Defining Moments Abroad

Angkor Wat is a temple complex built for the King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century as his state temple and capital city. Its religion was originally Hindu and later became the center of Buddhist thought. At the height of its existence, it supported almost one million people in a hunter-gatherer system. But beyond all of the facts, the site of this magnificent sprawl of carved stone in the middle of the thick Cambodian jungle was jaw-dropping. It is a site everyone should make a point to see sometime in life. I visited the temple at sunrise and sunset and wandered through the falling rubble of the various satellite temples — feeling the ghosts of its people along with me. I was stunned by the knowledge these people had and realized how complex and far-reaching human history really is. But there was one moment that will never be explained and it marked my true reconciliation with my smallness in the span of time. On the wall of the temple were carvings of various animals — an elephant, a monkey, a cow — but there in between the bird and the snake was a stegosaurus. There was a dinosaur carved — with its full flesh and horns staring back at me! How could these people know about dinosaurs? They may have found bones but how did they know what they looked like exactly? I thought I was staring at a picture in my childhood picture book. It may have been a scam by some worker, but I want to believe that it’s in fact original. At that moment I realized how intertwined knowledge is throughout time and how even as I was traveling around the world, I would never find the answers to most of my questions. I took comfort in my smallness — it gave me perspective.

Kristin Vallis
Semester at Sea, Fall 2009
Bucknell in London Expanded to Spring Semester

For the past 30 years the Bucknell in London program has provided Bucknell students with the opportunity to study in London for the fall semester. Starting in 2011 the program will be offered in the spring as well. Professors Andrea Stevenson Sanjian and Gregory Sanjian of the Political Science Department will lead the spring 2011 program. Prospective courses include British Politics (political science), European Security Policy (political science), The European Union (economics), History of London (history) and The London Stage (theater). These courses will be taught by the Bucknell professors and by British adjuncts in a facility located on Great Russell Street near the British Museum.

“The courses will include a comprehensive schedule of site visits and field trips in London and other locations in Britain, and… a trip to Brussels as well,” said Prof. Stevenson Sanjian.

Bucknell in London participants are housed in apartments, each with cooking facilities. “Students will have great flats in Central London, and they’ll get the experience of not just studying but truly living in London,” said Stevenson Sanjian.

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Interested in London for Spring 2011?
Come to the Bucknell in London Spring 2011 Information Session
7 p.m., April 27 in 113 Taylor

First Years: Are you interested in studying off campus/abroad in the future?

Attend one of the Introduction to Study Abroad Sessions for First Year Students listed at right. All sessions will cover the basic information you need to know about studying off campus; including but not limited to; intent to study off campus, eligibility, credit transfer, scholarships, funding, and selection of a program that best matches your academic goals.

It is mandatory to attend an Introduction to Study Abroad Session if you have interest in studying off campus/abroad.

Introduction to Study Abroad Sessions for First Year Students

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If you have any questions please contact the Office of International Education at intled@bucknell.edu or stop by 105 Taylor Hall.

*Engineering students unable to attend the engineering specific study abroad sessions should attend one of the other sessions.
A Reminder for Students Going Abroad during Fall 2010:

Maximize Your Off-Campus/Study Abroad Experience

The second tier of the required pre-departure program will be held on the following dates:

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You should have already registered for one of these sessions. If you have not, contact Marguerite Santorine, Study Abroad Adviser, mcastsan@bucknell.edu.

Blogger photo of the month

Kristen Hinrichs is a Bucknell student blogger. This photo was taken from a weekend getaway on the Wild Coast in South Africa’s Eastern Province. Kristen is a student in the Interstudy Program, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. Photo posted March 19, 2010.

The Office of International Education encourages and prepares Bucknell University students to study off campus internationally and domestically while providing a global focus to the academic life of the University and local community.

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