



CIE NEWS

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International Club Spotlights

Muslim Student Association (MSA)

The Muslim Student Association aims to increase awareness and dispel misconceptions about Islam. It provides a common forum for interaction between Muslim and non-Muslim students at Rider University to increase cultural awareness and create a harmonious community. The newly formed group intends to expand its visibility within the Rider community in the upcoming semesters, through collaborative events, guest speaker lectures and interfaith discussions.

For more information, please contact Muhammad Yousaf Sarwar at sarwarm@rider.edu.

Rider International Student Association (RISA)

The Rider International Student Association is a student-run organization consisting of international and U.S. students who have an interest in interacting with students from other cultures. Members of RISA organize social and cultural functions, sports and other activities. All Rider students are welcome to join RISA.

For more information about RISA, please contact Amardeep Mundi at mundia@rider.edu.



RISA's Spanish/Latin American Theme Night

International Student Highlight: Jad Nasrini – Syria



I am a senior international student here at Rider from Syria. I am a double major in behavioral neuroscience and psychology. I will be graduating in just a few weeks, and I can hardly believe that my time with the amazing students, faculty, and staff here at Rider is almost over. I have made so many friends, and

met so many incredible people who have changed my life and helped shape the person that I am today. Even as the political situation in my home country deteriorated, I have always found a safe and caring home here at Rider. Rider has also given me the academic and professional tools I needed to begin building my career in the sciences. As for my corner of the world, and despite the current unrest in certain parts of the Middle East, I invite you to consider visiting the region for the incredible richness of its history. Immersing yourself in the richness of another people's culture will broaden your own horizons and teach you to see your own world from an entirely new perspective. An experience like that is one that you will never forget and one that will leave a mark in your life forever, just as Rider has left its mark in mine.

Be an International Student Mentor!

The CIE is looking for students with a 2.5 GPA and good disciplinary standing to help students from abroad become acclimated to American society and to Rider University. You will make friends for a lifetime, and maybe even learn another language. Please note, students are required to attend international student orientation from: **Saturday, Aug. 30 to Sunday, Aug. 31**. Early move in is available and encouraged. More details to follow.

For more information on how to apply, contact Taffy Le at letaf@rider.edu.

International Student Events

May 2 Ice Cream & Sports Social
3:30 to 5 p.m., Outside of Gee Hall



Service Learning 2015 in Morocco



Students will work with a local at-risk youth organization or center for disabilities in the Meknès area in order to create a positive and lasting impact in the community. Participants will assist in teaching English and other general education courses, accompany the children during their day-to-day activities, facilitate recreational activities, assist with the maintenance and beautification of the center, and care for the children when necessary.

Cultural activities and excursions include a Meknès city tour, a traditional Moroccan cooking class, shopping and dinner excursion to city of Fes and a 3 day/2 night camel trek in the desert.

To learn more, please attend the information session on April 30 from 4 to 5 p.m. in Sweigart 115.

Study Abroad Events

May 7 Pre-Departure Orientation #3
3 to 5 p.m., Sweigart 115

Important Application Update!

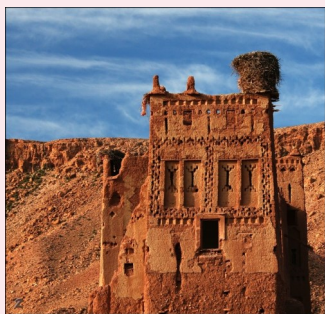
Beginning the 2014-2015 academic year, application deadlines for study abroad will be as follows:

- Spring 2015 Study Abroad: Deadline September 15
- Summer 2015 Study Abroad: Deadline February 15
- Fall 2015 Study Abroad: Deadline March 15

Semester Abroad in Morocco

Students can study at Moulay Ismail University in Meknès, Morocco. All students are required to enroll in Arabic or French classes if they have taken less than one semester of either language. In addition to language studies, students enroll in content courses delivered in English. These courses span across disciplines such as history, culture, business, architecture, arts, religion, politics, gender studies and more. Studying abroad in Morocco is a chance of a lifetime to embrace a colorful culture.

Country Highlight – Morocco



Students interested in studying abroad will find there is plenty to do and see in Morocco.

The diverse country reflects a unique blend of Arabic, African and Mediterranean influences. Students will hear a wide variety of languages and dialects spoken in the streets, including French and Moroccan Arabic. Additionally, students will recognize different cultural influences through dance and cuisine.

Morocco is a good starting place to explore other countries in Africa or nearby Europe. Students can ride camels through the desert, hike the Atlas Mountains or visit the marketplaces of the country's historic cities.

Top 10 Reasons to Study Abroad in Morocco

1. Meet people of a variety of ethnic backgrounds
2. Experience the Islamic lifestyle
3. Visit the medieval city of Fes
4. Ride a camel
5. Hike in the Atlas Mountains
6. Explore the historic city of Marrakech
7. Learn Arabic
8. Shop at the various marketplaces
9. Explore the Sahara Desert
10. Visit Morocco's largest city and economic hub, Casablanca

