

Engagement Opportunities Abound at the 40th Annual UNC Charlotte International Festival



Plan to join us and encourage your students to explore more than 50 cultural displays at the 40th annual UNC Charlotte International Festival, Saturday, October 17th. Through the arts, crafts, costumes, food, music, and dance showcased, the International Festival is rich with opportunities to connect to relevant course themes.

The Festival is a campus tradition that has endless potential to engage your students around our self and cultural awareness learning outcome, as well as other developmental areas. Faculty are encouraged to consider incorporating curriculum opportunities linked to the program such as: reflective essay on passport prompt questions, video blog/diary of cultural discoveries, interview assignment with appropriate country representatives, and more!

Sign-in sheets are available on site and can be distributed to faculty wishing to grant credit for attending and/or volunteering for the event. Contact OIP for additional engagement and reflection assignment ideas. Details about the International Festival are available online at

ifest.uncc.edu.

Invite International Perspectives into Your Classroom

Classroom Presentations on Education

Abroad: Expand your students' horizons with an engaging introduction to the study abroad experience from staff in the Office of Education Abroad (OEA). Presentation lengths can be customized to your needs. Contact OEA at edabroad@uncc.edu.

Cultural Ambassador Presentations: Incorporate international perspectives through a panel presentation featuring international students facilitated by trained staff. Contact the International Student and Scholar Office at intlssso@uncc.edu.



International Education Week Opportunities

Funding for International Education Week Programming, November 16-20:

Limited funding is available through OIP to support and co-sponsor departmentally-organized initiatives which advance campus internationalization for inclusion in International Education Week 2015. Faculty are encouraged to submit programs for inclusion in this week of lectures, presentations, and performances organized each November to celebrate our campus commitment to global and international understanding. Find event submission and funding request forms as well as listings of events from previous celebrations at oip.uncc.edu/programs-speakers-and-events/international-education-week.



*International Education Week to Feature Director's Screening of *The Dialogue**

The Office of International Programs will welcome director Arnd Wächter for a director's screening of *The Dialogue*, the second documentary in the Crossing Borders Films trilogy. *The Dialogue* follows American and Chinese university students as they travel together, explore each others' backgrounds, and learn cross-cultural communication skills. Mr. Wächter will lead a discussion following the screening in the Student Union Theater on Tuesday, November 17th. Contact OIP for more information at international@uncc.edu.

Did you know? UNC Charlotte currently hosts 1,700 international students and sends more than 600 students abroad each year.

Connect to Funding for Experiences Abroad

Encourage your students to attend one of these highlighted workshops for information on applying for and funding experiences abroad.

Direct students to edabroad@uncc.edu for more information or to RSVP.

Fulbright US Student Grant Program

Workshop TBA in Spring 2016



The Fulbright US Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English

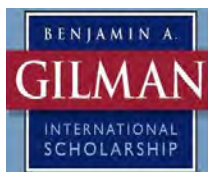
Teaching Assistant Programs. Any questions about how UNC Charlotte students can learn more about these prestigious grants and how to apply can be directed to the Office of Education Abroad Director and Fulbright Program Student Advisor, Brad Sekulich at sekulich@uncc.edu. A workshop will take place in Spring 2016. More details on Fulbright are available at <http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>.

Gilman Scholarship Program

Thursday, September 10 from 4:00-5:00pm

Wednesday, September 16 from 4:00-5:30pm

Location provided upon RSVP



The Gilman Scholarship Program offers awards to US undergraduates receiving Federal Pell Grant funding to diversify the demographics of students who study abroad and their destinations.

Awards typically range between \$1,000 and \$5,000. Office of Education Abroad staff will provide guidance and advice for completing competitive applications.

Boren Scholarships and Fellowships

Wednesday, September 2 from 1:30-3:00pm

CHHS 207



The Boren Scholarships and Fellowships provide unique funding opportunities for US undergraduate and graduate students to study less commonly taught languages and topics in world regions critical to US interests and underrepresented in study

abroad including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

English Language Resources for International Teaching Assistants and Faculty

The International Instructor Language Support Program (IILSP) has three main roles at UNC Charlotte:

- (1) To screen all International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) to verify their competency in teaching UNC Charlotte undergraduate populations, as dictated by state and University requirements. IILSP provides classes for those ITAs who need further competency before they are cleared for classroom duties.
- (2) To provide screening of all non-native English speaking candidates for full-time faculty positions and provide confidential English language support for faculty or visiting scholars.
- (3) To provide workshops to departments seeking further training on working with non-native speaking populations.

For testing or other information contact ITAsupport@uncc.edu. The IILSP is a program within the English Language Training Institute (ELTI), a unit within OIP which offers intensive English training to non-native speakers. More information on ELTI is available at elti.uncc.edu.

