

From the Vice Provost

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Stony Brook University Global Newsletter! As the new Vice Provost for Global Affairs, one of my top priorities is to enhance our global presence and activities through joint research projects, faculty collaborations, and student mobility. With that in mind, we created the Global Newsletter to update you on the evolving state of Stony Brook's global activities.



Stony Brook University has been identified as one of the most diverse universities in the United States, and this diversity extends to our international population and global reach. Our vision is for Stony Brook to become a national model in comprehensive internationalization and global engagement. Reaching this vision entails building on Stony Brook's already impressive global ties by supporting our global sites, expanding our global presence in key markets, integrating global initiatives and enhancing our economic growth.

To this end, our strategic initiatives will focus on streamlining Stony Brook's global initiatives on campus and building our presence around the globe. This includes connecting and co-branding our global centers and institutes, fostering international relationships with existing and new partners, and creating alliances in developing international markets. Our objective is not only to support our existing global sites in Kenya, Madagascar, Korea, Italy and Russia, but also to create new signature programs for student experiential learning, expand our strategic partners around the world, and launch a Global Summer Institute in 2017.

As the Office of Global Affairs embarks on this ambitious plan, I invite you to contribute to our Global Newsletter by sharing stories and student successes in the global landscape as Stony Brook expands its global activities and brings its vision to fruition. I truly look forward to your contribution, comments, and suggestions to make this newsletter a venue for highlighting our global footprints, international experiences, and our passion for and commitment to building a global campus.

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Building Partnerships in Asia



As part of the Office of Global Affairs' new strategic development plans, President Samuel Stanley, Jr. and Dr. Jun Liu, Vice Provost for Global Affairs, traveled to China and South Korea to enhance existing relationships and reach out to new partners. Focusing on student and faculty exchanges and research collaborations, President Stanley and Dr. Liu met with several universities, government agencies, businesses and alumni to broaden the scope of Stony Brook's activities in these countries.

Picture: President Stanley meets with China's Vice Minister for Education

The China leg of the mission consisted of a multi-city visit to partner universities like Tongji University, Suzhou University, Hong Kong Baptist University, and South University of Science and Technology of China. In Shanghai, President Stanley and Dr. Liu met with Xi'an Jiaotong-Liverpool University to share best practices in running an overseas satellite campus. The mission led to several key developments in Stony Brook's relationships in China, including potential new university collaborations and the exploration of a Stony Brook satellite office.

In addition to local universities, the delegation visited important government education institutions including the Chinese Ministry for Education, the State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs (SAFEA), and Hanban (the Beijing headquarters for the Confucius Institute), where they discussed Stony Brook's collaborative efforts with China. They also explored opportunities for Stony Brook students with industry leaders at mega-retailer Alibaba and the Suzhou-Singapore Industrial Park.

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Global Forum Series Kicks Off This October!

Beginning this Fall, the Office of Global Affairs will collaborate with various Stony Brook institutes and offices to present the Global Forum series. The Global Forum offers a venue for Stony Brook faculty, staff and students to debate and comment on contemporary global issues that relate to the campus community. The series will kick-off on Oct. 12 at 1:00pm in the Wang Center Theater with the [Inaugural Global Forum](#), co-presented by the Institute for Global Studies, which will cover the upcoming presidential election.



The Global Forum will run throughout the 2016-2017 academic year, partnering with the Center for Multilingual and Intercultural Communication, Study Abroad and Exchange, and the President's Council of Student Advisors, among others on a variety of topics that affect both the Stony Brook campus and the world. Forums will feature Stony Brook faculty, current students, and other experts. Mark your calendar for upcoming Global Forum events, and visit www.stonybrook.edu/oga for more information!

Global Summer Institute Launching in 2017



To meet the increasing demand for meaningful academic and cultural overseas experiences of our international partners, the Office of Global Affairs is excited to launch our new Global Summer Institute (GSI) in 2017.

Under the umbrella of GSI, we are rebranding existing summer programs for international students and adding new certificate courses to create a cohesive study abroad experience that will provide career-enhancing skills to overseas students and professionals. GSI will offer three programs: a three-week certificate program, a full-time summer session program with tracks for

varying language skills, and a customizable program.

The newly developed GSI Certificate Program will consist of a three-week certificate course in a variety of disciplines designed to enhance career prospects. In addition to receiving instruction from top faculty, students will be offered language tutoring and participate in cultural outings throughout Long Island and New York City.

The Summer Session tracks include all of Stony Brook's current summer exchange programs. During this six-week program, students can choose from a mix of academic credits and language courses based on English language ability. GSI will offer scholarships in order to attract qualified international students.

