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WORDS OF WISDOM

STUDY ABROAD TO GHANA By: Megan Marie Whaley (2007—GLAS)

I wish I’d known… to not bring so much clothing and instead buy it there. You can’t imagine how hot it is- or how cold it is.

• that climbing into a gold mine would require a chicken to sacrifice and money to cleanse away the bad spirits that bring bad luck for men in the mines.

• not to sit in the back of public transport bus when traveling long distances because you turn into an orange dirt cake by the time you get off.

• that vendors in the city get more customers than vendors in the rural areas and it’s proper to pay the rural shop keepers more for their product even if you can get it cheaper in the city.

• better to take my malaria prophylactics

• that what would seem like a distance that could be covered in 10 minutes on American roadways could take me 1 hour or more in Kumasi city traffic.

• that Ghanaians in Kumasi don’t party a whole lot, don’t play board games, don’t bowl or golf or watch movies. There are no cinemas, laser tag arenas, water parks, theatres, or arcades.

They may go to a dance club and play soccer but hardly anything else.
When parents of some of our students have asked: What can you do with this major?, this is what some GLAS Alumni from different concentrations have done after graduating...

### International Development
- Masters in Global Urban Studies, MSU
- Teach for America – Phoenix, Arizona
- Peace Corps – Ecuador, Burkina Faso
- Marshall Scholar – University of Edinburgh

### African Studies
- Advocacy & Policy Dept. with Population Services Intl, DC.
- Refugee Development Center, Lansing
- Masters in Public Health - NYU
- Clean Water Action Advocate

### Gender and Global Change
- Masters in Global Health, University of Michigan
- Women’s Advocate – legislative work
- Washington DC

### Asian Studies
- English Teacher – South Korea
- Business School – Japan
- Washington Humane Society

### European Studies
- Community work – underserved populations – London, UK
- Masters in Spanish Literature, Universidad de Santander, Spain
- Digital First Media

### Latin Amer. and Carib. Studies
- Madison Square Park Conservancy, NY
- HALE – Masters in Higher Education, MSU
- Clinical Social Worker, Boston, MA

### Russian and Eurasian Studies
- Masters in International Relations, University of Ankara, Turkey

## Describing the different majors

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You Really Should Know What’s Going On

Rachel Osborn (recent GLAS—International Development graduate—class 2014)

Hey GLAS majors—yes, you. Are you up to speed on your current events? Can you provide a succinct rundown of the political climate in Crimea, Venezuela, Egypt, or Afghanistan?

You probably already know that you really should know what’s going on in the international community. The reasons are plentiful: for one, you’re a representative of the GLAS program, and as such you have a reputation to uphold as a globally conscious citizen; knowledge of current events is really helpful in making connections in your internationally-oriented classes, meaning a better grade; and really, is there a more impressive pick-up line than an interesting factoid or well-informed opinion on the hottest issues of the global community?

But the real question is not the why, it’s the how. Between jobs and homework and attending classes and hanging out with friends and flipping off your brain for some well-deserved free time, how are you supposed to keep up the constantly changing latest news? Fortunately, it’s not only possible, it’s actually pretty simple. Here’s how.

1. **Take advantage of MSU’s free New York Times.**

Are you on campus with a few minutes to kill before class starts or your friend arrives? Grab a NY Times from one of the newspaper racks throughout campus (available in most dorms and some of the academic buildings) and scan the headlines. Even if you don’t have a chance to get the whole story, you’ll at least have a rough framework. And it’s free!

2. **Check out online episodes of The Colbert Report or the Daily Show.** Need a study break? Steven Colbert and Jon Stewart keep it entertaining enough that you don’t feel like you’re being productive, but as long as you’re aware of the satire, you can actually pick up some useful current event information, and it might even inspire you to look deeper into an interesting topic.

3. **Subscribe to breaking news text alerts or Twitter feeds.** Many news sources maintain breaking news feeds on Twitter and/or offer breaking news alerts to email or mobile devices. Different media outlets consider different events “breaking news,” so don’t be afraid to try out a few before you find the one that gives you information that you think is important.

4. **Apps!** You’re probably on your device multiple times a day, thumbing through games or Facebook. Why not add one more app to help keep you informed? Search “news” in your App Store, and you’ll be offered free apps from Flipboard, CNN, BBC, NPR, and many more.

Staying abreast of current events is an essential skill set of globally-conscious students, and as a university student with internet access and a mobile device, you have all the tools at your disposal. Go get informed!

World Trivia

1. Macchu Picchu is known as “________________” and is one of the seven wonders of the world.

2. _________________ is the smallest city in the world.

3. The hottest sea in the world
   - Black Sea
   - Caspian Sea
   - Persian Gulf
   - Gulf of Mexico

4. The driest, tallest, and coldest continent is ____________

5. What is the city with the highest population concentration in the world?
   - Tokyo
   - Mexico City
   - New York City
   - Monaco

6. Mount Everest, as the tallest peak in the world ranges between
   - A. 26,000—28,000 feet
   - B. 28,001—30,000 feet
   - C. 30,001—32,000 feet
Advising help

There are three advisors in our unit who will be glad to help answer any questions you may have about the GLAS, IDS or Specializations. You can contact us by e-mail or you can also call our office at 517-353-3125.

You can also make an advising appointment by going to the “Advising Appointment System” which you will find at the MSU Home page. We can help answer questions about the different specializations and majors, or about study abroad, study away and many other topics you can think about.

Don’t hesitate, come visit us if you need to...

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Some of the projects that our students have been involved in include...

**Michigan State University Students Advancing International Development (SAID)** is a student-driven organization focusing on community development issues in the greater Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, region of India. Our first successful initiative, an MMR vaccination project aiming to help achieve community immunity against measles, was launched in the fall of 2009. MSU SAID is currently funding Aakkam Revolving Scholarship Fund for Young Women to attend university/college.

Study abroad programs and internships to many different parts of the world:

- London
- South Africa
- Peru
- Malawi
- Spain
- Ireland
- Kenya
- South Korea
- Russia
- Turkey

And you can go during the Winter break, the summer break, for a whole semester, or between 6 and 12 weeks, as well as with a large group, a small group, to places that are sunny, or cold, or modern or full of tradition, or with languages you’ll understand and languages you won’t... but the experience will be amazing!

**Specializations and minors...**

Some of you might have heard that the specializations are being discontinued. That is correct... but not to worry, they are being replaced by something else instead—minors.

Although the requirements might change, you will be able to finish your current specialization with the current courses. Once the minors take the place of all specializations officially—Fall 2015—all students will need to complete the minor requirements.

Some units have started to change the specializations already to minors. As a unit that relies on the centers on regional studies for the specializations—Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, African Studies and Center for the Advancement of International Development (CASID) - we are working closely with the centers to provide a minor for each of the world regions.

All of you who have a regional specialization you can continue to pursue the current curriculum. Any questions contact an Academic Advisor, by making an appointment through the advising appointment system or calling our office at 517-353-3125.