

# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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# PAST EVENTS

## Study Abroad Fair

September 15, 2021

The Study Abroad Fair put on by the International Programs Office was held in the lower level of Corey Union to attract the students passing by to grab lunch with friends, or study in the lobby area. Over five countries with various programs had respective tables to share information about studying abroad, stationed by international students. For students looking to study abroad during their four years at Cortland, the excitement was obvious to hear about a country they can visit from a local. In addition, this fair is a great opportunity to further the bond between the Cortland students from the US or abroad.

## Niagara Falls Trip

September 18, 2021

The annual Niagara Falls trip was organized by the International Programs Office as a way to showcase this incredible natural wonder to Cortland students. 21 U.S. students along with 27 International students left campus early Saturday morning and arrived in Niagara Falls late morning to spend the majority of the day with the sights. After arriving, students got ready to go on the Maid of the Mist; a boat ride that travels through the falls. All of the students in their blue plastic ponchos boarded the boat and experienced the Maid of the Mist boat ride. Many of these students were international students and it was their first time seeing Niagara Falls. Students had the rest of the day to explore the area, grab some lunch, and enjoy each other's company.

The day was filled with students taking pictures of the falls and the beautiful scenery, trying different places to eat, and buying plenty of souvenirs. By late afternoon, students got on the bus to head back to Cortland. During the ride back, students watched movies on the bus, slept, and talked to one another.

After the trip to Niagara Falls, a survey was sent out to students to get their feedback on the trip. Students were enthusiastic and responded positively. This experience allowed the international students to explore New York more and to see New York's oldest state park.

This event was sponsored in part with the CAS grant.







# IMPORTANT UPDATES

## Travel and Visa Updates

New policy changes are being introduced to ease the visa application process and travel restrictions for international students and other visitors to the United States:

The plan is to lift geographic travel ban restrictions this November for individuals who establish that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and have tested negative for COVID-19 within the 3 days preceding their flight to the United States. The current restrictions, which apply to travelers who have been present in at least one of 33 countries, have been a source of recent tension between some countries and the United States. Visit [NAFSA's website](#) for the latest updates.

Last week, the U.S. State Department announced that through the end of 2021, consular officers are authorized to waive the in-person visa interviews requirement for "F, M, and academic J visa applicants who were previously issued any type of visa," as well as "first-time F, M, and academic J visa applicants who are citizens or nationals of a country that participates in the Visa Waiver Program." [Read the announcement](#) and visit [NAFSA's website](#) for additional details.

## International Programs Blog

The International Programs Blog is back up and running! After remaining dormant for some time, Marketing and Communication Student Assistant, Lucy Harwood, Senior Professional Writing Major, has restarted the blog with an interview with student James Hatcliffe about his time in Cork, Ireland.

Read more at the [International Programs Blog](#).







## STAFF TRANSITIONS



We would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie Ficarra, who has moved on from her role as associate director for study abroad to take a professorship of the practice position in Cornell University's Department of Global Development, for her four years of dedicated service to the College and our students. While in the International Programs Offices, Julie contributed in many exemplary ways to the operations and mission of the office and the internationalization of our campus, through her advisement to study abroad students, design and management of programs, and cultivating of international partnerships. She collaborated closely with faculty study abroad course leaders and partners on developing study abroad courses in ways that enhance student learning, support student wellbeing, and facilitate logistical planning. We wish Julie all the best as she takes on her new role at Cornell.



We are delighted to introduce our five new student staff members! Kayla Sewer (Psychology and Social Philosophy), Lucy Harwood (Professional Writing), and Shannon Delaney (Graphic Design & Digital Media and Communication Studies) form our new student Marketing and Communications team. Virginia Alvisi (Graphic Design & Digital Media) will work on Events and Programming, and James Hatcliffe (Adolescent Education-Social Studies and History) will promote study abroad as a Peer Advisor. These talented students will focus on promoting student abroad and global learning through newsletters, blogs, social media, classroom presentations, and special events. Welcome to our team, Kayla, Lucy, Shannon, Virginia, and James!





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Apple Picking

October 9, 2021

Please join the International Programs Office for an apple picking trip at Beak and Skiff Orchards! Come experience this upstate New York fall tradition!

Departing campus at 10a.m. and returning around 3p.m.

## Pumpkin Carving

October 23, 2021

International Programs is supplying students with all the materials, most importantly pumpkins, to celebrate Halloween with pumpkin carving!

This event will take place on campus with a \$7 fee for participation, more information to come.

## International Candy Handout

October 29, 2021

Be on the lookout for International Programs Office staff members on Friday October 29 as they wander campus handing out candy from around the world and study abroad information!

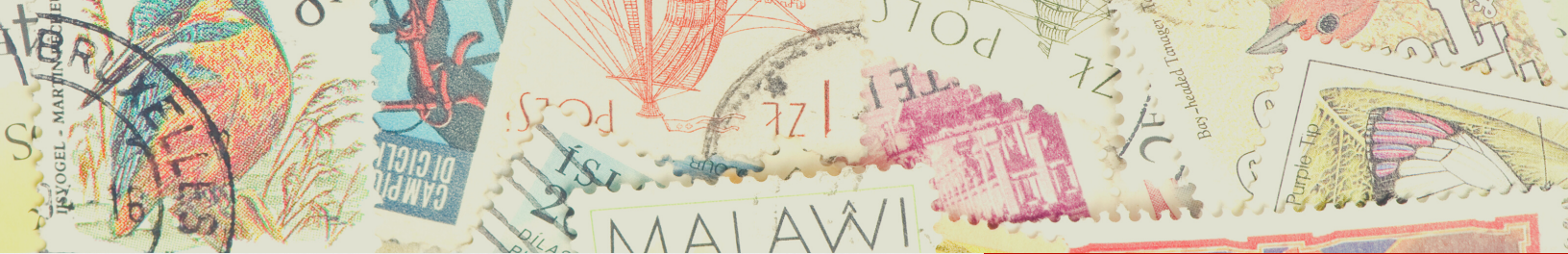


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# UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

## Scholarships, Financial Aid, and Study Abroad

September 28, 2021 - 4 p.m.

