view Australia's sharks, snakes and spiders. A visit to the Sydney Opera House, the Harbour Bridge, the Botanical Gardens, one or more museums, parks or beaches will fill up your free time in Sydney.

On our way 1600 miles north to the Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef (the only living organism that can be seen from space) we will spend time in the Blue Mountains, and along the eastern coast of Australia (the Sun Shine Coast). A stop at Featherdale Wildlife Park will introduce everyone to many of Australia's unique marsupials - koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, wombats and a Tasmanian devil. We will also hear and see the most interesting and colorful birds you can imagine from emus to kookaburras. A stop at Steve Irwin's Australia Zoo will double your options of seeing Australia's wildlife including crocodile feeding. When we reach our northern destination of Cairns you will have a choice of riding the scenic Kuranda train, the skyrail gondola over the rain forest, or the coach up to the rainforest village of Kuranda which is rich in culture and science. Then it is time to learn first-hand about Australia's original inhabitants for over 40,000 years, the Aboriginals. You can learn to throw a spear or a boomerang at the Rainforest Station which showcases the culture of the rainforest people of Tropical North Queensland through dance, stories and song. We will stay with local church members, at church camps, and youth hostels, eat Aussie Barby (BBQ) and enjoy the opportunity of being immersed in the Aussie culture. Optional study of international business included for those interested.

GEED 365C – China/Tibet

Faculty: Alex Pia and Gary Buhler

Meeting Night: Tuesday

COST: \$1750 + \$175 in visa fees

The purpose of this trip is to enhance the student's appreciation of the richness found in the history, arts, land, and people of China with a special emphasis given to the variety of regions in China. Students will experience a seven-city tour, which will include sites such as the glorious Great Wall and the magnificent Forbidden City in Beijing, the splendid French concession region in Shanghai, the Terra Cotta Warriors of Xian, and the "Roof of the World, Lhasa, Tibet. There, we will get to see unforgettable panoramic views of Mt. Everest and the Himalayas. Other cities we will visit are Yueyang, Kuming, and Chengdu, where we will tour an age-old mountainside monastery, view the world's largest stone carved Buddha, and take a river cruise. We will visit our sister school in China, and experience a Chinese home stay. Language lessons will also be provided.

GEED 365D – Costa Rica/Honduras

Faculty: Viki Defferding and Kathy Heininge

Meeting Night: Monday

COST: \$1650

The study tour to Costa Rica and Honduras will focus on the contrasts between the different cultures, ecosystems and rainforests that we visit. Students will have opportunities to learn about the Central American culture of these countries from the Central Americans themselves and learn how they impact each other. It will be a trip of great contrasts from lush tropical rainforests and jungles teeming with flora and fauna to hot sunny beaches, from bright sunny days to steamy tropical downpours and from sleepy laid-back villages with ancient pyramids and temples to bustling modern cities with all the comforts of modern life. Each student will be able to participate in many outdoor activities including snorkeling, swimming, hiking, climbing pyramids, walking through ancient tunnels inside the pyramids, ecotours, zip lines through the rainforest canopy. We will worship with local Believers and experience their unique cultural adaptations of the Christian Faith. A couple of the days during our study tour we will put our faith into action as we serve alongside our Central American brothers and sisters in a couple of short service/humanitarian aide projects in Honduras at Mayatan bilingual school. We will have language classes and home-stays while in Honduras.

GEED 365E - East Africa

Course Title: Endangered Wildlife of East Africa

Faculty Leader: Paul Chamberlain and Carlisle Chambers

Meeting Night: Tuesday

COST: \$2100 + \$150 in visa fees for Uganda and Tanzania

Important: A major portion of this trip will be tent camping. This means sleeping in tents on the ground, very primitive toilets (holes in the ground), doing your laundry by hand, and cold showers, if they are available. If you sign up for this trip, please be prepared to rough it!!

This course will focus on the endangered wildlife of East Africa. Students will have opportunities to explore a variety of rich and distinctive ecosystems, such as jungles, tropical rainforests, tea plantations, savannas, and marine habitats. In particular, we will study the efforts to save the elephant from extinction due to poaching. In Uganda we will visit Queen Elizabeth National Park, on the border with the Congo, and Murchison Falls National Park, where we will go on a Chimpanzee trek. In Tanzania we will visit Ngorongoro Crater National Park and Serengeti National Park, undeniably the greatest wildlife habitat in the world. We will finish our trip with a visit to the ancient and historical spice island of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean.

To add to the cultural flavor of the course, students will have the opportunity to visit the capitals of Tanzania and Uganda, Dar es Salaam and Kampala, and to interact with the local population in a variety of environments. These will include a visit to African Hearts Orphanage, a Massii village, Ndere Cultural Center and interaction with our African guides every day.

