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Mason Around

the Globe



Have you **studied abroad**? Are you interested in sharing your experience, and getting your writing published in an **award-winning magazine**?

The Office of Student Media's biannual magazine *VoxPop* is entitled ***Mason Around the Globe*** this semester, and it focuses on George Mason University's diverse opportunities to study and travel abroad.

If you are interested in submitting a quote about your study abroad experience for *Mason Around the Globe*, please follow these guidelines:

1. At least 10 words about your study abroad experience
2. Please include:
 - a. Your **name, year, and major** (and minor if applicable)
 - b. The study abroad program you participated in, including the **location and duration** of the program, as well as the **type of program** (ex. Semester Honors Program in Oxford, England;



Winter Break Internship in London; One-year Direct Exchange in Malta), and **the specific year and months** you participated in the study abroad program (ex. Fall 2011, Spring Break 2009, etc.)

- c. A photograph of yourself. If you would like, please also include photographs of your study abroad experience. The latter photographs can include you or they can be scenic shots, and they are optional. If you do include photographs from your trip, please caption them with a short description and details of exactly where and when the photos were taken.

The goal of *VoxPop: Mason Around the Globe* is to communicate the **value** and **benefits** of studying abroad. These benefits can be personal, academic or career-related, among other areas. When writing your quotation, please consider the following questions:

1. Why did you choose to study abroad? Why did you choose the program and location you studied in?
2. How did your experience abroad affect you? Specifically, how did it benefit you personally, academically or professionally? How did you grow as a student, and as an individual, while studying abroad?



3. What did you learn while studying abroad? The lessons you include can relate to academics or your desired future career, or they can be personal lessons.
4. How does studying abroad offer students a better learning experience than simply taking classes at Mason?
5. Why would you recommend studying abroad?
6. Why is it important for students to study abroad?
7. What was your most memorable moment while studying abroad?
8. What is your advice to students who want to study abroad?
9. How did the type and duration of the study abroad program you participated in (semester-long, year-long, direct exchange, etc.) as well as the type of courses you took (one-on-one tutorials, group discussions, field work, etc.) affect your experience?
10. What is the best thing about the Center for Global



Education at Mason and the study abroad programs they offer?

Your quotation can answer one or more of these questions, or it can address other issues involved with studying abroad. Please include any other information about your experience that you think is relevant and important, and that will communicate the value and benefit of studying abroad.

The deadline for submitting quotations is **Friday, March 25, 2011**, but the sooner they are submitted, the better. Please e-mail quotes to the Editor-in-Chief Nicole Wiesenhahn at nwiesenh@masonlive.gmu.edu in the body of your e-mail.

Nicole will contact you by Monday, March 28 if your quotation is selected to appear in *Mason Around the Globe*. By submitting your quote, you are giving permission to the *VoxPop* staff to publish it, and to edit and alter the content for spelling, grammar, house style, and space constraints. Editors will not automatically discuss changes with you; however, if you are interested in the editing process of your quote, please set up a meeting with Nicole.

Thank you very much for your time, and for your interest in *VoxPop: Mason Around the Globe*. We hope you will be willing to share your study abroad experience with us and



your Mason community so students can see the amazing opportunity they have to explore the world with Mason.