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RED DRAGONS GO TO ITALY

We're excited to announce Cortland's first Italy program! Dr. Dani Candelora of the History Department will be leading a faculty-led Egyptology program during the Summer 2024 term in conjunction with her colleague at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada. Each university will bring 8-10 students to Turin, Italy, to work in the largest Egyptian culture museum outside of Cairo. Students will learn how to handle artifacts and experience all the different work that goes on in a museum. They'll also have the opportunity to explore other museums, universities, and conservation sights, including the National Conservation Labs of Italy.



While Italy might seem like a strange location to study Egyptology, Dr. Candelora is ready to defend the choice. She described her experiences with the program during her time as a grad student at UCLA, and since then has been running the program for 5 years. She always wanted to bring it to Cortland, and established the program in coordination with the Museo Egizio and the International Programs Office. She hopes more students will have a chance to study Egyptology through an Italy program and with give them an opportunity to explore another side of history and archaeology.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Name: Samuel Patton
Program: India Health
Equity Action Research
Session: Summer

I wanted to study abroad because of the locations we would be visiting, the opportunity to learn about and immerse myself in a new culture, and the opportunity to see how health and medicine works in this new cultural context. I was especially excited to go to Yenepoya Medical University, which is one of the top Muslim medical schools in the world. Another reason is that I have never spent an extended period of time in a foreign country, so almost everything during my month in India was a new and exciting experience!

The most important piece of advice is to keep an open mind! It will be beneficial for you to pay attention and learn as many cultural nuances as you can. Hear out what people say and watch what they do, even if it is radically different from your ways, so that you can use your understanding of their culture to build a deeper connection with the people you work with.

I have gained many skills from my time abroad, the main one being an improved ability to relate to people, regardless of culture or background, and make new international friends. We spent much of our time in Kodaikanal engaging with the community, and by the end of the trip I almost felt at home overseas!



My favorite thing about my host country was the friendly people and the generally laid-back culture. One man told me "Fifteen minutes in India could really be three hours," and although I never experienced an example that dramatic, it was nice to not worry as much about timeliness. The food was also amazing, and we couldn't get enough of the tea either!

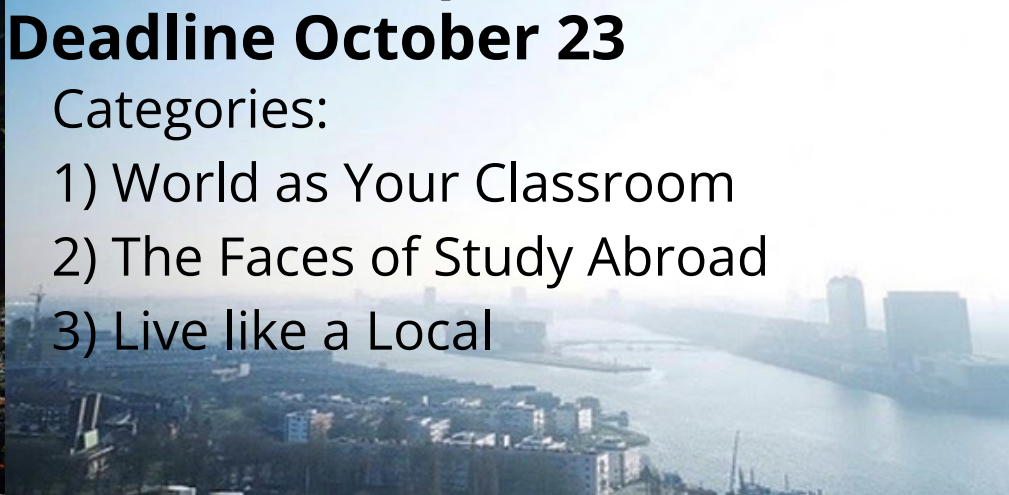


PHOTO CONTEST

Submissions Open: Click to submit
Deadline October 23

Categories:

- 1) World as Your Classroom
- 2) The Faces of Study Abroad
- 3) Live like a Local



**Interested in serving on the
voting committee? Contact
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DIVERSITY RESOURCES LGBTQ+ STUDENTS

This semester, our newsletters will highlight diversity resources the International Programs Office has compiled for marginalized students studying abroad. For more information, reach out to us at studyabroad@cortland.edu

While selecting a study abroad program, it is important to consider how a host country's views on gender identity, sexual orientation, and gender expression might influence your experience, your cultural adjustment, how you chose to express your identity, and in some cases, your wellness and safety. To understand potential differences, we recommend that you research laws and customs related to LGBTQ+ communities in your destination country/city. Also, be aware that, just like in the United States, there may be cities or parts of a particular country that may be more accepting than others. By learning as much as possible about the local host community's context related to LGBTQ+ communities, you can narrow down your study abroad options to ones that will meet your needs, interests, and desired comfort level. Here are some questions to consider, along with resources to aid in your research.

- To what extent do the host country's laws, religious or cultural values, norms, or traditions support or inhibit LGBTQ+ rights or expression?
- Are there safety considerations to be aware of?
- If you are transgender, do you need to obtain a new passport with your updated gender?
- What are the cultural norms for dating and friendship?
- Is there a visible LGBTQ+ community in the host country/city? How might that community be different from that in your own community?
- Does your study abroad program offer LGBTQ+-friendly housing? If there is a homestay situation, will the host family be accepting of your identity?
- What LGBTQ+ resources are available to you in the host country?

Resources

US Dept. of State
Gender Designation
Info

Gay Travel Index

LGBTQI+
Travelers

7 Tips for Picking the
Best LGBTQIA+ Friendly
Study Abroad Program



Stop by our **LGBTQI+ Resources Presentation on October 11th, 4-5 PM in the Corey Union Fireplace Lounge**



WINTER/SPRING PROGRAMS

****Application Due Date: October 1****

Winter 2024

BELIZE: CENTER FOR ENGAGED LEARNING
ABROAD (CELA)

BELIZE: INTERNSHIPS

EGYPT: AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO

GERMANY: FULDA UNIVERSITY

HAWAII: ECOTOURISM

MEXICO: THE SPANISH LANGUAGE INSTITUTE

Spring 2024

AUSTRALIA: FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

AUSTRALIA: GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY

BELIZE: INTERNSHIPS

COSTA RICA: UNIVERSIDAD VERITAS

EGYPT: AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO

ENGLAND: ANGLIA RUSKIN UNIVERSITY

ENGLAND: LONDON METROPOLITAN
UNIVERSITY

GERMANY: FULDA UNIVERSITY

GERMANY: GERMAN SPORT UNIVERSITY

INDIA: ST. ALOYSIUS COLLEGE

IRELAND: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK
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ROMANIA: BABES-BOLYAI UNIVERSITY

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

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EMAIL US TO SCHEDULE AN
ADVISING APPOINTMENT

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

Old Main, Room 219

**Have general questions? Talk
to our grad assistant!**

Walk in Advising:

Tuesday 9:30-4

Wednesday 9:30-3

Thursday 9-4

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