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CIE NEWS



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School of Education

International Program to Dublin, Ireland



Education majors will visit four schools in Dublin, Ireland, as well as learn about the International Special Education system through lectures taught by Dr. Giannola and Dr. Kamens. Students will earn three credits towards their education major.

Students will stay in Dublin, Ireland while studying the Irish education system and exploring the city and its sights. Students will also visit the Irish countryside and enjoy a two night stay in London, England.

When: Sunday, May 15—Saturday, May 28

Cost: \$3,600 + \$75 application fee. Price includes: international airfare, hotel, iNext insurance (international insurance), cultural excursions, and some meals.

Application Deadline: October 30, 2015

Professors: Dr. Michele Kamens, Mkamens@rider.edu
Dr. Diane Casale-Giannola, Dgiannola@rider.edu

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 12 Edge Hill Info Session
 BLC 14
 12 p.m.— 1 p.m.
- Nov. 18 Student Teach Abroad
 Info Session
 MEM 314
 4 p.m.—5 p.m.

Any questions, contact the Center for International Education at cie@rider.edu.

For information on Rider's Study Abroad programs, visit Rider.studioabroad.com.

Student Teaching Abroad

The CIE and the School of Education collaborate to send student teachers to engage in student teaching placements in three schools. Students conduct their first 9 weeks of student teaching in the U.S. and then move abroad for 8 weeks at one of the approved schools abroad, located in Austria and Spain.



Austria

Bilingual International School

Students will be student teaching at the Bilingual International School in Graz, Austria. This program is for those teaching at the elementary and secondary levels and will be for a total of eight weeks in Austria, which will compliment the students local student teaching experience. Students can lead extracurricular activities with the school children and take an active role in the local community. Students will live in apartments near the school and are free to travel around the region on the weekends.

Spain

American School of Barcelona

This program is geared for those teaching at the elementary and secondary level. The program is for a total of eight weeks in Spain, which will compliment the students local student teaching experiences. Students will lead extracurricular activities with the school children and take an active role in the local community. Students will live in apartments near the school and are free to travel on the weekends.

Gredos San Diego

Gredos San Diego is a semi-private school in Alcala, Spain. Students are required to prepare and teach classes similar to the student teaching program in the United States. These placements are an opportunity to teach English as a foreign language and helps to fulfill the required ESL practicum. Students live with a Spanish family, where breakfast and dinner are provided. The University of Alcalá and the Instituto Franklin are located in the town of Alcalá de Henares where there are frequent commuter trains and buses linking Alcalá to nearby Madrid.

