



Going abroad next semester?

Save the Date! Spring 2012 participants have to attend one of the following pre-departure orientation sessions.

Tuesday, November 17 6-8pm OR
Thursday, November 21 6-8pm

Interested in Studying Abroad?

Find info on each program and the due dates for the applications at <http://www.saintmarys.edu/cwil/global-education/study-abroad>

Want to know what it's really like to study abroad in a country? Feel free to contact the peer advisors. They've all studied abroad and are happy to answer any questions about their program. Find a list of the peer advisors for each program and their email address at <http://www.saintmarys.edu/cwil/study-abroad-peer-advisors>

Have you considered studying abroad, but you are unsure where to start?

If so, the Study Abroad Mentor Program might be of interest to you. This year the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership begins the pilot year of the Mentor Program here on campus. This program has been developed to aid the gap between study abroad returnees and the students who have considered it, but have no idea what to do first. Women interested in going abroad will talk to a Study Abroad Peer Advisor at the info table in the Student Center, who will provide a nonbiased, informative understanding of all the study abroad programs offered, while incorporating the student's interests and goals for going abroad. Then the student will talk to the faculty coordinators for more details. In addition, if the student is very interested in one particular program, they will have the option to talk with women who have already been abroad in their particular program of interest. If you or anyone you know has an interest in going abroad and would like to know more about the options available to you, please contact Maeva Alexander at malexa03@saintmarys.edu. Hopefully together we can foster better intercultural awareness on campus as well as a more unified Saint Mary's community.

"The rewards of the journey far outweigh the risk of leaving the harbor."

~Unknown

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Search for "Saint Mary's College Study Abroad" on Facebook to stay up to date on what's going on with study abroad. Check out our discussion page and ask questions you have about a certain study abroad program and get answers from students who have studied in that country.

"A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent on arriving."

~Lao Tzu

Chinese Mid-Autumn / Korean Chuseok Festival

On Monday, September 12, Saint Mary's celebrated the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. This festival takes place on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month when the moon is at its brightest. Families gather together to light lanterns, gaze at the moon, and eat moon cakes. A similar celebration known as Chuseok takes place at the same time in South Korea. During Saint Mary's celebration, international students explained the festivals and their experiences celebrating them in their home country. There were also brief presentations about the summer and semester study abroad opportunities in China and South Korea.



Thoughts on Returning from Abroad by Laura Corrigan

I had very mixed emotions upon returning to Saint Mary's after being abroad in Seoul, South Korea for the fall semester last year. I was very eager to be nestled amongst my friends on cozy Sunday afternoons and feel Saint Mary's warmth while walking the avenue. On the other hand, I had all these experiences and a new exposure to the world that I worried others wouldn't fully understand.

I managed to jump right into my studies and the many activities I had joined the previous year, but I feared that I would forget the copious amount I had learned about myself and others while abroad. One way that I was able to share my experience and try to get others interested in this amazing program was by becoming a peer advisor for CWIL. I visited classes sharing my many adventures while in Korea and all that the program has to offer (which is a lot!). I was able to eat a Korean dinner at Dr. Chung's house and meet the Korean students who were currently studying at Saint Mary's. My special experience was now one that I could share with others, and all my anxieties melted away as the spring arrived.

Studying abroad was by far the most fulfilling and life-changing encounter I have had thus far in my college career. While it may be difficult to re-adjust to life after being abroad, it is not hard to find a way to share your story at Saint Mary's, and you will soon learn that your personal experience is truly impossible to forget.

