

**INFORMATION
FOR MAY 2012
JUNIORS ABROAD TRIPS
(and Cross Cultural Study Courses)**

TO: **May 2012 Juniors Abroad Students**
FROM: **Paul Chamberlain, Director of Juniors Abroad**

November 8, 2011

This memo provides the general information you will need for the **Juniors Abroad Cross Cultural Experience** course AND **the Cross Cultural Study** courses for May 2012. This year George Fox University is offering eleven options for Juniors Abroad and one option 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**

**5:30 PM, Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Hoover 105**

An essential 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 13, 2012 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 2, 2011)**

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

Turn into Woodmar 204
Copy of passport

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2, 2011– Medical Form due – Turn in at the Health Center

January 13, 2012 – Deposit and deposit forms, AND copy of passport due

February 15, 2012 – University account must be paid in full (except for Juniors Abroad)

March 1, 2012 – ½ of remaining Juniors Abroad payment due

April 1, 2012 – Final Juniors Abroad payment due

May 30, 2012– 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 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 before you go on the Juniors Abroad trip you may 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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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.

• **HOW DO I SIGN-UP?**

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

See course descriptions at the end of this document.

GEED 365 A	Amsterdam to Paris	Clella Jaffe, Jim Smart
GEED 365 B	Central America	Viki Defferding, Abby Rine
GEED 365 C	China	Michael Bevis, Alex Pia
GEED 365 D	East Africa	Paul Chamberlain, Mike Magill
GEED 365 E	Australia	Jim Foster, Sarita Gallager
GEED 365 F	Germany/Austria	Tim Timmerman, Rick Muthiah
GEED 365 G	India	Matt Meyer, Charles Choi
GEED 365 H	Israel, Turkey, Greece	Kathy Weiss, Tim Tsohantaridis
GEED 365 I	Rome to Paris	Steve Grant, Kelly Chang
GEED 365 J	Vietnam, Hong Kong, South Korea	Brent Wilson, Jeff Duerr
GEED 365K	Israel, Turkey, Greece (JUNE)	Mike Magill, Paul Chamberlain

OR ONE OF THE CROSS-CULTURAL STUDY COURSES:

NURS 399 **Ethiopia** **Marcie Gowan, Jerry Nelson**

(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.

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 2, 2011**

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 13, 2012**. You **MUST** complete and submit a signed **Responsibility and Liability Statement**, and **Deposit Form** with your deposit.

WARNING: Once you pay the deposit you are committed to pay the entire amount of the trip, even if you withdraw from the course at a later date!!!

4. SUBMIT A COPY OF PASSPORT to Woodmar 204 by JANUARY 13, 2012.

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. It is your responsibility to inform the Director of Juniors Abroad about your status.
- 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 for Juniors Abroad 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. 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. You should have this as soon as possible.
 2. Submit a medical release form by December 3, 2011.
 3. Submit a nonrefundable \$300 deposit, deposit form, copy of passport and ISIC application by January 13, 2012
 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, 2012
 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 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 and instructions for U.S. citizens are available online at <http://travel.state.gov/passport>. You must have an **official copy** of your birth certificate and one **official passport photos**. You can take and print your own photo, but they **MUST** meet the government guidelines. We strongly recommend that you get a passport photo at a qualified merchant such as Costco or Walgreens. 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).** For applications and further information go to <http://travel.state.gov/passport>

NOTE: You must apply in person if:

- You are applying for your first U.S. passport or
- Your previous U.S. passport was issued when you were under age 16 or
- Your previous U.S. passport was lost, stolen, or damaged or

(NOTE: Besides photos for your passport, you may also need photo for an ISIC card and possible visas. It is recommended that you get at least two passport photos.)

Please note that your passport must be good six months **after** you travel. |

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!!

GET YOUR PASSPORT!!

You will need to have a copy of your passport on January 13, 2012. 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 online.
3. Obtain at least two **official** passport photos. You may need more depending on your trip.
4. Take money, passport, passport photo and birth certificate copy to an official passport office. **DO NOT SIGN THE PASSPORT APPLICATION UNTIL YOU ARE AT THE PASSPORT OFFICE.**
5. Some trips will require a visa to enter the country. See your trip faculty leader for further information.

ATTENTION 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?