Student Teacher Highlight

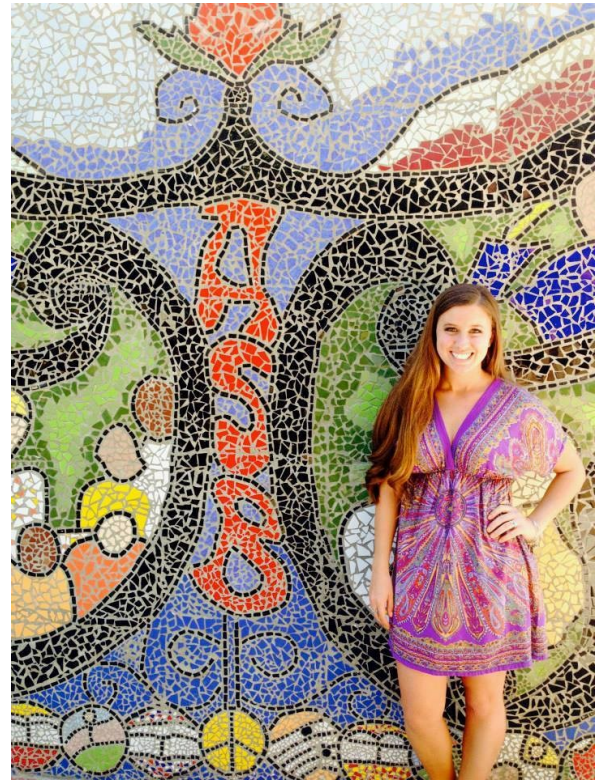
Lauren Kern

Student Teaching Program: American School of Barcelona

Study Abroad Term: March— May 2014

Double Major: Elementary Education, English

Minor: Middle School Education

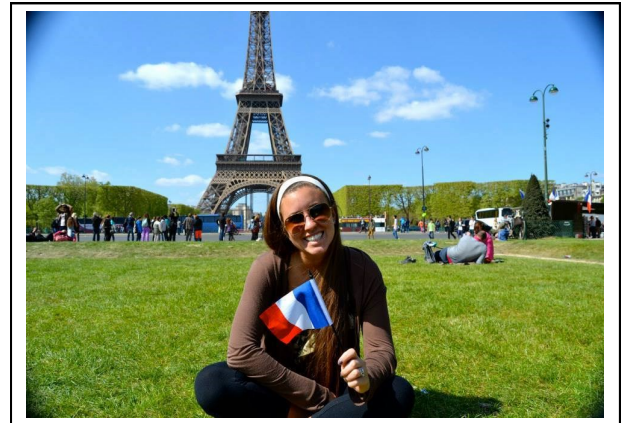


Lauren poses in front of ASB mosaic.

During my senior year at Rider, I completed my student teaching experience for my degree at the American School of Barcelona. During my time at Rider, I was a double major in elementary education and English, with a minor in middle school education. Being an education major, I thought it would be impossible to study abroad because of Rider's rigorous field placement schedule and timeline; however, Rider had this particular program available specifically to education majors. Through this unique program, I was able to have the study abroad experience while completing my degree and teaching full time. I had weekends, holidays, and spring break to visit several other countries. Our education and learning experiences were both inside, as well as outside of our classrooms. I was fortunate to be accepted into the program to teach with two of my good friends, also Rider students. The Center for International Education facilitated our housing, which consisted of a beautiful apartment in the heart of Barcelona. They also helped to coordinate a coach charter bus to take us to and from school every day. We enjoyed riding with students of ASB. The staff, faculty and students were very welcoming and helpful to the student teachers. They always included us in school events, and provided us traditional meals every day for lunch. At ASB, I student taught a sixth grade class, teaching humanities and advisory. ASB is an international school, starting as early as kindergarten and continues up until twelfth grade. It is a private, international Baccalaureate school, which holds itself to high American education standards, such as the common core. All students must also take a placement test in English as one of the components for enrollment. My students came from all over the world and spoke several languages. I did not need to know Spanish or Catalan because all lessons were taught in English. Throughout my four years at Rider, including various field placements and student teaching experiences, my time at ASB was by far my most memorable. Teaching abroad broadened my perspectives and allowed me to be more culturally aware. It also helped me to appreciate my students' differences in ethnicity and heritage. It provided me with hands-on experience to work with English language learners as well as appreciate the American education system. It gave me the capability to network and earn a job in the field of my degree. I truly believe this unique program was the perfect step for me to take to transform from a college student to a licensed and contracted teacher.



Lauren traveled during her weekends abroad, including trips to Morocco, Africa (left) and Paris, France (right).



Study Abroad

Jessica Hunter

Study Abroad Program: University of Westminster—API

Study Abroad Semester: Summer 2015

Double Major: Elementary Education, Psychology

Minor: Special Education



I am currently a junior, double majoring in elementary education and psychology, with a minor in Special education. I studied abroad this past summer in London, England at the University of Westminster. While in London, I took two classes, “Literary London” and “Photographing the city of London.” I chose this university because it was very similar to Rider, offering smaller class sizes, but on the other hand, it is very different because it was in a huge international city. Studying abroad was the best decision I could have made in my college career, or even in my life. I was able to branch out and learn about different places, different cultures and people. Not only was I able to surround myself with tons of new friends from all over the world, I was able to learn about myself by indulging in new and exciting life experiences abroad.

Since returning to Rider after studying abroad, I have had the travel bug and sought out many other opportunities so I could go back abroad. Luckily, while in one of my special education courses, my professor spoke about an intensive program offered through the special education department. It is taking place in Ireland with a short visit to England this coming May. The trip includes many tours of special education schools and lectures about the Irish education system. This trip could not be more perfect for me, as I want to become a special education teacher upon graduation. I am so lucky that Rider and the Center for International Education have offered me so many amazing opportunities that are truly life changing. Studying abroad has made such a positive impact on my life, and I cannot wait to embark on my next abroad experience in Ireland this May!