Encourage your Students to Engage Globally

International Speaker Series

Contact: Office of International Programs
Locations for specific speakers available online
intlso@uncc.edu



Join your students to engage with speakers on topics ranging from economics to globalization and foreign policy. Past speakers have included political dignitaries, current or former ambassadors, and prominent scholars in their fields. One installation of the Fall 2015 speaker series is noted below, and others will be announced. For more information on the series, see oip.uncc.edu/calendar/international-speaker-series.



Prof. Lyle Goldstein

Meeting China Halfway: How to Defuse the Emerging US-China Rivalry

Thursday, September 17 from 3:30-5:00pm
Atkins Library, Room 125

Prof. Lyle J. Goldstein from the China Maritime Studies Institute, which was established at U.S. Naval War College to improve understanding and maritime cooperation with China will discuss the US-China rivalry and insights from his 2015 book. Professor Goldstein has written numerous publications on Chinese security policy, especially concerning maritime development.

Volunteer Conversation Partners

Contact: English Language Training Institute
elti@uncc.edu



The English Language Training Institute (ELTI) enrolls roughly 250 students each semester from around the world, helping them to improve their English to matriculate into degree programs at UNC Charlotte or elsewhere. ELTI students are often interested in meeting English-speaking peers for language and cultural exchange and to practice their English outside the classroom. If you have students who express interest in working with international students or who are in search of service projects where this type of experience would be appropriate, direct them to ELTI.

Friendship and Culture Exchange Program

Contact: International Student and Scholar Office
intlso@uncc.edu

Encourage your students to enroll in this one-on-one conversation partner program where US and international students are matched and meet independently to exchange ideas and learn about their respective cultures. Information and application are available online at isso.uncc.edu/programs/international-friendship-culture-exchange-program. The 2015 application deadline is September 13th.



International Coffee Hour

4:00-6:00pm in the Prospector Faculty/Staff Gold Room
Contact: International Student and Scholar Office
intlso@uncc.edu



International and US domestic students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to enjoy coffee and conversation at this informal gathering. The first gathering is Thursday, September 3 and the program will continue on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Fall Study Abroad Fair

Wednesday, September 30 between CHHS and COED
Contact: Office of Education Abroad
edabroad@uncc.edu



Explore academic opportunities abroad at this twice-yearly fair featuring faculty and student study abroad alums eager to share their experiences. Staff from the Office of Education Abroad as well as from external providers of academic programs around the world will be on hand to answer questions from 10:00am-2:00pm in the plaza area between CHHS and COED.

"Our institution has enjoyed a long and active tradition of supporting the internationalization and exchange efforts on our campus." Phillip L. Dubois, Chancellor, UNC Charlotte

Call for Nominations: Sponsored Student Memberships to the World Affairs Council of Charlotte



OIP is accepting nominations for a limited number of honorary student memberships to the World Affairs Council of Charlotte (WACC). WACC serves as a regional center for global education and engagement and is hosted on the UNC Charlotte campus in OIP. Student membership will allow access to WACC's programming and networking at a reduced student rate.

Upcoming WACC programs and more information can be found at worldaffairscharlotte.org. Nominations are accepted until Friday, September 18. For information on the nomination process, please contact international@uncc.edu.

Global Career Resources



In keeping with the University's commitment to developing students' global competencies, the Office of International Programs has partnered with the University Career Center (UCC) to make the Going

Global online database of international jobs and internships available.

In addition to internship information, the site provides country-specific, USA-city-specific, and H-1B resources. Access is available through the UCC website as well as through the OIP website at <http://oip.uncc.edu/studentinfo.htm>. Questions about international internships can be directed to the Office of Education Abroad at edabroad@uncc.edu or the UCC at career@uncc.edu.

Seeking Faculty to Partner on Short-term Training Programs

Intercultural Outreach Programs (IOP) designs customized short-term training or educational programs hosted at UNC Charlotte for international students, faculty, or professionals throughout the year. IOP has recently hosted groups from Japan, Australia, and Brazil for programs focused on international business and comparative education as well for language and cultural exchange.

IOP seeks faculty from across disciplines at UNC Charlotte as well as Charlotte area professionals for partnerships in existing and new program development. Faculty interested in developing new curriculum for groups or teaching for one of our current programs should contact ioprograms@uncc.edu. IOP is a program within the English Language Training Institute, a unit within OIP. General details about IOP are available online at iop.uncc.edu.

International Country Flags Available for Campus Use

The Office of International Programs (OIP) is pleased to offer the campus community the use of country flags from any of the 193 members of the United Nations at internationally-relevant campus events. OIP also has an "all world" country flag that showcases the UN country flags in one large flag that is available for use.

A free loan system is in place through OIP for UNC Charlotte community members to borrow the flags with or without their weighted bases and flagpoles.

Any UNC Charlotte department, college, or organization interested in utilizing this service may contact international@uncc.edu for more information.