Yes, the school does provide emergency insurance. However you also need separate major medical coverage for students. Typically, your current insurance, either through the University, or through your parents/guardians, 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 HTH Worldwide. This does NOT replace your medical insurance, but is a supplement in case of emergency.

• INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IDENTITY CARD

SOME Juniors Abroad trips will be **REQUIRED** to obtain an International Student Identity Card (ISIC). See individual trip descriptions below. 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 13, 2012 at the latest.** (NOTE the cost of \$22 for the card is included in your Juniors Abroad fee)

If you would like to obtain a card and it is NOT required for your Juniors Abroad trip you will be required to pay the \$22 fee.

The ISIC card saves you money by providing admission to various activities at a reduced student rate. This card also provides discounts at a number of locations in the US. The card also gives each student insurance benefits. For more details on insurance, phone numbers, and discounts go to the following website.

<https://www.myisic.com>

*Limits and restrictions do apply. Please see the Certificate of Insurance for complete details. 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.

• BACKPACKS AND LUGGAGE

All Juniors Abroad students will have the opportunity in January to purchase a selection of Osprey backpacks and luggage at approximately a 50% discount. Osprey makes excellent packs and luggage. Thus this is an excellent opportunity. You can find out more information at ospreypacks.com. The backpacks and luggage

available to George Fox students are the following: (**Prices are for last years products and could change for 2012**).

Mens

- __Mens Osprey Aether 70 (\$148)
- __Mens Osprey Aether 85 (\$164)
- __Mens Osprey Waypoint 80 4900c in (\$153)
- __Mens Osprey Waypoint 60 3700c in (\$137)

Womens

- __Womens Osprey Ariel 65 (\$142)
- __Womens Osprey Ariel 75 (\$159)
- __Womens Osprey Waypoint 80 4900c in (\$153)
- __WomensOsprey Waypoint 60 3700c in (\$137)

Both

- __Osprey Sojourn 28 4900 in (\$146)
- __Osprey Vector 28 4600c in (\$114)

Please understand that ONLY the packs listed above are available. If you are interested in others, you can purchase them through local backpacking stores such as REI. If you would like to see these packs/luggage you can probably see them at REI.

• 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 option).
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 GEED 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 1/2 of normal tuition.

• 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 (**but not all**) 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 your actual return 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, <mailto:pchamberlain@georgefox.edu>, EHS 310
Lynn Scott, Assistant to the Director of Juniors Abroad, ext 2140, lscott@georgefox.edu, Woodmar 204

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 2012

TRAVEL DATES: We expect departures from Portland International Airport to be scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, April 30, May 1 – 2, 2012, with return approximately 21 days later

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, Jim Smart

Meeting Night: Monday

STUDENT COST: \$2000

This trip will travel to Amsterdam, the Netherlands; Bruges, Belgium; Rouen, France; Bayeux and WWII sites in Normandy, and end in Paris, France. In preparation, students will examine artists such as Michelangelo, Van Gogh, Memling, Rembrandt, Degas, Rodin, and Cezanne, whose works we will see. In addition to appreciating specific art works, students will understand the context in which these artists worked. Preparation will also include study of the historical and present-day importance of each area. Amsterdam has historical importance dating back to the Middle Ages with links to the earliest European settlers in America and to the Age of Exploration; Bruges was originally a Gallic-Roman settlement in the first century; Normandy figured prominently in Joan of Arc's life as well as in World War II, and Paris...is Paris.

We will look at political factors that will help us understand the current policies and "ways of being" of each city, under the general theme of empire. For example, The Netherlands and Belgium are monarchies, but France is not. Why? How did the Roman Empire, Napoleon's empire, and Hitler's dream of empire (the Third Reich) affect each country? How did the Era of Empire lead to current day immigration issues? How and why have current political factions developed? Students will do background reading in these areas and will present their findings during class sessions. Each student will complete a journal and a paper summarizing how each site could be relevant to their major.

Plans include visiting 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. We'll be there for the Day of Remembrance (when the Queen and royal family lay a wreath in Dam Square) and for Liberation Day (when free concerts occur throughout the city). A day trip to Haarlem (where the Ten Boom family created the "Hiding Place") and to the Kuykenhof Gardens will conclude the Netherlands portion of the trip. In Bruges, we'll discover the fabulous architecture and the chocolate factories. In Normandy we'll visit the Joan of Arc sites in Rouen and see the famous WWII beaches to reflect on the sobering reality of war; we'll also tour Mt. St. Michel--a centuries old Abbey on a rock--and view the Bayeux Tapestry. Our final stay will be in Paris and include the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre and the Musée D'Orsay and many other well-known sites in the most fabulous city in Europe!

