

NEWS

Foreign Studies gives students a chance to see the world and learn simultaneously

by roy theiss

staff writer

Ever fallen into a rut with school work and need a change? Want to travel and see the world, but just can't forget about school? It may be possible to both by enrolling in the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) program.

"The purpose of the program is to let the student learn different cultures and do a lot of traveling," said Patricia Stahl, management assistant of the Office of International Programs.

Since its inception in 1982, the program has offered a chance to study in faraway countries including Spain, France, Italy and England and Mexico. The courses vary

each semester and the student is required to take twelve credit hours. Other requirements are having a 2.0 GPA average or better and being a sophomore.

The cost of studying remains basically the same—\$432 for twelve credit hours (AIFS covers the rest). Through AIFS, an 'on site' coordinator takes care of housing and student services. Other expenses, however, are left up to the student.

Matt Rocco, a philosophy major who participated in the London program last fall, advises students to take \$1,000 for expenses.

Rocco said being in London was a big switch, and a culture shock. "It changed my attitude about traveling and now I

have the traveling bug. It's great to live in another country."

Rocco has also went to Russia and Wales. "Wales was the most beautiful place I have even seen. It is a 180 degree difference with its green everywhere and medieval castles dating back to the twelfth century."

A memory he won't soon forget was a night in a Welsh pub. A musician playing there that night found out Rocco and friends were from the United States, and he brought them a round of drinks. "Between songs the he was constantly referring to us and we had a great time," said Rocco.

To Rocco, the only difference between studying abroad and here is the

travel aspect. "The class is the area where you learn the least from because you learn much more from traveling," he said, citing a time when he and his Medieval Literature actually went to one of the castles they were studying about.

This summer, AIFS will be offering a program in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. Applications will be accepted through May 31 (the cost \$884). London will be on the agenda this fall, offering courses in Anthropology, Communications, Political Science, and History. Dr. Patricia Dillingham, College of Education, will be the On-Site Director. London applications are being accepted through the end of July.

Calendar of Events

April 19

CONCERT: Las Vegas Chamber Players. 7pm Artemus Ham Concert Hall. 739-3420

SEMINAR: "Journal: A Path to Insight." 6:30-9:30pm. Dungan Humanities 210. \$15. 739-3394

April 20

CONCERT: UNLV Chamber Ensemble. 8pm. Black box Theatre. Free. 739-3332

SEMINAR: "Kitchen Remodeling." 6:30-9:30pm. Beam Hall 122. \$35. 739-3394.

April 21

Ceremony: Honors Convocation. 10am-noon. Artemus Ham Concert Hall.

Master Series: I Musici. 8pm Artemus Ham concert Hall. 739-3535.

Film Series: "Late Spring." 7pm Wright Auditorium 103. Free. 739-3401.

Faculty Recital: Nevada School of the Arts. 7pm Alta Ham Fine Arts 132. Free. 739-3502.

SEMINAR: "Bathroom Remodeling." 6:30-9:30pm Beam Hall 122. \$35. 739-3353

Sociology offers Doctorate degree

by robert danner

staff writer

Dr. Frederick W. Preston, Chairman of the Department of Sociology, recently announced that his department will offer a doctorate in sociology starting in the 1989 Fall Semester.

He explained that there is a growing need for non-academic employment settings for sociology PhD's in both the private and public sector, as well as a large number of sociologists working for private consulting firms. He noted that sociologists engaged in the private sector do work in political polling, market survey work, and jury selection.

Dr. Preston pointed out that there are currently ten full-time members of the department, and there would be 12 faculty members when the PhD program is implemented in the 1989 Fall semester. He also noted that the

members of the PhD program have a distinguished academic record. "Members of the department have published books, written articles in journals, served on state and federal commissions as advisors to governors and presidents. So our department is well-known within the field, and thus a logical choice to be one of the first departments to offer a PhD program, both in terms of the need for the degree and the strength of the faculty."

He noted that his department anticipated having 12 to 15 students at any given time. The PhD program offered would be small, yet high quality. Dr. Preston said that he was surprised by the response from other universities when it was learned that UNLV would be offering a PhD in sociology.

He said that he was surprised for two reasons. "Our faculty is even more

widely known and respected than I had thought. I am also pleased over the favorable response it receives in Las Vegas. One of the main areas that sociologists study is social deviant behavior, and Las Vegas seems to exemplify such behavior. People outside of Las Vegas think that we are a perfect area for this research.

Dr. Preston also noted that there was a symbiotic relationship between the faculty and students. "Doctorate work is a two-way street. Doctorate level students tend to work in very specific areas and projects that are of great interest to the faculty as well. Thus, it is good for both doctorate students and faculty. As a footnote, it is also helpful for undergraduate students. On the whole, undergraduate education tends to benefit from having doctorate programs," he said.



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