

IEGI Fall 2020 Newsletter

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Welcome! A note from the Office of International Education and Global Initiatives (IEGI)

A New Academic Year

A huge welcome to Binghamton University students, both new and returning, as well as our alumni, parents, and friends of the University! Here at the IEGI, we are so excited to have all of our Bearcats “back.” We know that being back this semester looks very different than years past – while some of our students are arriving back to campus, other students are gearing up to “arrive” virtually, while remaining physically at home. The COVID-19 crisis, as well as the Black Lives Matter protests in the wake of George Floyd’s murder, have challenged us to change our thinking on what it means to be a part of the Binghamton University community. It has also encouraged us to be creative in how we engage and interact with each other. In fact, this newsletter is a product of that need for creativity in student and community engagement.

This inaugural issue of the IEGI newsletter comes at a time when the need for cross-cultural exchange and cooperation are facing both unprecedented challenges, as well as an unprecedented need. If the

past 6 months have taught us anything, it is that global problems require global solutions. While education abroad has been challenged by the limits to mobility born out of the COVID-19 crisis, it has also increased our conviction in the need for tomorrow's leaders, our students, to have skills based around the ideal of intercultural competence. As such, we look forward to the time when it is safe, once again, to send our Bearcats abroad.

What's New?

Normally, over the summer, we have many Bing students abroad – it's actually the time period where we have the most students abroad! However, this past summer looked very different, with no students abroad. As such, we took the opportunity to review all of our processes and documents and update them to fit current best practices. Furthermore, we have continued to engage with prospective education abroad students through our Virtual Advising, which was available for students to drop-in via Zoom every weekday afternoon over the summer. We are excited to be continuing Virtual Advising through the Fall semester - check-out the "Resource Corner" section for more info! We have also welcomed a group of past student education abroad participants as Education Abroad Ambassadors to our office. Learn more about what the Ambassador program is, as well as who our current Ambassadors are, in the "Meet our Ambassadors" section.

Got questions? Email us at ieqi@binghamton.edu or call us at (607)777-2336

Save the Date

Upcoming events

- Aug. 20, 6:30-8pm: Stay Calm & Study Abroad
- Aug. 24, 3-4pm: World Trivia with Education Abroad
- Aug. 28, 3-4pm: Education Abroad Open House
- Sept. 3, 12pm: Pay Binghamton Tuition & Study Abroad
- Sept. 8, 2pm: Study in Asia (even if you don't know the language)
- Sept. 9, 11am-2pm: SUNY-wide Virtual Study Abroad Fair
- Sept. 10, 2pm: Education Abroad for SOM Students
- Sept. 11, 12pm: More than "Study" Abroad: Internships, Research, and Service Learning Abroad
- Sept. 16, 2pm-5pm: Binghamton Virtual Study Abroad Fair
- Sept. 17, 2pm: Study Abroad in Barcelona with CEA
- Sept. 18, 11:30am: Study Abroad in Prague with CEA
- Sept. 18, 2pm: Myth: Engineering Students Can't Study Abroad
- Sept. 21, 2pm: Engineering Semester in Paris with CEA
- Sept. 22, 2pm: Learning a Language? Immersion through Study Abroad
- Sept. 24, 2:30pm: Study Abroad with SIT: Field-based, experiential learning on global issues

- Oct. 9, 3pm-4pm: Japan Art Animation & Beyond
- Oct. 30, 2pm-2:45pm: Korea University International Summer Campus

Please note: This is not a completely comprehensive list of every event this semester. For further event details and to find out about new events, please visit our B-Engaged page [here](#). Please note, the IEGI reserves the right to change or cancel events if needed.

Visit our [B-Engaged Office Page](#) for further event details

Meet our Ambassadors

Education Abroad Ambassadors for 2020-2021

Our Education Abroad Ambassadors are current Binghamton students who have previously studied abroad and are interested in helping other students study abroad as well. The Ambassador positions are competitive, with students having to apply and go through an interview process. Once accepted, students receive training for advising other students on studying abroad. Ambassadors are essential to the operation of our office, as they are not only able to help our staff advise students, but also give potential education abroad students a peer perspective and testimonial of studying abroad. Read below to learn who the Ambassadors are and what they can advise on!

