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International Student Mentor

Suzanne Miller

Being an International Mentor truly enriched my experience at Rider. My mentee, Marine, is a student from France who will graduate from Rider University in the spring. We have learned so much about each other's languages and cultures. As a French minor, it was opportune for me to be able to meet Marine and speak and converse with her in her native language. My family and I have welcomed Marine into our home and have enjoyed showing her various cities and attractions in the area, as she has introduced me to some of her favorite French musicians, whom I have learned to love, as well as amazing French recipes! I chose to be an International mentor because of my passion for other cultures and languages. There is a large percentage of international students on campus, and I want them to feel welcomed and a part of the Rider community. As most students on campus, they want to make the most of their time at Rider. I am very appreciative to have been given this opportunity and have met someone that I will continue to have a great friendship with for years to come.



Suzanne, middle right, with Marine, middle left, and other Rider students.

Sanda Cohort 11

Shanghai, China to Rider University

Rider University and Sanda University, located in Shanghai, China, have had a partnership for the past eleven years in which every Spring semester a cohort from Sanda is sent to Rider to study for two years. Cohort 11 has been at Rider for almost one year. Most of them will be staying for another year to attend graduate school at Rider. Zongjie "Taylor" Guan and Hanyu "Celina" Liu are very eager about attending graduate school next Fall. Both Guan and Liu say that they prefer the American style of education in comparison to China's, noticing that their studying methods have changed drastically since their arrival, and have felt more independent in their studies since being at Rider.



Sanda students enjoy their first visit to Philadelphia.

As Cohort 11 is at Rider as a form of studying abroad, they have been exploring various cities and experiencing new cultures. Minxiang "Jack" Cao finds that interacting with Americans and other internationals has been very educating and enlightening, teaching him that although the world is filled with diversity, it is still possible to find similarities and connect with others. Leping "Nile" Huang learned English through the English Learning Institute (ELI) last semester and has improved his English in ways that he never imagined possible. Huang has found his exposure and interaction with native-English speakers to help his language proficiency tremendously. These global encounters have broadened their views of the world and people. Although they may have problems with the English language, many of the students reach out to English speakers to learn about the language and culture. For them, learning at an American college is an opportunity to not only make connections and learn from each other, but to also broaden their horizons.

Study Abroad

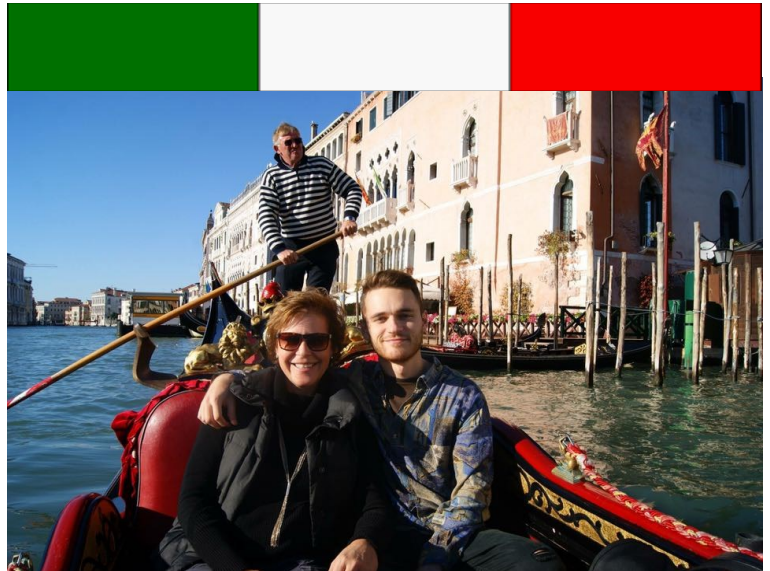
Joey Kozlowske

Study Abroad Program: John Cabot University, API

Location: Rome, Italy

Study Abroad Semester: Fall 2015

Major: Marketing



Joey with his Mom in Venice while she visits him during study abroad.

I chose to study at John Cabot University (JCU) in Rome because of my mother who studied here for a year in college and still talks about it. While here, I am studying *World Politics*, *Principles of Marketing*, *Italian II*, and an on-site course called *Ancient Rome and It's Monuments*. The classes are taught in English, which is very helpful. The student body is a mix of international students, so I've enjoyed learning and interacting with all types of people every day. I live in a small neighborhood named Trastevere. As small as Trastevere is, it has so much to offer. I never thought I would have such difficulty deciding what to eat for lunch or where to buy a cappuccino! Being in Rome also allows me the opportunity to travel all over Europe. I have found it fascinating to explore new cities and diverse cultures. Studying abroad has been an amazing experience that has truly opened my eyes to the world. I look forward to continuing my passion for travel and experiencing different cultures.

Matt Litwin

Study Abroad Program: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, ISA

Location: Barcelona, Spain

Study Abroad Semester: Fall 2015

Major: Finance



Matt enjoying his first FC Barça futbol game.

I am currently senior studying Finance at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. By studying in Barcelona, Spain, I knew that I would gain a more intercultural experience by living in a completely diverse environment than what I was used to, as well as interact with a network of people from around the world. It was also my dream to see Lionel Messi and the rest of the team play for the futbol (soccer) team FC Barça.

I can undoubtedly say that studying abroad is one of the best decisions I have ever made. I love this vibrant city as well as the local culture and people. By meeting so many new people, being introduced to so many cultures, and visiting so many beautiful places, this experience has changed my view of the world. I am now considering a career abroad and possibly moving to Europe after graduation. However, whether I move back to Europe or just visit, I know I will definitely return in the very near future!

Study Abroad Ambassador

Issa Mancebo

Study Abroad Program: East China Normal University, ISA

Location: Shanghai, China

Study Abroad Semester: Spring 2015

Double Major: International Business, Management and Leadership

Minor: Chinese



Photo taken by Issa in China.

As a junior majoring in International Business and Management and Leadership and minoring in Chinese, studying abroad in China was the perfect decision. I studied during the spring semester of 2015 at East China Normal University (ECNU) located in the heart of Shanghai. While abroad, I studied three business courses: *International Trade*, *Chinese Marketing Strategy*, and *International Finance*, and one Chinese language course, *Beginning to Chinese Language*. I knew that learning the language and culture first hand in China would be an advantage to my language progress and skills, but having the opportunity to register for classes that pertained to my major and minor made my decision to study abroad even easier. I knew that studying abroad would be an immense contribution to my resume and experience. While in China, I had the opportunity to travel throughout the coast, visiting Běijīng, Huángshān (Yellow Mountain), Sūzhōu, Nánjīng, and Hángzhōu.

I knew I had to share my astounding experience after returning, and therefore decided to become a Study Abroad Ambassador for the Center for International Education. I have the opportunity to share with other students my experience as well as the benefits of studying abroad. I encourage others through freshman seminars, class presentations, and open houses, discussing various study abroad options. Presenting in front of a class or speaking with prospective applicants has also enhanced my public speaking and leadership skills. In addition, I currently have the pleasure to assist and work side-by-side with the team that made my study abroad program possible. Thank you, CIE for this opportunity!



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