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FSU International Student Maximizes Time on Campus

FSU Special Academic Programs (SAP) international student Jingyi Situ has maximized her time on FSU's campus by getting involved with student organizations, clubs, and an on-campus internship.

Situ – Management Information System (MIS) major at Capital University of Economics and Business in Beijing, China – is the CGE's Global Exchanges Intern; a member of a professional business fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi; and a member of the FSU Cybersecurity Club.

"My motto is 'try or die.' I like challenges," said Situ. "I am always interested in trying new things. I won't give up until I achieve my goals, even if there are challenges along the way. Nothing is impossible if you work hard."

Situ said she began her year at FSU with three goals in mind: get involved on campus, identify areas for improvement and work on them, and pick an area of concentration for future study. Becoming a member of Alpha Kappa Psi has helped Situ grow professionally through workshops the organization offers and encouragement to take advantage of Career Center offerings, such as Seminole Futures. Additionally, the FSU Cybersecurity Club helped Situ determine that she would like to focus on that area of study within her field.

SAP allows seniors from select international institutions to study at FSU for two semesters as non-degree students during their senior year. Highly qualified candidates have the opportunity to remain at FSU as degree-seeking students upon acceptance into a graduate degree program. For more information about the program, <u>visit the website</u>.

Spring Break Travel Tips

FSU students and staff are gearing up for Spring Break travel. Here are a few helpful tips from the U.S. Department of State for ensuring a safe, fun trip.

- Ensure you have your required documents: passport; a second form of photo I.D.; and if you are an international student or exchange visitor, a valid visa to reenter the U.S and a valid travel signature on your I-20 or DS-2019. Find more information for F-1 students <u>here</u>, and more information for J-1 exchange visitors <u>here</u>.
- Read up on your destination at travel.state.gov to learn about local laws and customs.
- Check your health insurance policy to find out if you are covered when traveling to your destination. If not, consider purchasing supplemental insurance for emergencies.
- Carry contact details for the nearest embassy or consulate in your language and the local language.
- If you are a U.S. citizen or national, you can sign up for the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</u> at <u>step.state.gov</u> to receive travel and emergency updates.

Check out the full traveler's checklist from the U.S. Department of State here. We wish you fun and safe travels!

More Upcoming Events

International Coffee Hour – Every Friday Starting March 24 | 5-6:30 p.m. | The Globe Lounge & Dining Room

U.S. students, scholars, and faculty gather for coffee and snacks every Friday. It's a great place to meet new people from various parts of the world, see old friends, and make plans for the weekend. *Note: No coffee hour March 10 and March 17 due to Spring Break.*

English Conversation Club – Every Monday-Friday I 4-5 p.m. I The Globe Lounge

International students, scholars, and their families at all levels of speaking English as a second/other language are invited to meet in a relaxed atmosphere to practice conversational English. Groups are led by experienced English tutors.

Global Citizenship Drop-In Advising – Tues. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Wed. 1-3 p.m. | Fri. 1-3 p.m. | The Globe Suite 1200

Drop-in advising hours are for any student who wants to learn about the Global Citizenship Certificate. This certificate prepares FSU students to succeed in a diverse and multicultural world. Learn more: <u>cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen</u>.

Global Exchanges Information Sessions – Every Tuesday 3:30 p.m. | Every Wednesday 12:30 p.m. | The Globe Room 2600

Find out how you can study at an international university while earning FSU credits, paying FSU tuition and using your financial aid! Topics covered include: selecting the right program, application process, and course selection and financial aid. See the complete list of FSU's global exchange programs at: **global.fsu.edu/exchanges**.

FSU Libraries Spring Break Coffee Hour – Weds., March 15 | 10-11:30 a.m. | Stroxier Library Café (1st floor near Starbucks)

Join fellow FSU students, scholars, and staff to relax and chat together. It is a good opportunity to meet new people and learn about library resources with free coffee and pastries.

Engage Your World Event "Ukraine: Between East and West" – Thurs., March 30 | 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. | The Globe Auditorium

The College of Social Science and Public Policy's Ruth K. and Shepard Broad International Lecture Series, in association with the Center for Global Engagement's Engage Your World series, presents a talk by Maryna Shkuropat, professor at the Horlivka State Pedagogical Institute of Foreign Languages in Ukraine. Currently in residence as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Southern California, Shkuropat will talk about the current political situation in Ukraine and give a broad historical context to discover the roots of the present circumstances. The event is free and open to the public.

Global Partner Certificate: Bridging Cultures IV (for Faculty, Staff & Grad Students) – Fri., March 31I 10 a.m.-12 p.m. I The Globe Room 2300

The Global Partner Certificate is a Center for Global Engagement professional development initiative for those interested in improving their intercultural communication, knowledge, skills, and awareness, as well as becoming more globally competent. This certificate recognizes an individual's commitment to understanding and appreciating cultural diversity at FSU. Participants must complete all four workshops (in order) and three intercultural events offered on campus and/or in the Tallahassee community. Visit the <u>CGE website</u> for details.

Global Café Featuring the Dominican Republic – Fri., March 31I 11 a.m. until food runs out I The Globe Dining Room This week is co-hosted by the Dominican Student Association and Hispanic/Latino Student Union. \$7 cash or check only.



Denotes a **<u>Global Citizenship Certificate</u>** qualifying event.

The Global Citizenship Certificate is designed to help undergraduate students maximize the rich cultural learning experiences available to them on campus, in the community, and abroad. Learn more: <u>cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen</u>.

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