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# International Programs Office

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# Hawaii Ecotourism Information Session

**February 22, 2022 at 4 p.m.**

Study away this summer by exploring the field of ecotourism in Hawaii! Led by Professor Ken Cohen, this course (REC/GRY 315) visits the Big Island of Hawaii and explores sustainability issues and opportunities related to ecotourism and how they work within cultural, environmental, and economic frameworks. Get hands-on experience volunteering with local Hawaiian non-profits. These include hands-on experiences with agricultural and forest reserves, volunteer projects with the Hawaui Wildlife Fund, hikes in the Waipi'o Valley, observing sea turtles at Punalu'u Black Sand Beach, and a journey up the Wailuku River to see culturally significant waterfalls and lava tubes.



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Virtual via Webex [tinyurl.com/2p8zs5bm](https://tinyurl.com/2p8zs5bm)

## International Study Abroad Day

**February 28, 2022**

**International Study Abroad Day is approaching, but how do you celebrate?  
Here are a list of ideas to spread the joy!**

- ▷ Share your favorite study abroad photos on social media with the hashtag *#studyabroadday*
- ▷ Follow @studyabroadday to join the conversation
- ▷ Get involved in International Programs Events
- ▷ Make and hand out buttons, flyers, etc. to share information about study abroad

For more information visit [www.studyabroadday.org/celebrate](http://www.studyabroadday.org/celebrate)

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# Study Abroad Fair

**February 16, 2022 - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Corey Union Lower Lobby**

Do you want to study abroad during your time at Cortland but don't know where to start? The perfect opportunity awaits you at the Study Abroad Fair, which will be held on Wednesday, February 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Corey Union Lower Lobby (across from Union Station). Studying abroad is one of the top goals of many students when they come to SUNY Cortland, but the pandemic has put a damper on these dreams. For the first time since Spring 2020, SUNY Cortland students have returned to study abroad programs this semester, and many more students are expected to follow.



The students abroad now in Cairo, Egypt, Salamanca, Spain, and Florence, Italy are showing that it is possible to study abroad safely during the pandemic. Following local and nationally protocols, students are able to enjoy the cross-cultural experiences and once in a lifetime chance that studying abroad allows. Students who come to the Study Abroad Fair can expect to find country-specific tables staffed by SUNY Cortland international students, including those from France, Germany, Ireland, and China. As visiting students to SUNY Cortland, these students are eager to share what it's like to study in their home countries and how it compares to classes and life here in Cortland. In addition, a returned study abroad student who studied in the U.K. during Spring 2020 will be on hand to talk about her experience and how the study abroad application process works.

Students who attend the fair will also be able to learn about the more than a dozen SUNY Cortland study abroad programs that hope to run during summer and fall 2022, as well as even more programs that are expected to run in 2023 and beyond. There also will be tables for two of the faculty-led programs that SUNY Cortland will be running in Summer 2022: Dingle Summer Art in Ireland and Hawaii: Ecotourism. Learn about the programs from the faculty who lead them and returned students who have experiences to share.



All attendees who sign in upon entering the fair will be entered into a raffle drawing for a travel gift pack, containing lots of fun items to make your travels more enjoyable. Be sure to take a few minutes out of your day this Wednesday to see what's waiting for you when you study abroad!

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Are you interested in studying abroad but don't know where? Check out any of our programs we expect to be available for the upcoming Summer and Fall sessions! Just scan the QR code to view more information and requirements.

## Summer 2022 Programs



**Costa Rica**  
Universidad Veritas



**Egypt**  
American University  
in Cairo



**Germany**  
Fulda University



**Hawaii**  
Ecotourism



**Ireland**  
University  
College Cork



**Ireland**  
Dingle Summer  
Art



**Portugal**  
European Innovation  
Academy



**United Kingdom**  
London Metropolitan  
University



**United Kingdom**  
Medieval England

## Fall 2022 Programs



**Australia**  
Federation  
University



**Australia**  
Griffith  
University



**Costa Rica**  
Universidad  
Veritas



**Egypt**  
American  
University in Cairo



**France**  
University of La  
Rochelle



**Germany**  
Fulda University



**Ireland**  
University  
College Cork



**Spain**  
University of  
Salamanca



**United Kingdom**  
Anglia Ruskin  
University



**United Kingdom**  
London Metropolitan  
University

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# Students Enjoying Life Abroad!



**Egypt**



**Spain**

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# Travel and Visa Updates

## Amended U.S. Travel Policy Requiring Negative COVID Test

As of December 6, 2021, all air passengers two years and older entering the U.S. from another country are required to show a negative COVID-19 viral test taken no more than one day before travel, or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days. Exemptions are considered on an extremely limited basis. Details can be found on the U.S. Department of State's website.



## A Change to U.S. Border Travel for Non-U.S. Citizens

Effective January 22, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced the end of the prior "essential travel" restrictions on entry by non-U.S. citizens through a land or ferry port of entry at the Canadian and Mexican borders, replacing those restrictions with a COVID vaccine requirement in line with the one that already governs entry through airports.



## Optional Practical Training (OPT) Updates for International Students

On January 21, the Biden administration announced policy changes affecting international students. Among these, effective immediately the U.S. Department for Homeland Security will add 22 new fields of study to the list of majors that qualify for STEM OPT, which permits international graduates from U.S. universities to spend up to three years post-graduation training with U.S. employers. There will also be a new initiative to connect these students with U.S. businesses.

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Contact us to schedule an appointment with an advisor or to learn more. We look forward to hearing from you!


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**Monday - Friday**


8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.


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