GEED 365F - Egypt

Faculty: Mike Magill and Bob Hamilton

Class Meeting Night: Tuesday

COST: \$1850

The purpose of this course is to explore the ancient world of Egypt as well as getting to know people of the Middle East, Christian and Muslim. The trip will focus on ancient Egyptian culture as well as the geography, and landscape. The team will explore the incredible treasures of Egyptian history such as the Pyramids and the Sphinx, pharaoh's tombs, temples, Valley of the Kings, Egyptian Museum in Cairo, King Tut's treasures, mummies and more. The trip will include a three-day cruise on the Nile River, a camel ride to the top of Mt. Sinai to watch the sunrise, snorkeling in the Red Sea (clear turquoise water with brilliantly colored fish!), a ride along the Nile in a sleeper train, visit the ancient city of Alexandria on the Mediterranean Sea, and a Felucca (sailboat) ride on the Nile. The trip will include a visit to an oasis village far out in the western desert. We will spend time exploring Moslem Mosques, Coptic Christian Churches, and the Christian community of Garbage City in Cairo. The team will also visit Engineering Ministries International (EMI) in Cairo, Sisters of Charity Orphanage in Garbage City, and an evangelical Christian church. One of the highlights of the trip will be getting to personally know the Egyptian people, Christians and Muslims.

GEED 365G – Italy/France

Faculty: Caitlin Corning and Mark Terry

Meeting Night: Wednesday

COST: \$2050

IMPORTANT NOTE – This trip will meet during the spring semester, but will travel in JUNE. Spring athletes have priority, but others can register as space allows.

The purpose of this trip is to enhance the student's appreciation of the richness found in the history, arts, land, and people of Italy and France, with a special emphasis given to the correspondence between historical events

and the art produced during Classical, Medieval and Renaissance periods. Students will experience a 10-city tour, which will mingle sites such as the ruins of the Colosseum, the Imperial Forum and the Pantheon with the magnificent architecture of the St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice, Santa Maria del Fiori in Florence, and the medieval towns of Carcassonne and Sarlat in France. Travels will feature some of the most comprehensive art collections in the western world in the Vatican, the Uffizi and Louvre, where students will have a first-hand look at the work of such masters as da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael. The study will include stays in the internationally-known cities of Rome, Venice, Florence and Paris, as well as some smaller, picturesque towns such as Assisi, Arles and Amboise.

GEED 365H – Italy/Tunisia

Faculty: Mark Weinert and Becky Ankeny

Meeting Night: Monday

COST: \$1850

The destinations for this course will be the backdrop for the study of classical civilizations in the Mediterranean, the heritage of Christianity and Islam in the region, and the modern nation-states of Italy and Tunisia. Students will visit Rome, the region around the Bay of Naples and the Amalfi coast, the island of Sicily, and the North African nation of Tunisia. This area is especially rich in classical sites, including the Roman forum, Coliseum, and numerous other sites in Rome; the classical Roman city of Pompeii, buried by the still-active Mt. Vesuvius in the first century and later excavated; the Greek city-state of Syracuse on Sicily; and ancient Carthage, deadly rival of the Romans in the third century B.C., in northern Africa. Important sites related to twenty centuries of Christian history ranging from the catacombs and sites related to Peter and Paul to the rich Renaissance works of St. Peter's cathedral and the Sistine Chapel to the modern seat of the papacy, the Vatican City, will be included in the visit to Rome. The visit to Tunisia will include time in its capital city of Tunis, a trip to the ancient city of El Jem with its well-preserved Roman Coliseum on the fringe of the Sahara, and time in the Mediterranean resort town of Hammamet. In addition, travel through the region will provide students with the opportunity to better understand the distinctive history and culture of southern Italy and Sicily and to gain insight into the nature of Islamic culture.

GEED 365I – Rome to Berlin

Faculty: Roger and Sue Newell

Meeting Night: Thursday

COST: \$1600

This trip is designed to be a pilgrimage in the oldest sense of the word—a journey to special places for Christian faith, and taking time to indwell them and be shaped by them. We will linger at places of special meaning in hopes that, like pilgrims of old, we will receive a spiritual deepening. Each week will focus on one region of special importance.

1. Week One: Early and Medieval Christianity. Rome is where the apostles Paul and Peter were martyred, where the early church worshipped underground in the catacombs, where the church eventually arose to the pinnacle of worldly power with its splendor still evident at St. Peter's Cathedral and next-door in the intimacy of the Sistine Chapel. Moving north we will spend a day exploring the hill town of Assisi, where Francis, Clare and a wandering band of "God's troubadours" brought revival to the church.

2. Week Two: Geneva and Taize. At the lakeside city of Geneva, surrounded by Alps, we study the legacy of the first city in Europe where Protestants held political power. A guided tour of Calvin's Old Geneva. Following Geneva will be a week at the modern day Pentecost which is Taize, the most significant place in Europe for young adults to meet together and discover what lies at the heart of Christian faith. Each year more than 100,000 young adults flock here to join this global community of seekers and believers in the daily rhythm of sung prayers, small group Bible studies, workshops of special interest led by the community, and joyful evening fellowship. Because English is everyone's second language, this will be a time to make connections and have conversations with believers and seekers from all over the globe. On our way to Germany, we stop for 2 days in perhaps the most beautiful spot in Switzerland, the Bernese Oberland.