Have you ever wondered what scholarships are out there to help you study abroad? Do you want to study abroad, but can only do so if you can use your financial aid? Learn about these topics at our upcoming online information session on Tuesday, September 28 at 4 p.m. The session will be hosted by Hugh Anderson, Senior Study Abroad Advisor of the International Programs Office. Hugh will review SUNY Cortland study abroad scholarships, as well as national scholarships like the Gilman Scholarship, which is for Pell Grant recipients. How and when financial aid can be used will also be covered. Bring your questions, and be ready to learn how studying abroad doesn't have to break the bank. Access by going to the [Webex Link](#).

## Medieval England Information Session

October 13, 2021 - 4 p.m.

Experience the medieval period first-hand by visiting Manchester, York, Cambridge, London, and Canterbury this summer! Participants will earn three credits and tour sites such as the walled medieval city of York, the Tower of London, Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Westminster Abbey, Dover Castle, and the city of Canterbury.

If this interests you, come to this information session held October 13, 2021 at 4p.m. in the Colloquium, Old Main 220.

Learn more about this short-term, faculty-led program where you can earn 3 credits of ENG 436 or HIS 436.

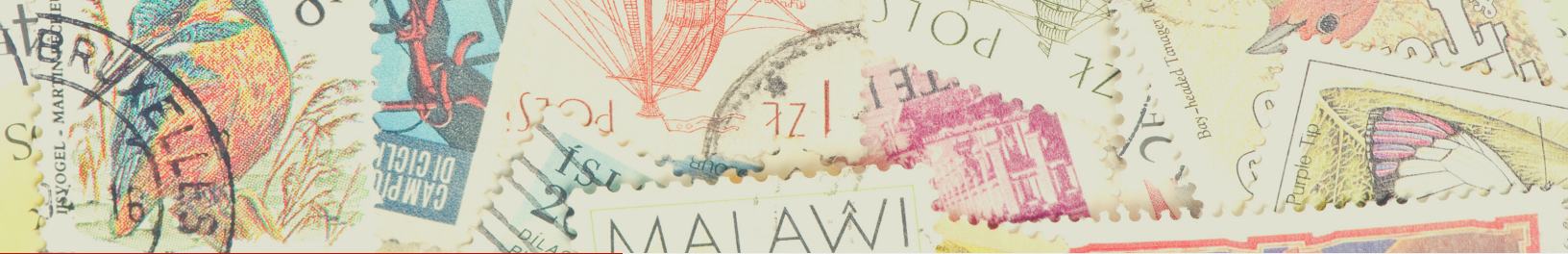


## MEDIEVAL ENGLAND: THERE AND BACK AGAIN

Information Session  
Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 4 p.m.  
Old Main, Room 220, the Colloquium

Learn more about this short-term,  
faculty-led program where you can earn  
3 credits of ENG 436 or HIS 436.





# STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2022 (TENTATIVE)

**\* EXTENDED DEADLINE: OCT. 15 \***

SUNY has submitted to New York State a proposed reopening plan that will include the petitioning to SUNY Office of Global Affairs to reopen certain Spring 2022 study abroad programs in locations deemed lower risk. If New York State approves this reopening plan, SUNY Cortland International Programs will petition to reopen study abroad programs in a select number of countries, based on assessment of risk and aligning with specific country travel and entry policies.

**Costa Rica: Universidad Veritas**  
San Jose

**Egypt: American University at Cairo**  
New Cairo

**France: University of La Rochelle**  
La Rochelle

**Germany: German Sport University**  
Cologne

**Germany: Fulda University**  
Fulda

**Ireland: University College Cork**  
Cork

**Spain: University of Salamanca**  
Salamanca

**United Kingdom: Anglia Ruskin University**  
Cambridge

**United Kingdom: London Metropolitan University**  
London





# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: UNIVERSITY OF LA ROCHELLE

Have you ever dreamed about visiting France? The city of La Rochelle is a popular seaside resort city situated about 300 miles southwest of Paris on the Atlantic coast. It lies about three hours from Paris via France's famous rapid transit train, the TGV. La Rochelle features unique, old cobbled streets, two stone towers guarding the entrance to the old harbor, and a very modern university to contrast it all. The regional climate is mild and conducive to wine production. The city is home to a population of approximately 75,000 and is both a commercial and cultural hive of activity. Since the university's opening on January 20, 1993, there has been a steady increase in enrollment. It offers both undergraduate and graduate courses and is organized into four faculties: Law, Liberal Arts, Science, and the University Institute of Technology.

SUNY Cortland's exchange program with the University of La Rochelle seeks to provide you with an opportunity to advance your proficiency in French and to pursue your specialized fields of academic interest in an atmosphere that is especially conducive to cultural as well as intellectual enrichment. High-quality instruction by faculty members at the University of La Rochelle is combined with immersion in French language and culture as you gain new perspectives on French culture. Experience France while continuing your studies abroad!

To learn more about the city of La Rochelle, you can view [Voyage virtuel: La Rochelle et sa région](#), a website created by Marie Ponterio, a native of La Rochelle and a professor of French at SUNY Cortland, who was instrumental in the creation of this exchange program with the University of La Rochelle.



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

## OFFICE HOURS

EMAIL US TO SCHEDULE AN  
ADVISING APPOINTMENT

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**

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

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