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 Minor: Global Studies
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Connor Bisailon '21
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Josip Banovic '22
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Laura DeLuca '21, '22
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Michael Dubner '21
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Yasmine Hamdi '21
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Student Program Manager

Upon successful completion of the program, an ambassador may become the next Education Abroad Ambassadors student program manager. The student program manager directs communications between the staff supervisor and the ambassadors. Other responsibilities include virtual advising and maintaining the ambassador program schedule.

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Photo Contest

Submit your photos!

Are you a current Binghamton student who studied abroad Fall 2019, Winter 2020, and/or Spring 2020? Do you have some amazing photographs that you want to show off? Well then, you're in luck because the IEGI is once again holding our annual Photo Contest! This year's categories are: "Landscapes & Cityscapes," "People & Culture," and "Bearcats Around the World." Students are allowed to submit one photo to each category, which will be considered by our selection committee and then, if chosen as a semi-finalist, will be posted on our [Instagram](#) account for voting. For full rules, procedure, and to submit your photos, visit: <https://forms.gle/wHdB6uaxSfe4T9AEA>. Deadline to submit is 11:59pm on Sunday, September 13th

All About Exchange

Written by Amber Jennings

Binghamton University sends over 500 students abroad annually on Binghamton and other-SUNY programs. Still, with hundreds of students returning from abroad each year (and hundreds of thousands returning nationally), the misconceptions surrounding education abroad are many. One common thought is that studying abroad is much more expensive than studying domestically. It must be, right?

The cost of education abroad actually varies by program and is influenced by a number of factors including the cost of living in the program location. It's true. There are some programs that are more expensive than a semester on campus. It's also true that there are programs estimated to be similar to (and, in some cases, even less than) the cost of attending a semester at Bing. Many of these are exchange programs.

What's an exchange program?

While many ideas may come to mind when you hear the words “exchange program,” the term 'exchange' simply means that Binghamton University made an agreement with an overseas partner to exchange students in both directions. This agreement typically includes SUNY tuition and Binghamton University's standard semester fees to cover the costs for an inbound student; the student from overseas covers similar costs at their school for our Bearcat studying abroad.

Exchange programs are generally available during the fall or spring semesters. As a bonus, the [University of Bremen in Germany](#) offers a full 12-credit exchange over the summer. Since the exchanges are based on balancing the numbers of inbound and outbound students, some exchange programs may not be open in a given semester. However, many exchange agreements can support multiple participants. Participating on an exchange program often allows Binghamton University students to save money, since our overseas partners' international student tuition tends to be higher than SUNY tuition.

Exchange programs under \$15,085

The following programs are estimated to be less than or within \$1,250 of the [estimated New York State resident cost of attendance at Binghamton University for the 2020-2021 year](#). Like a standard on campus semester plus the cost of a flight. That said, check out these 10 exchange programs under \$15,085:

UK

- [University of Bath \(Bath, England\)](#)
- [Lancaster University \(Lancaster, England\)](#)
- [University of Nottingham \(Nottingham, England\)](#)
- [University of East Anglia \(Norwich, England\)](#)

Netherlands

- [University College Roosevelt \(Middelburg, Netherlands\)](#)

Germany

- [University of Leipzig \(Leipzig, Germany\)](#)

Korea, Japan, & China

- [Korea University \(Seoul, South Korea\)](#)
- [Korea University Business School \(Seoul, South Korea\)](#)
- [Soochow University \(Suzhou, China\)](#)

Spain

- [SAPIENS \(Study Abroad Program for International Engineering Students\) \(Madrid, Spain\)](#)

Resource Corner

Pop into Virtual Advising

Virtual Advising is a way for students to speak with someone from the Education Abroad office in a casual way – no appointment needed!

Typically, the IEGI has “Walk-in Advising;” however, when the campus moved remote in March, the IEGI pivoted to offer students virtual advising on Zoom. Come chat with us about anything education abroad related!

You can access Virtual Advising by visiting our website: binghamton.edu/iegi or accessing the Zoom room [here](#). We’re online Monday-Friday, 1pm-4pm during the semester. We can’t wait to meet you!

Schedule a Meeting

Want to schedule a meeting with us? See our advising team's scheduler links below:

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[Callie](#)

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