GEED 365B – CENTRAL AMERICA

Faculty: Viki Defferding, Abby Rine

Meeting Night: Wednesday

STUDENT COST: \$1600

Immunizations will be required

This study tour to Central America will focus on Christianity & Culture of Central America. We will compare and contrast the different cultures & religious beliefs we encounter in the various regions that we visit as well as the different eras that we study. We begin at the ancient Maya site of Copan, Honduras where we will learn about the early Maya culture that settled there and learn how that culture and its beliefs have influenced today's society in this region. There are pyramids, temples and other structures, as well as tunnels to explore. Besides the ancient Maya ruins we will also visit a Maya-chorti Indian settlement in the hills above Copán Ruinas, the town that sprang up as a result of the excavations done at the Copán Archeological site. We will worship with local Believers and experience their unique cultural adaptations of the Christian Faith. On our way to El Salvador, we will visit the Basilica of Esquipulas, Guatemala that is famous for its Black Christ. Arriving in Costa Rica we will visit an even different indigenous group, the Kekoldie, visit the Basilica of Los Angeles & the Colonial Church of Orosí, as well as the Catedral metropolitana in San José. In Costa Rica we will visit beaches, nature preserves and parks, a Kekoldie Indian settlement on the Caribbean, volcanos, hot springs, pineapple, banana, cacao (chocolate), medicinal herb and coffee plantations. We will truly experience the varied cultures and landscapes that make up Central America and worship with our Central American Brothers and Sisters. There will be a lot of outdoor activities on this trip including walking & hiking, climbing pyramids & temples, ziplining or canyoning, horseback riding, and water sports. There will be homestays in Honduras.

GEED 365C - CHINA

Faculty: Michael Bevis, Alex Pia

Meeting Night: Tuesday

STUDENT COST: \$1850

VISA FEE: \$76

Immunizations will be required

This trip will highlight the vast geographical land and rich traditional culture of China with an emphasis on minority regions as well as modern developments. The purpose of this trip is to increase an appreciation and knowledge of one of the world's fastest-changing country, a populous and huge nation with an ancient history, filled with magnificent sights and amazing people. A special importance is given to the minority groups of China. Students will experience a cross-country tour that is not for the faint-hearted; they will explore the metropolitan city of Hong Kong, cross-country bike through the mystical limestone peaks of Guanxi and then climb the rice terraces of the Dragon's backbone in Longshen. Then from the flowing river of the Yangtze to the ancient silk road of Xinjiang, China, students will discover and understand the vastness of China. The trip will include the far west desert outpost of Kashgar, the western province surrounded by Russia, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. As well, students will travel to China's capital city, Beijing where they will see the magnificent Forbidden City, the Great Wall, Tianmen Square and the Temple of Heaven.

GEED 365D – EAST AFRICA

Faculty: Paul Chamberlain, Mike Magill

Meeting Night: Tuesday

STUDENT COST: \$2200

Visa Costs: \$150

Immunizations will be required

ISIC card is required

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 Murchison Falls National Park on the border with the Congo, 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 also camp at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro and spend a day trekking on the mountain. 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 Hadzabe tribe, the last true nomads of Africa, Ndere Cultural Center and interaction with our African guides every day.

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!!

GEED 365E – AUSTRALIA

Faculty: Jim Foster, Sarita Gallagher

Meeting Night: Monday

STUDENT COST: \$2300

(This trip was originally scheduled for Egypt; however, due to continued unrest we are not able to go to Egypt this year.)

This study tour to Australia will explore the golden shores of the Australian east coast. Originally called the "Austrian land of the Holy Spirit" in the early 17th century by the Portuguese explorer Pedro Fernandes de Queirós, Australia has been a land of ecological, geographical and religious mystique ever since. Starting in the visually spectacular New South Wales capital of Sydney, we will begin by exploring Darling and Sydney harbor, the historic "Rocks" area, and the famous local beaches in addition to attending the internationally renown Hillsong church.

Winding up the coast from Sydney to Cairns we will experience Australia at its best.