Finally, the customizable program will be available to Stony Brook partners looking to create unique educational experiences. Programs will be developed upon request, and tailored to the individual needs of our partner institutions.

Study Abroad Highlights



Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg

Explore St. Petersburg!

By Brittany Tesoriero

Exciting new opportunities awaited students on this year's study abroad to St. Petersburg, led by Professor John Bailyn, Professional and Doctoral Program Director for the Department of Linguistics, Director of the SUNY Russia Programs Network (RPN), and founder of Stony Brook's St. Petersburg study abroad program. This summer, the *Explore St. Petersburg!* program introduced internship opportunities for participating students to work at medical clinics, homeless shelters, and a children's summer music camp, among others. A variety of internships are available, and students are placed based on their academic goals and professional interests.

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Professor Mignone and students in Pompeii during the summer 2016 Rome study abroad

Celebrating 36 Years of Study Abroad to Rome

By Tiffany Lee

This summer marked the 36th year since Stony Brook University initiated its first study abroad program in Rome, Italy, led by SUNY Distinguished Service Professor Mario Mignone. The program, which has over 2,500 alumni, enables participants to gain firsthand knowledge of contemporary Italy.

The Rome study abroad offers a wide range of courses in Italian language and culture, art history, business, and political science. This year, in conjunction with classes, students explored the city's artistic and historical landmarks, with day excursions to Venice, Assisi, Pisa, Florence, Capri and Pompeii. Next year, plans include a tour of the Ferrari plant and museum in Modena.

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Students participating in the Journalism Without Walls in Korea

Journalism Without Walls Captures Korea

By Brittany Tesoriero

The Journalism Without Walls program is known for defying expectations of the normal study abroad experience. This was especially true for the 2016 summer trip to Korea.

On the most recent journey, led by Professor Charles Haddad, students from the School of Journalism experienced the world through the eyes of Korean refugees, business moguls and pop culture icons. Students stayed on campus at Dongguk University located in Seoul, the country's capital and major epicenter of culture, and took a day trip to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) between North and South Korea.

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Students attend the Fall 2016 Study Abroad Fair

Fall 2016 Study Abroad Fair

International Academic Programs hosted a Study Abroad Fair on Wednesday, September 21. Over 500 Stony Brook University students attended the event and spoke with faculty program directors and study abroad advisors regarding opportunities to earn academic credits abroad.

Students also had the chance to enter a raffle to win a \$500 credit toward a study abroad/exchange program; three winners were selected and they plan to use their credit toward programs in Cuba, Japan, and Tanzania, respectively.

