The Office of International Education exposes the campus and community to cultural diversity and offers resources, services and programs to assist domestic and international students and faculty.

**Coming to America—The Pros and Cons of Being an International Student**
Nepalese student Sandhya Rasaili writes about life in SUNY Cobleskill – click [here](#) for her story

**Making It to Madagascar**
Kelsey DeZalia shares her semester abroad – click [here](#)

**New Study Abroad Programs**
**ITALY**
Università Cattolica - Summer Courses in Milan

**SOUTH AFRICA**
Three-week Summer/Winter Wildlife Conservation and Vets-in-the-Wild Expeditions

**INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS**
25 Opportunities in 12 Countries

**Congratulations!**
**Scholarship Recipients**

- **Quinn Nolan (S’14) and Jose Gonzalez (F’14):** SUNY Global $1,000 Scholarship for semester study abroad in Turkey

- **Tae Hee Cho:** $500 SUNY International Academic Scholarship

- **Grace Knott:** Fully funded grant for summer STEM research project in Brazil

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### International Student and Scholar Services

The Office of International Education provides the following services for international students and visiting scholars:

- Manage all immigration issues
- Welcome international students
- Support international students in collaboration with campus offices and departments
- Build articulation agreements with international partner institutions
- Host international Fulbright Scholars

### New International Students Spring 2014

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**Fulbright Scholar Ikram Mechlaoui**

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### A Taste of Tunisia

On Wednesday, April 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., at Coby’s restaurant in Cobleskill, visiting guest lecturer and Fulbright Scholar Ikram Mechlaoui presented a fascinating look at the history and culture of Tunisia. Long considered a bridge between Africa and Europe, Tunisia occupies a unique place in history. Home to the ancient city of Carthage, Tunisia boasts a 3,000 year history rich with influences from the Phoenicians, Romans, Ottoman Turks, Arabs and French. The evening was a rare opportunity to get a native’s unique perspective on this most fascinating of African nations.

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**For international student information, contact:**

Dr. Susan Jagendorf – Executive Director

[www.cobleskill.edu/admissions/international-education-1/](http://www.cobleskill.edu/admissions/international-education-1/)
The Office of International Education offers a variety of study abroad opportunities. From short, two-week faculty-led programs, full semester or year abroad programs, to international internships and overseas career counseling. The Office:

- Promotes study abroad and international internship experiences
- Guides students through selection and preparation for study abroad
- Provides customized, life-changing experiences.

NEW International Internship Programs – click for more information

**Academic Areas**

- Agricultural Business Management
- Animal Science
- Agricultural Equipment Technology
- Business Administration
- Culinary Arts Management
- Early Childhood Studies
- Environmental & Energy Technologies
- Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Information Technology
- Plant Science
- Wildlife Management

**Locations**

- Australia
- Cambodia
- China
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- Hawaii
- Italy (Florence)
- Mexico
- New Zealand
- South Africa
- Spain (Barcelona)
- Turkey

**Study Abroad Programs**

- **Costa Rica**  *NEW* Conversa Language Center
  - Spanish Language Immersion/Internship
  - Summer, Fall, Spring

- **Italy**  *NEW* Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan – Summer Brochure

- **South Africa**  *NEW* Wildlife Conservation and Vets-in-the-Wild programs with EcoLife Expeditions
  - Winter/Summer 3-Week Expeditions and Internships

**Current Faculty-Led Summer Programs**

- France/Spain
- Hungary
- South Africa

**Turkey**  Izmir University of Economics
- Fall, Spring, or Year and Internships

**SUNY-Wide Programs**  SUNY Cobleskill students also have access to join over 600 study abroad programs offered by SUNY. Search now >

**For study abroad, contact:**
Andrew Lucas – Study Abroad Coordinator
[www.cobleskill.edu/academics/study-abroad/index.asp](http://www.cobleskill.edu/academics/study-abroad/index.asp)
As a new club on campus, the Global Ambassador Network provides a unique, lifelong opportunity to remain active and connected with SUNY Cobleskill and study abroad peers worldwide. Membership is available for current returned study abroad students, visiting international students, and alumni who studied abroad and/or are working abroad now, as well as any students who are interested in studying abroad.

**Would you like to join GAN meetings?**

During regular semesters we hold meetings every two weeks in Dix Hall main lounge. If you would like to join a meeting by Skype, please contact us via email. You can share your ideas and stories with Global Ambassadors from all around the world 😊

For more information contact Andrew Lucas: lucasac@cobleskill.edu

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### 2013–2014 GAN Officers

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### GAN Movie Night

**“THE SQUARE”**

The Egyptian Revolution – Behind the Headlines

A screening of the Academy-Award nominated documentary followed by discussion and Egyptian appetizers

**Location:**

**Date and Time:**

**Contact:**
Alumna

Fernanda Oliveira – Brazil

I’m Fernanda Oliveira from Brazil. My major is Chemistry and I moved to Cobleskill in August 2012 to spend a year abroad studying at SUNY Cobleskill.

At first, I was thinking about my professional development and how living in America would be beneficial for my resume. What I didn’t expect was, that more than everything, my personal life changed. Cultural differences, a new language, an American roommate, pizza and hamburger every day, new friends from all the over the world and mainly all that snow changed so many things: my thoughts, my lifestyle, and taught me how to manage these situations.

Living on campus at SUNY Cobleskill was a great and unique experience I will never forget. The friends I made, the very cold days and good professors that I had the opportunity to meet and live with. I also was part of the Global Ambassador club where I had the opportunity to exchange ideas with other students and bring a little about my own culture.

Moving to Cobleskill for sure helped me to become a better person, to be more flexible and more patient and better than that it opened new doors in my professional career. I had a great time in SUNY Cobleskill and I’m happy I got to meet all these great people over there.

Current Student

Rebecca Brower – South Korea

Why did you choose South Korea for study abroad? There were two key factors that influenced my decision to choose South Korea out of the handful of options that met my desired criteria for a study abroad program. First was the appeal that Korea University had as a highly ranked school, and one that looked like it had an exciting and very involved program for international exchange students. Second, was that I had Korean friends that I had met while in college, and I was really drawn to the idea of being able to visit them in their home country. Describe your first day and last day abroad. The first day in Korea was a heavy bombardment of new sights and experiences; it felt surreal, like I was being led through a dream as I was being toured around the new for the first time. The large city of Seoul was intimidating, but for me the flood of new stimuli that I was taking in all at once was nothing but exciting and thrilling. After counting the days all summer, I was eager to experience all that I could, as fast as I could. The last day in South Korea was just one of a week's worth of heart breaking days filled with goodbyes and "one last time" activities. I didn't want to leave; Korea had captured a place in my heart. I felt connected, and I didn't want to leave without knowing for certain that I would be able to return soon.

How have you been sharing your experiences with others? I have been utilizing my Resident Assistant (RA) job and relationships with teachers in my hometown schools as my primary modes for sharing experiences. As an RA, I've incorporated experiences from Korea and Korean culture into educational bulletin boards and program events within the building. Over my spring break, I did presentations for both eleventh and twelfth grade students, as well as third grade students about my Study Abroad trip and culture in South Korea.

How has your study abroad experience affected your education and future plans? My study abroad trip to Korea was by far the best educational experience that I have had. I now have a desire to learn more of the Korean language, and try to tie my interest in Asia with my goal for a future career in agricultural communications. For the more immediate future, I would like to return to Korea as soon as I can, possibly in the year 2015, and spend a year there teaching English.