Starting our journey in the Aussie "bush" of the Blue Mountains, we will explore Australia from the Blue Mountains, to the famous Australian beaches. Along the way we will meet some of the local wildlife, found only in Australia's unique ecosystem. There will be many opportunities to get the sand between our toes as we take surf lessons in Lennox Heads, body board in Surfers Paradise, dive or snorkel at the Great Barrier Reef, and go whitewater rafting in tropical Cairns. In addition to these ocean adventures we will visit the Australia Zoo, cross the tropic of Capricorn, have a home stay with an Aussie family, visit an ancient rainforest, and find out what being a "true-blue" Aussie really means!

GEED 365F - GERMANY/AUSTRIA

Faculty: Tim Timmerman, Rick Muthiah

Meeting Night: Wednesday

STUDENT COST: \$1800

ISIC card required

Our trip will delve into the art, architecture, music and history of Germany and Austria; their museums, monasteries, and the intimate lederhosen charm of their exquisite cities. Palaces, castles, and cathedrals on the Rhine and Danube abound. Traveling down the "Romantische Strasse" (Romantic Road) in Germany, we will explore the castles on the Rhine and the charm of Bavaria, including Rothenburg's Renaissance flavor and Augsburg with its Roman history. Arriving in Munich, we will see Nymphenburg Palace, the BMW Museum, and the historical Deutsches Museum, with a day trip to the Dachau concentration camp. On our way to Austria we will go to the Neuschwanstein castle, mad king Ludwig II's fairy tale castle among the mountains that Disneyland's Cinderella Castle is modeled after. Entering Austria, we will roam the enchanting streets of Salzburg, home of "The Sound of Music." We'll encounter the medieval fortress of Hohensalzburg, and take a trip into the Alps. We will end our journey in Vienna where we'll ride the city's trolley around the Ringstrasse to St. Stephen's Cathedral.

As a class will be studying the history and music of Mozart and Haydn, the Hapsburg dynasty (as we will be going to the extensive Schochbrunn Palace), and the historic and beautiful Melk Benedictine Abbey nestled against the Danube. We will examine the architectural history of the region, from narrow Renaissance streets to elaborate Rococo estates and on to the contemporary architecture of Hundertwasser in Vienna. We'll also engage with famous artistic works including Albrecht Dürer, Hans Holbein, Brueghel and Gustave' Klimt.

GEED 365G – INDIA

Faculty: Matt Meyer, Charles Choi

Meeting Night: Monday

STUDENT COST: \$1850

VISA FEE: \$76

Immunizations will be required.

This course will focus on the culture of India, the land of Gandhi, Mother Teresa and the Taj Mahal. Although India's poverty is pervasive, high tech industry has driven India's economy past America's. The birthplace of Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism, we'll see how markedly different religions coexist in (relative) harmony. We'll watch monkeys scampering around temples, walk through the Taj Mahal, swim in the Indian Ocean and hope to peek behind the scenes of a Bollywood film.

Although primarily educational, there will also be a service component to this trip, as students have the opportunity to help patients in Mother Teresa's missions, interact with kids while we reside in an orphanage, and ride ox-carts to bring medical care to Untouchables in remote fishing villages.

Note: We'll be surrounded by extreme poverty and Third World conditions for much of the trip. Students taking this trip should be prepared for 110-degree weather and high humidity.

GEED 365 H – ISRAEL, TURKEY, GREECE

Faculty: Kathy Weiss, Tim Tshohantaridis

Meeting Night: Wednesday

STUDENT COST: \$2300

VISA COST: \$20

Immunizations will be required

This trip will be organized around exploring the development of the New Testament Church. We will start in Jerusalem, then go to Samaria, and on to the ends of the earth – namely Turkey and Greece. As we explore early church development we will have daily trips to biblical and archeological sites. We will spend ten days in Israel visiting Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem Nazareth, and more. Then we will follow the church as the gospel spread visiting in Turkey visiting Ephesus with a day trip to the island of Patmos. We'll stop in Turkey's capital, Istanbul, to explore history and the story of the church there. Then we will travel on to Greece following the footsteps of the Apostle Paul from Philippi to Corinth. In Athens we will stand on Mars Hill and contemplate the words Paul spoke to the listening Athenians. Other Greek stops will include the monasteries of Meteora, Delphi and a day to swim in the Aegean Sea.

