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Beyond Borders Participation Gives Applicants Competitive Edge

Beyond Borders Alumnus Casey Johnson, currently pursuing his master's degree in radiation biology at the University of Oxford, claims his experience with the program helped him to develop a global mindset and was a major talking point in his interview for graduate school.

Beyond Borders is a unique, short-term cultural exchange program that provides FSU students with the opportunity to host incoming international students at FSU then travel abroad to either Jamaica or Germany and participate in activities and events that allow them to develop a deeper understanding of that country and its people. Johnson went to both Jamaica and Germany through Beyond Borders as an undergraduate.

“Having that experience made me a more relatable and attractive candidate to graduate schools,” said Johnson. “My Beyond Borders experiences ended up being a huge talking point in my interview for graduate study at the University of Oxford. I would really push anyone to do it who has their heart set on intercultural dialogue and exchange. Furthermore, Oxford is a global university with people from many different cultures. My Beyond Borders experience helped me not to feel out of place when I got there.”

In addition to hosting students and going abroad, Beyond Borders participants register for and complete a one-credit hour course (INR3931) during spring semester. This course teaches students concepts and theories to strengthen their global awareness and cultural adjustment skills, as well as their ability to interpret cultural identities and to navigate through re-entry challenges.

Search for the hashtag #subeyondborders on Instagram to see photos taken by past participants.

Application deadlines are September 17, 2017, for Beyond Borders Jamaica and October 22, 2017, for Beyond Borders Germany. Students can attend information sessions on September 8 and September 15 at 11 a.m. or October 6 and October 20 at 2 p.m. in The Globe, Room 2300. For more information or to complete an application, visit cge.fsu.edu/beyondborders.



Global Café Featuring Morocco April 14

Friday, April 14, 2017 | 11:30 a.m. until food runs out | The Globe Dining Room

Join us for the final Global Café of the semester co-hosted by the Seminole Sports Dietetics Association featuring Morocco! All profits will be donated to the [Dean of Students Food Pantry](#).

MENU:

- **Zaalouk Salad:** A cooked salad made with eggplant, tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, and spices.
- **Vegetable Couscous:** Chickpeas, vegetables, and traditional spices served over couscous.
- **Chicken Tangine:** Slow cooked chicken with carrots and potatoes.
- **Ghiriba Bahla Cookies:** Shortbread cookies with crunchy, nutty additions and cracked tops.
- **Mint Tea:** Green tea with fresh mint sprigs to top off the whole meal.

Global Café provides the opportunity to spend a culturally enriching lunch hour eating authentic food from around the world, listening to music and meeting students from the featured culture. Student groups and staff prepare lunch from authentic recipes and serve it to guests in The Globe Dining Room for just \$7. The event is a fundraiser for the hosting student group.

The event starts at 11:30 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. or food runs out. It is \$7 per plate, cash or check only.

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. ☕

English Conversation Club – Every Monday-Friday | 4-5 p.m. | 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: cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen.

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.

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Intercultural Program Series Featuring Russia: A Slavic Culture – Thurs., April 20 | 7-9 p.m. | The Globe Dining Room

Experience the culture of Russia from literature to cinema. This event will be co-hosted by the Slavic Student Association. 🌐

U.S. Challenges in the Middle East – Thurs., April 20 | 5 p.m. | Law School Rotunda


The College of Social Science and Public Policy's Ruth K. and Shepard Broad International Lecture Series presents a talk from Ambassador Dennis Ross on "U.S. Challenges in the Middle East," A scholar and diplomat with more than two decades of experience, Ambassador Ross played a leading role in shaping U.S. Involvement in the Middle East peace process. *The event is free and open to the public.* 🌐



Denotes a **Global Citizenship Certificate** 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: cge.fsu.edu/globalcitizen.

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