Students visit Britain’s Stonehenge as they learn about Theatre in Europe.

Study Abroad for Gen Ed Credit

In 2012, more students than ever will be able to experience the richness of other countries while earning general education credit. The General Education Program is working to expand the number of short-term, faculty-led study abroad programs that carry General Education credit. The General Education Council has already approved offerings from Spain to Germany and more courses are currently in the approval pipeline. Approved courses include: GER 1050, THR 3730, FL 2025, SOC 3800, HIS 3535, and SOC/HIS 3530. The final three courses on this list are all included in the "War in Europe" study abroad program, which offers a unique opportunity for students to fulfill an entire 6 hour theme within the Historical and Social Perspective. In this theme, students will travel through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany to gain a thorough understanding of the concept and consequences of wars in Europe, especially WWI and WWII. For more information, check out the Study Abroad website at http://generaleducation.appstate.edu/study-abroad.
World Wide Tribes

Students in Kelly Renwick’s First Year Seminar “World Wide Tribes” become global citizens as they explore the world’s tribal populations through films, discussions and writing assignments. From Latin America to Australia, students learn about each population’s distinct histories, customs and traditions. Renwick’s class sheds light not only on who these populations are, but what the world will miss if they disappear. It has been eye-opening for students to recognize the present day predicaments tribes are facing as they fight to preserve their way of life. Each student is required to present on a current event news item related to class material, such as the displacement of an indigenous tribe due to logging in South America. Through their examinations of diverse populations, students gain an understanding of how people who seem intrinsically different are still similar. In an age of conflict and human injustice, it is important for students to understand how we personally affect and exploit other parts of the world and to grapple with important questions about human rights. Many students have chosen to make changes in their lifestyle as a result of the awareness gained in Renwick’s class. Renwick’s geography background and high standards for writing guide students through a class which broadens their horizons and helps them gain the skills and confidence for academic success. For more information about “World Wide Tribes” contact Kelly Renwick at renwickka@appstate.edu.

Reception in Honor of Gen Ed Faculty

The General Education Program is holding a reception for General Education Faculty to thank them for their work on Monday, November 21st, 2011 in the Plemons Student Union Solarium. The reception is from 5-6:30pm with a welcome from Provost Lori Gonzalez at 5:20pm. For more information contact Paulette Marty at martypjw@appstate.edu.

New Fine Arts Designation Courses

On October 21, General Education Council approved four courses for Fine Arts Designation credit. The courses all had previously been approved for inclusion in Perspectives themes and were proposing to add the FA Designation. The courses include: DAN 3430 (in the Aesthetic Perspective theme "The Body"), THR 2017 (in the Aesthetic Perspective theme "Social Change through the Arts"), DAN 2020 and THR 2020 (both in the Local to Global Perspective theme "Performance of Culture"). Once these designations are added to these courses in Fall 2012, a total of 24 courses will carry Fine Arts credit in the General Education curriculum. To read the agenda and approved minutes from past General Education Council meetings or view the agenda for the upcoming November 18 meeting, please visit: http://generaleducation.appstate.edu/general-education-council. All Council meetings are held in Anne Belk Hall 1118 and are open to the public.