GEED 365I – ROME TO PARIS

Faculty: Steve Grant, Kelly Chang

Meeting Night: Tuesday

STUDENT COST: \$2250

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 Assisi and see the Basilica of St. Francis, and then travel on to Florence and experience more of the great Renaissance movement as we view many of Michelangelo's works including "The David" and view the works of some of Michelangelo's contemporaries.

From Florence, we will travel to the beautiful northwestern coastline of Italy and stay in Monterosso where we'll enjoy several gorgeous hikes between the villages there followed by relaxing on the Mediterranean beaches. Following Cinque Terre, we travel north and west from Italy to the French city of Nice which will be our hub as we travel to visit a variety of Roman ruins and ancient architecture in the cities of Aix-en-Provence, Nimes, Arles, and Avignon. The final two-part leg of our journey will be to Paris, about which little needs to be said, and then on to the Beaches of Normandy and the American Cemetery before heading back to Paris for our final night.

GEED 365J – VIETNAM, HONG KONG, SOUTH KOREA

Faculty: Brent Wilson, Jeff Duerr

Meeting Night: Monday

STUDENT COST: \$1800

VISA FEE: \$40

Immunizations will be required

This tour will study the history, culture, and influence of western values and religion in Asian cultures by visiting South Korea, Hong Kong, and Vietnam. Students will have opportunity to visit several religious temples and historical sites. Some of the sites will include Changgyonggung (summer palace built in 1104 for the first Yi king), Namdaemun (14th century gate into the city), and even the DMZ between North and South Korea while in Seoul. In Hong Kong we will spend much of our time in Kowloon and on Hong Kong Island. In Vietnam we visit many historical and religious sites within Hanoi including a day trip to the "Hanoi Hilton," the prison that housed many United States Airman during the Vietnam War including Senator John McCain. We have even scheduled a

half-day Vietnamese cooking class in Hanoi itself. Lastly, We will also travel to Ha Long Bay one of Vietnam's most treasured locations with over 3000 islands within the bay. We will spend the night aboard a boat "junk" as we travel throughout the islands.

GEED 365K ISRAEL, TURKEY, GREECE - JUNE

NOTE: This trip will leave JUNE 14 and return JULY 5. It is open to any eligible student, but spring athletes have first priority.

Faculty Leader: Mike Magill, Paul Chamberlain

Meeting Night: Wednesday

STUDENT COST: \$2300

VISA FEE: \$20

Immunizations will be required

(This trip was originally scheduled for Egypt; however, due to continued unrest we are not able to go to Egypt this year.)

This trip will be organized around exploring the development of the New Testament Church. We will start in Jerusalem, then go to Samaria, and on to the ends of the earth – namely Turkey and Greece. As we explore early church development we will have daily trips to biblical and archeological sites. We will spend seven days in Israel visiting Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem Nazareth, and more. Then we will follow the church as the gospel spread visiting in Turkey visiting Ephesus with a day trip to the island of Patmos. We'll stop in Turkey's capital, Istanbul, to explore history and the story of the church there. Then we will travel on to Greece following the footsteps of the Apostle Paul from Philippi to Corinth. In Athens we will stand on Mars Hill and contemplate the words Paul spoke to the listening Athenians. Other Greek stops will include the monasteries of Meteora, Delphi and a day to swim in the Aegean Sea.

JUNIORS ABROAD

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE 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.** Your credits can count as an elective or may 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: Marcie Gowan, Jerrie Nelson

Meeting Night: Monday

STUDENT COST: \$1800

VISA FEE: \$70

Immunizations will be required

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 learn from seasoned SIM missionaries about how they integrate faith and learning in their lives and within the Ethiopian culture.

Students will visit such places as orphanages, HIV/AIDS projects, Fistula Hospital, Cure Hospital, woman at risk programs, and homeless ministries.

The second week will be spent down country in the rural clinic, schools, and orphanages in either Langano or Yetabon. Students will be a part of the mission in each place working with national staff as well as missionary personnel.

The final week will include a visit to the northern part of Ethiopia rich in Christian heritage. The highlights will include the amazing rock-hewn churches of Lalibela, the ancient castle of Gonder and the Stelae at Axum.

Participation: This course is opened to nursing students. However, students majoring in education, psychology, and social work may be considered for participation with approval of the instructor.