



# CIE NEWS

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A Newsletter for the Center for International Education at Rider University

## Country Highlight—Spain



Students interested in studying abroad will find that there is plenty to do and see in Spain. It is a country full of life, vibrant culture and great food.

Spain boasts impressively beautiful architecture. It is home to several art museums and is also a terrific starting point to travel to other parts of Europe. Students can enjoy colorful and unique festivals celebrating Spanish culture as well.

Rider offers programs all over Spain, including cities such as Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, Granada and more. For most programs, classes are available in both English and Spanish.

Contact the CIE for more information about studying abroad in Spain.

### Top 10 Reasons to Study in Spain

1. Colorful festivals celebrating Spanish culture
2. The food!
3. Art museums and exhibitions
4. Amazing architecture
5. Chance to learn/improve Spanish
6. Fútbol - or as we Americans call it - soccer
7. Beautiful beaches
8. Great weather
9. Music and dancing
10. Bullfights



### International Student Highlight: Sandra Penas



*Sandra Penas*

Sandra Penas is a junior business administration/international business major from Barcelona, Spain. She is also a forward for Rider's field hockey team. As a sophomore, Sandra was ranked 12th nationally in goals per game and 14th in points per game. She was also named to the NEC All-Tournament team as the Broncs won the 2011 NEC championship over Monmouth. Being an international student, Sandra counts on her teammates to be her family away from home.

"About the field hockey team, I love being a part of it," she said. "We are a really close team and since I am away from home they are like my 'American family.' I also love having the opportunity to travel and to play other teams. When I first came here I didn't know what to expect, but now as I look back I have no doubt that Rider was a good choice. I love how it is a small school, how professors are willing to help you anytime and you are not just a number."

### International Community Upcoming Events

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| Oct. 19 | Chinese Theme Lunch<br>Noon                             |
| Oct. 24 | RISA Italian Night<br>10 p.m., Gee Hall Lounge          |
| Oct. 26 | NYC Statue of Liberty Trip<br>9 a.m. departure from BLC |
| Nov. 16 | Mentor Reunion<br>3:30 p.m., Gee Hall Lounge            |

#### News Flash!

The deadline for the Global Encounters: China— From Mao to Now trip has been extended to **Oct. 15!**

Apply now at <http://rider.studioabroad.com>



## Student Highlight - Ashley Levins

Living in Spain for four months, I really learned a lot about myself. I was in an environment that put me outside of my comfort zone, especially since all of my classes were in Spanish. Yes, they were challenging, but they really helped me learn the language, the culture, and the identity that everyone shared in Europe.

This experience also taught me a lot about others. I had a roommate from Japan, another from Texas, and also one from China. I became more aware of the world than I had ever been before. I also learned that family and friends can stay with you whether you're downstairs or in a different time zone. I especially remember learning that one Skype conversation with a loved one can change your day completely, and one postcard can brighten your mood like nothing else.

In addition to all the soul-searching I did, I traveled all over Europe. I went to Paris, Rome, Lisbon, and backpacked throughout Spain. I spent my Spring Break in places such as Córdoba, Granada, Seville, and Gibraltar, hopping from hostel to hostel each night. I climbed to the top of the Eiffel Tower, danced in the rain in Portugal, and held a monkey. Although I have taken Spanish classes since the fifth grade, I finally learned Spanish as I never had before—through the Spaniards' kind actions, family relationships, and hard work. I can honestly say that my four months abroad were the best of my life, and I would not change a single day. But I might have taken just one more siesta.



*Ashley Levins, president of the Photography Club, took hundreds of photos while studying abroad in Spain.*

## You Can Afford to Study Abroad



The Boren scholarships offer undergraduates the opportunity to pursue the study of foreign languages in world regions critical to the United States, but underrepresented in study abroad. Maximum scholarship awards are available in the amount of \$10,000 for one semester or \$20,000 for a full academic year. Rider's CIE office will work with you to plan your program of study and assist you with your application for the Boren scholarship. The application deadline is February 13, 2013.



Gilman scholarships are available to undergraduate students with limited financial resources who wish to study abroad. Successful applicants can receive up to \$8,000 in awards. The application deadline for the summer and fall semesters is March 1, 2013. Please stop by the CIE office for more information and for application assistance.

## Spring 2013 Outbound Student Orientations

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| Oct. 5  | Orientation #1<br>3:30 to 5 p.m., SWG 115                  |
| Oct. 19 | Orientation #2<br>3:30 to 5 p.m., SWG 115                  |
| Dec. 7  | Orientation #3 (Pizza Party)<br>3:30 to 5:30 p.m., SWG 115 |

### Did you miss our study abroad fair?

For more info on how you can go abroad, set up an appointment by email at [cie@rider.edu](mailto:cie@rider.edu) or visit our website.

<http://rider.studioabroad.com>



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