

RISA's first theme night of the semester features Brazil



Students enjoy RISA's Brazilian Theme Night

Want to get involved internationally? The Rider International Student Association (RISA) is the club for you. RISA hosts monthly “theme night” events that reflect different cultures from around the world.

One recent event was Brazilian Theme Night on October 1 in Centennial Hall. Students enjoyed authentic Brazilian music and food. The menu included brigadeiro, a

traditional Brazilian chocolate bonbon, beans, and rice with pork. Some of Rider’s Brazilian students even played some songs on the guitar.

The Rider International Student Association is a student-run organization consisting of international and U.S. students who have an interest in interacting with students from other cultures.



All Rider students are welcome to join RISA.

RISA’s next theme night will be held on November 5 at 9:45 p.m. Location TBA. Come celebrate the French culture and enjoy some good food!

For more information about RISA, please contact Nina Kowaliwskyj at kowaliwskyjn@rider.edu.

CIE announces A NEW study abroad program in Sweden

In addition to courses in Swedish language, history, literature, and art, students can take advantage of a myriad of elective courses at one of the most prestigious universities in Europe.

Students can indulge their interests in everything from business, government, and astronomy, to chemistry, earth sciences, medicine, and informatics

and new media. All CIEE study abroad students take a Swedish language course, at least one elective course with a focus on Sweden, and two to three elective courses at Uppsala University.

Uppsala is an attractive destination for students who want to learn firsthand about Swedish history and culture.



Visit <http://rider.studioabroad.com> for more information about our Sweden program.



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International students and their mentors enjoy a day of pumpkin picking and fall fun at Shady Brook Farm.



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Samantha Judd shares her experience so far studying abroad in Budapest, Hungary.



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International student Kamila Hoskova from Czech Republic shares her experience studying at Rider thus far.



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The CIE is happy to announce a new study abroad program in Uppsala, Sweden.

CIE NEWS



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Students enjoy fun fall activities at mentor reunion



Students enjoyed a day of fun fall activities at Shady Brook Farm for the International Student Mentor program’s fall Mentor Reunion on October 3.

From pumpkin ice cream to the corn maze, our new international students were introduced to the fall season in America. Students also

enjoyed a wagon ride, moon bounce, funnel cake, pumpkin picking and a petting zoo.

The mentor program aims to provide support to new international students through a semester long peer advising program. The program introduces international students to life at Rider through orientation,

peer mentoring and social gatherings.

If you are interested in becoming an international student mentor, please contact CIE at cie@rider.edu.

Mentor application deadline: **November 15**

Study Abroad Student Highlight

Samantha Judd

Program: API — Corvinus University of Budapest
Term: Fall 2014
Location: Budapest, Hungary

I have fallen in love with Budapest. The city is beautiful and full of life. There is never a dull moment. The city is just big enough that you can always find something new to do or see, but just small enough that you feel comfortable, safe and can easily learn your way around and feel at home.

A couple of my favorite things about Budapest so far...

Since being here we have gone to the countryside in a little town 25 minutes outside of Budapest called Szentendre. It really intrigued me that within 25 minutes you can go from being in a city to the green flourishing countryside, filled with horses, pigs, sheep and many other animals.

Also, Budapest itself is beautiful. My



Samantha is studying at Corvinus University of Budapest in Hungary.

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favorite thing is walking around at night along the river and seeing Parliament, the Basilica, the castles and the rest of the city lit up.

The people here are very friendly and there has been no language barrier because everyone speaks

English and Hungarian. It has been very easy to meet people and make Hungarian friends my age. The city has been easy to navigate with the metro and trams making it accessible to travel anywhere in Budapest.

between them is quite easy.

The countries of Eastern Europe are teeming with castles and vivid landscapes for students to enjoy. From the Bran Castle in Romania (known as the home of Count Dracula) to the largest castle in the world, Prague Castle in Czech Republic, there is no shortage of sights to see. Croatia’s stunning coastlines and medieval architecture make the country an inviting destination for study abroad students.

Visit <http://rider.studioabroad.com> for more information about study abroad programs in Eastern Europe.

International Student Highlight

Kamila Hoskova, Czech Republic

I am a freshman, and I come from Czech Republic. Studying and being part of Rider University is great. I am really happy that I got the opportunity to study here. The campus is really nice and the people are kind and friendly.

Life here is completely different than I was used to. Sometimes I have a really hard time, but all of the people around me give me help. I am on the basketball team here at Rider and all my teammates and coaches help me a lot.

I feel that life here has become more comfortable and easier thanks to the help of all the people around me. I am

starting to have a great time here. Since I got here, a lot of great cultural events have taken place on campus. I have been on a few of them with my new friends and we really enjoyed them.

During the International Student Orientation, I met a lot of new people from other countries, and I made a lot of new friends. The Orientation Staff took us on a trip to the Statue of Liberty. I would say that not only for me but also for all international students it was an unforgettable experience.



Kamila enjoys her first trip to New York during International Student Orientation.

Learn Czech!

Hello (Good day)	Dobrý den
Have a nice day!	Hezký den!
Good bye	Na shledanou
Thank you	Děkuji

Upcoming Events

Nov. 25 Global gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving Dinner
Fireside Lounge, 5 to 7 p.m.

Eastern Europe Study Abroad Programs

API — Corvinus University of Budapest

At the Corvinus University of Budapest, all students who have not previously studied Hungarian are required to take a Hungarian language course. Language courses are taught in Hungarian; all other courses are taught in English. The courses are designed for American and other international students.

API — Jagiellonian University of Krakow

API students in Krakow can choose from a variety of undergraduate courses in English in the areas of Holocaust studies, Polish and Eastern European history and culture, natural sciences, philosophy, and more. Classes are comprised of foreign and American students. All classes are taught in English except for Polish language classes.

ISA — Charles University in Prague

At Charles University, students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of humanities-based courses during a semester or academic year program in Prague, Czech Republic. Subjects offered include history, architecture, cinema, economics, politics and Czech language. The courses offered are instructed in English.

CIEE — St. Petersburg State University

The Russian Area Studies study abroad program in St. Petersburg, Russia can accommodate different levels of language proficiency, especially beginning and intermediate Russian language students. The program offers a set of courses, taught in English, on Russian history, culture, politics, and civilization as well as a rigorous language program.

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Region Highlight: Eastern Europe



Students interested in studying abroad will find there is plenty to do and see in Eastern Europe.

Popular study abroad destinations in Eastern Europe are Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic, Croatia and Russia. Eastern Europe offers a fascinating collection of cultures rich in learning environments for language, social, historical, political or economic studies.

Less visited than its western counterpart, Eastern Europe is a cheaper destination for students. Since all of the countries in Eastern Europe are relatively small and close together (excluding Russia), travel