3. Week Three: Germany: Reformation, Wars and a Peaceful Revolution. Our trip ends in Germany's capital city, Berlin. We will visit Wittenberg, the birth city of the Reformation where Luther posted his 95 theses, the

Leipzig church whose prayer meetings launched the nonviolent revolution of 1989, which reunited Germany. In Berlin we will visit Sachsenhausen concentration camp, meet with local university students, visit the home of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and sights related to the Berlin Wall.

GEED 365J – Rome to Paris

Faculty: Steve Grant

Meeting Night: Tuesday

COST: \$2000

This European Study Tour will begin in Rome and will focus on the art, the history and the architecture of ancient and current Rome to set the stage for the trip's major focus, which will be the influence of early Church and Renaissance history and its effect on our culture today. From Rome, we will travel south to Pompeii and experience not only a tragic day in the life of an Italian city, but glimpse a stoppage of time preserved for the ages. We then will travel north to Florence and experience more of the great Renaissance movement as we view many of Michelangelo's works including "The David" as well as the works of some of Michelangelo's contemporaries.

From Florence, we will take a day trip into the Tuscany region to visit San Gimignano and Assisi; and then will take a day trip to the location known as Cinque Terre on the northwest coast, before we travel to Venice. After our overnight in stay in Venice where we'll view Piazza San Marco and St. Mark's Cathedral, we'll journey on to Salzburg, Austria to experience a very different culture and the resulting architecture, as well as be able to take a tram up into the Alps or see some of the sites from The Sound of Music. Following the Salzburg experience will be a short trip to Munich to visit Dachau and to take the "Castle Tour", before heading on to Paris where the Louvre, Musee d'Orsay, the Eiffel Tower and many other sites and scenes await. Finally, we will travel to the Normandy beaches where a guide will help us experience the sites and the emotions of perhaps the single most important day in WWII.

GEED 365K – Ireland, Wales and England

Faculty: Jerrie Nelson, Terrie Boehr

Meeting Night: Thursday

COST: \$2050

Historical study trip will start with the life of the Irish, starting in medieval times. Ireland is rich with historical and archeological wonders and treasures through the Dark Ages, fall of Rome, and English rule. We will also explore the natural and geographical history of the Island with a trip to Dingle, the western most tip of Ireland where the Gaelic language is still spoken.

Crossing the Irish Sea, our trip continues with exploration of the castles of North Wales, the countryside of the Cotswold, including Shakespeare's Stratford and medieval Warwick castle. In route to London we will see evidence of Roman rule in Bath and a stop at Stonehenge. The last four days in London we will experience the history, art, religious and archeological sites of London, one of the world's greatest cities. London destinations include the Tower of London, British Museum and St. Paul's Cathedral.

CROSS-CULTURAL STUDY COURSES

These courses are different than Juniors Abroad in that they are offered by a specific major and can be limited as to who may participate. Pre-requisites may apply and you must obtain permission from the course instructor. They will count in your credits as an elective and will NOT fulfill General Education Global and Cultural Understanding. Juniors AND seniors are eligible. These trips are similar in that the school will subsidize the trip as they do Juniors Abroad. This means that the school pays approximately 40 - 50% of the total trip costs.

NURS 399 – Ethiopia

Faculty: Marcella Gowan and Carla Hagen

Meeting Night: Monday

COST: \$1700

Registration for this course is by permission of the instructor.

This course is open to juniors and senior nursing students only.

You CANNOT register for this course and a Juniors Abroad course in the same year.

This course is an opportunity for GFU nursing students to experience medical mission work in Ethiopia in both rural and urban settings. We will be working in collaboration with staff from SIM (Serving in Mission), a well known, century old, faith based mission organization. Students will spend time in Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia, for one week. There they will hear from seasoned SIM missionaries about how they integrate faith and learning in their lives and within the Ethiopian culture.

In addition, students will visit such places as orphanages, HIV/AIDS projects, the Fistula Hospital, a Midwifery College, nursing schools, women at risk programs, and homeless children ministries.

Another week will be spent down country at the SIM rural Langano clinic. Students will be able to be a part of this work by observing and assisting the national staff and missionary nursing personnel.

The final part of the trip will be visiting the northern part of Ethiopia to the ancient cities of Gondar, Axum, Lalibela, and Bahar Dar. Here the students will experience the rich culture and history of Ethiopia.

Qualifications:

- ❖ Junior or senior GFU nursing students
- ❖ Strong interest in medical missions
- ❖ Servant heart
- ❖ Personal moral integrity
- ❖ Compassionate
- ❖ Learner's attitude
- ❖ Spirit of adventure
- ❖ Culturally sensitive
- ❖ Respect for and interest in other religions/languages
- ❖ Willingness to listen to others life story
- ❖ Intermediate assessment and nursing skills
- ❖ Good health and self care
- ❖ Flexible – accommodations can be less than desired with limited running water and electricity, it will be the rainy season, travel can be rugged.
- ❖ Sense of humor – able to laugh at self
- ❖ Team member