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International students take in the sights of Philadelphia.



## 2 / STUDY ABROAD

Maria Chaves and Rider alumni Kim Collan discuss their experiences studying abroad in Costa Rica and Italy.



## 3 / SERVICE LEARNING

Two upcoming Service Learning Programs are introduced: Thailand in January 2017 and Peru in May 2017.



## 4 / SHORT TERM PROGRAMS

Three upcoming short term programs are announced: Arts Abroad, Berlin Stories, and Costa Rica.

# CIE NEWS



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## International Students visit Philadelphia



**Rider welcomes new International students from all over the world!**

# Study Abroad

## Maria Chaves

**Study Abroad Program:** Universidad Veritas, ISA

**Location:** San Jose, Costa Rica

**Study Abroad Semester:** Fall 2015

**Double Major:** Environmental Science, Biology



I spent this past fall semester studying abroad in Costa Rica. After learning about field study opportunities in the rainforest, it was undeniable that I wanted to study in Cost Rica. As a double major in environmental science and biology, these hands-on experiences in the rainforest were perfect for my future career goals. My Costa Rican heritage was also an important factor in my decision to study abroad. It was an incredible experience being able to re-connect with various family members still living there, as well as being introduced to the culture and all that Costa Rica has to offer. While attending Universidad Veritas in San Jose, I lived in a homestay with a Costa Rican family and other American students. While at Veritas, I studied agroecology, which included a weekend field trip to an organic farm in the mountains, botany, intensive Spanish, and digital photography, which was my favorite class. My best advice for students wanting to study abroad in Costa Rica is to travel as often as possible (the country has so much scenery and is very affordable,) enjoy the local culture, and take advantage of the accessible student tours offered. However, above all else, live the Pura Vida lifestyle; be happy, travel, find peace and love. Studying abroad in Costa was one of the most memorable experiences of my life. I came back with a better global perspective and understanding of who I am in the world as a Costa Rican-American, and I could not be more proud.

## Kim Collan, Rider Alumna

**Study Abroad Program:** John Cabot University, API

**Location:** Rome, Italy

**Study Abroad Semester:** Fall 2012

**Graduated:** May 2013

**Double Major:** Public Relations, Dance



I knew that I wanted to study abroad during my time at Rider. However, I was juggling a hectic schedule involving work, classes, and my involvement on campus, and had almost completed my requirements for my double major in public relations and dance, so I was unsure if studying abroad would be a possibility for me. With the help of the Center for International Education on campus, I was able to study abroad at John Cabot University in Rome, Italy in the fall of my senior year, where I was able to complete all of my requirements. Studying abroad at Rider was an incredible and invaluable experience, but most importantly, shaped my path in life. My time in Rome inspired me to live abroad again. After graduating Rider in 2013, I enrolled in the Master's program at City University in London, England, one of the many cities I visited during my study abroad experience. During my time in London, I continued to pursue my passion for travelling, and explored various countries throughout Europe, as well as visited Morocco, Africa. I have since returned to the United States after obtaining my Master's degree, and have now settled in New York City where I work as a market coordinator for an online travel agency. I will always have a desire to travel the world, and can not wait to add Japan to my repertoire of over 30 countries at the end of March!



# Upcoming Academic Programs at Rider

## Arts Abroad: “The Empire Tour”

### Vienna, Prague, Budapest

January 2017

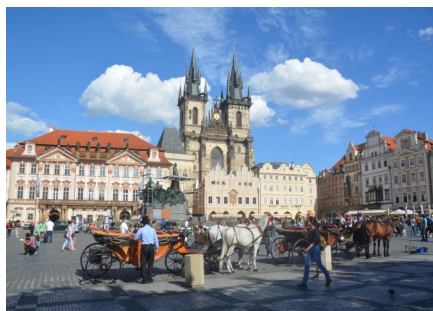
Students will spend two weeks in Europe exploring Prague, Budapest, and Vienna as they learn about the arts. Students will be able to attend performances and partake in guided tours and special excursions while abroad. Students will earn 3 credits in THE 312 or MUSC312.

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## “Berlin Stories: The Presence of the Past”

May 2017

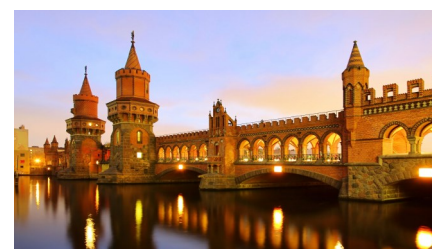
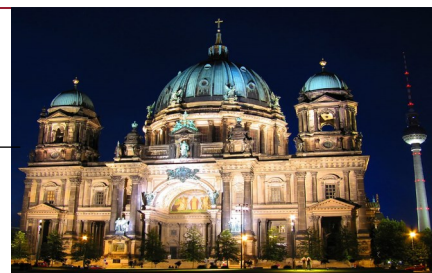
Explore the vibrant and thriving city of Berlin while learning about Germany’s historical ups and downs throughout the years. Students will earn 3 credits in IND 210 or GER 490.

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## Spanish Language and Culture in Costa Rica

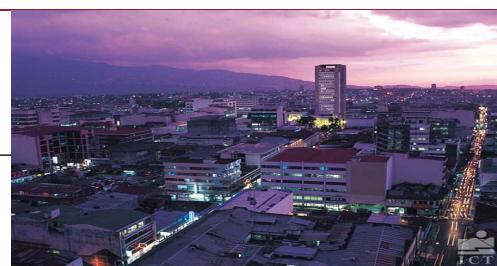
March 2017

Students have an opportunity to practice their Spanish language skills while participating in cultural activities and excursions during this program in San Jose. Students earn 3 credits in SPA 101. In order to participate, students must have completed SPA 100 or have taken the language placement test.

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# Rider Serves Around the World



## Thailand & Peru



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## Study Abroad Fall 2016 Deadline: March 15, 2016

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***\*\*As of May 1st, all application fees will increase by \$25; Semester and summer application fee will go from \$150 to \$175 and all short term programs will go from \$75 to \$100.***



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