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Director's Message

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Wouldn't you like to be the first Rider student to study abroad in Morocco? Well, don't miss your chance! The deadline is April 1.

The CIE is sponsoring two more events this week before the Fall Study Abroad application deadline. Join us at our information table in the SRC on March 20 and on March 21 at our **You CAN Afford to Study Abroad** information session.

This issue of our newsletter highlights the beautiful country of Morocco. It is just one of many countries where Rider has programs. Should you decide you want to go abroad please visit us in BLC 124 or email us at cie@rider.edu to set up an appointment for advisement. Or click [here](#) to start your application and find the program of your dreams!

We look forward to sending **YOU** abroad!

Community Corner

News From Gee Hall

Rider International Student Association (RISA) Activities

- ◆ Spring trip to the Baltimore Aquarium at Inner Harbor April 14, 2012
- ◆ International Theme Nights are held bi-weekly in the Gee Hall Lounge at 10 p.m. Join us for our next event on March 28, 2012.

International Community Upcoming Events

Mar. 21	Immigration Session with Matthew Hirsch	4 to 5 p.m.	Sweigart 115
Mar. 30	Mentor Reunion Ice Cream Social	3:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Gee Hall Lounge

Country Highlight—Morocco



Located in Northern Africa, Morocco is home to Moulay Ismail University, which hosts about 23,000 students and 500 international students. Students can take their French language requirements as well as classes on Moroccan culture and history, and Islamic society.

There is plenty to do in Morocco! Eat a kebab alongside snake charmers in the historic Medina of Marrakech and stroll the blue streets of Chefchaouen. Another tourist favorite is to spend the night riding camels in the Sahara desert. Other popular activities include surfing, trekking and steam-bathing. Students can also take advantage of weekend trips to Europe, as Spain is a neighboring country.

Contact the CIE for more information about studying abroad in Morocco!

Top 10 Reasons to Visit Morocco

1. Moroccan cuisine
2. Cultural diversity
3. Trekking
4. Beaches
5. Shopping
6. Steam baths
7. Deserts
8. Ancient history
9. Festivals
10. Historic locations featured in *The Bourne Ultimatum*, *Inception*, *Sex and the City 2*, *Gladiator*, and other popular films.



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Student Highlight - Graz, Austria



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Mountains, mountains, everywhere! When people picture Austria, one of the first images that comes to mind is the lush scenery in *The Sound of Music*: bright blue skies, green grass and mountains as far as the eye can see. Now that I am actually here, I have to say, that is a pretty accurate description. It is no wonder then that those who live here love the outdoors.

On the train, one sees families with young children geared up to go skiing or dressed for a long hike. In the city of Graz, there is a special lane reserved for bicyclists, which get a lot of use from every age group. Even in my first weeks here, when the temperature was regularly -5 or -10 degrees Celsius, people would be out and about. I have learned from taking a tour of

the city that the 444 kilometer river Mur (which runs under the bridge right near my dormitory) is a popular spot for river surfers in the summer. I love being in a city with so much life and energy.

Another aspect of Graz that I love is the diversity. It is quite the international student city. In my dorm alone, it is like a mini-United Nations; we are six girls sharing a flat, each from a different country: China, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Spain and the United States. I have met other students from Mexico, Canada, Malaysia, Japan, Australia, Romania, Italy, Poland and much more. Although it seems amazing, it is logical that Austria has so many visitors because it borders seven countries.

I look forward to discovering more of what Austria and Europe have to offer in the remaining three months of my semester abroad.

Are YOU Ready to Go Abroad?

[Visit our Study Abroad Website!](#)

Study Abroad — Upcoming Events

March 20	Study Abroad Information Table SRC 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 1	Fall Application Deadline
April 24	Study Abroad Ambassador Luncheon SRC Seminar Room 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

You **CAN** Afford to Study Abroad



Information Session
March 21, 2012
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Daly Dining Hall

Outbound Fall 2012 Student Pre-departure Orientations

Date	Event	Location	Time
April 3	Exchange Program Orientation	North Hall 204	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 5	API and Alliance Orientation	MCC	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 6	USC and Global Links Orientation	MCC	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 10	CAPA Orientation	North Hall 204	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 12	Edge Hill Orientation	MCC	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
April 13	ISA and Interstudy Orientation	MCC	3 to 4 p.m.
April 27	Final Orientation	Fireside Lounge	3 to 5 p.m.