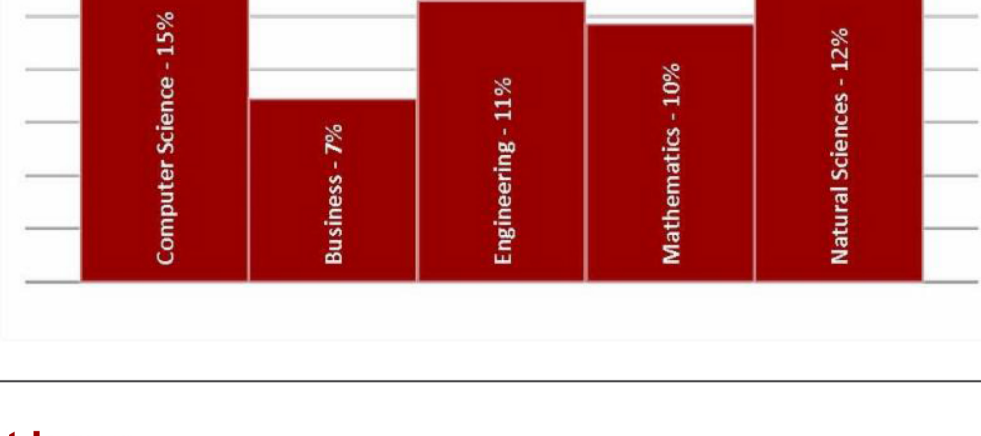
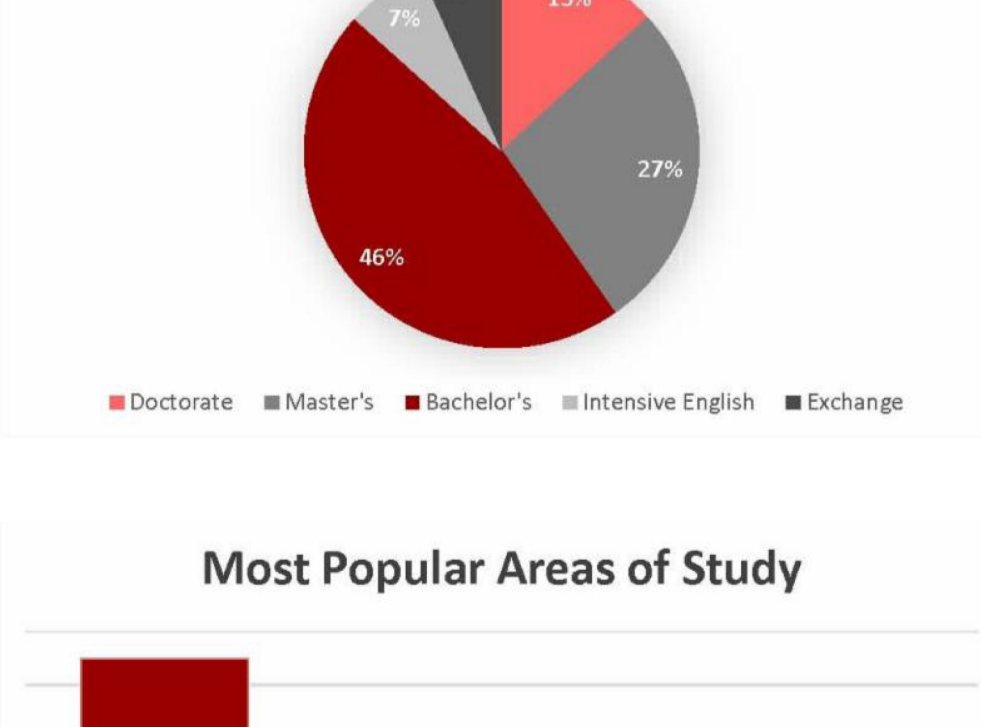
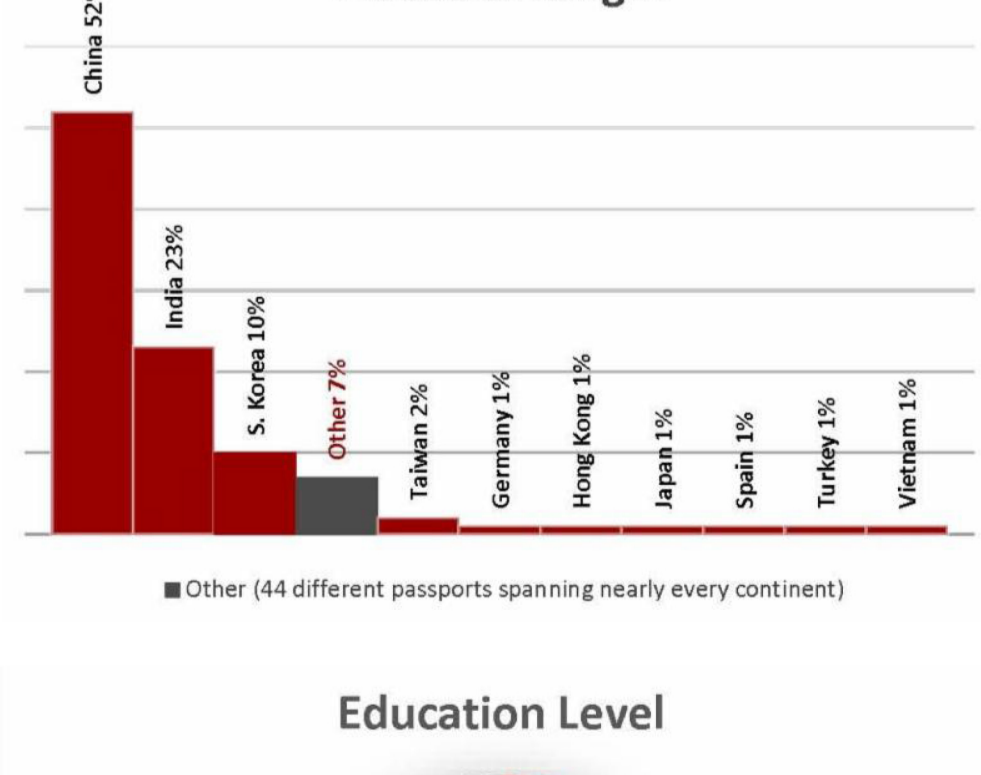
International Student Spotlight



International Student Orientation

This Fall semester, Stony Brook University welcomed over 1,300 new international students from more than 50 countries to campus.

Learn more about our new students below!



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