



Message from the International Programs Office

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How can you experience other cultures while advancing your education? Learn about international issues first-hand?

Take advantage of the variety of international opportunities that the International Programs Office in the Faculty of Management offers and become a true global learner.

Whether you want to study abroad for a few weeks in the summer or for a semester or two, international exchanges will broaden your horizons, expand your global network and provide a competitive advantage.

You may have a hard time deciding which wonderful destination to choose as we have 23 exchange locations in 16 different countries. We continue to build exchange relations and are very pleased to announce three new partner schools, Bolzano University in Bolzano, Italy, Renmin University in Beijing, China and Nagoya University of Foreign Studies in Nagoya, Japan.

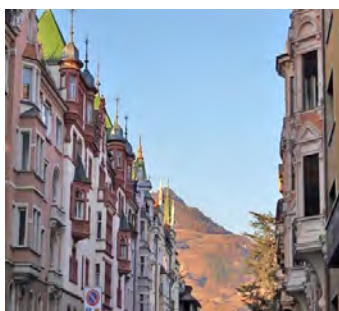
Our exchange programs are open to all UofL students regardless of campus, major or second language ability as many of our partner schools offer courses in English.

In addition to our international exchanges, we also have work-study programs in Malaysia and India and an Edmonton study tour to Japan.

So...get involved, gain academic credit abroad and go global.



New Partners in China, Italy, Japan



Bolzano, Italy



Beijing, China

The Free University of Bozen – Bolzano is situated in South Tyrol, the German speaking region in the northern part of Italy. Bolzano has a population of 101,063 and it thrives on a mix of old and new—high-quality intensive agriculture, tourism, traditional handcraft and advanced services. The city's Italian-Austrian character, enhanced by the narrow cobblestone streets, Habsburg-era churches and pervasive bilingual signage give it the unique flavor of a city at a crossroads between the two cultures.

The University aims to offer students a multilingual, practice-oriented education. Classes are held in German, Italian and English.

Renmin University of China, is a national comprehensive university located in Beijing, China. Beijing is the centre of cultural, political, business and financial activity of this rapid growing developing country - with a population of 12 million.

Renmin University is considered one of the top universities in China, their Business School was ranked 3rd by the Ministry of Education. Their mission follows Chinese traditional culture while embracing new concepts in order to build a creative and international academic atmosphere. Courses are offered in English and Chinese.

Nagoya University of Foreign Studies (NUFS) was founded in

1988 and has been growing steadily since its establishment. Nagoya is the third-largest incorporated city and the fourth most populous urban area in Japan, with its population larger than 2.2 million.

Starting with only the School of Foreign Languages, NUFS doubled its offerings by establishing the School of Global Business and Economics in 1994. The Japanese Language Institute of Nagoya University of Foreign Studies was founded in 2001, focusing on academic exchanges with many overseas universities. Language of instruction is mostly English with some Japanese courses available.

Canada to Qatar



You may be asking yourself, where is Qatar? Well, I am now living in the Middle East in the city of Doha, surrounded by the Gulf and Saudi Arabia. After several years of sending students overseas, it was once again my turn to expand my own experiences.

The move to Qatar was relatively easy due to the widely culturally diverse expat community and use of the English language. Although the temperatures can be extremely hot in the summer I don't miss scraping the snow off my car or shoveling the sidewalk. In fact, my family has not taken sympathy on me when I complain of the cold at 22°C. They are my reality check.

I have met some really wonderful people and continue to make a life here. I have ridden a camel, lazed by the pool, watched the F1 boat races, gone to the horse races, had my adrenalin pumping dune bashing, fishing in a dhow, stared at Beckham on the football field, bartered at the souqs and am looking to making many new memories. You just never know what you are going to see and do here in Doha.

Relocating to Qatar has afforded me additional travel opportunities. I have traveled to the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, and Russia. Plans for Kenya, Bali, Cambodia, Jordan, Italy and Australia already fill my head at night.

Candace Jesson



Postcards from Abroad

The Ajou summer school program began with a three day trip to Jeju Island. This was one of my most memorable experiences in Korea because this is where all of our friendships began to form and get stronger. This was a great trip for group bonding and learning more about Korean culture. We were also fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to view the natural beauty of Korea through the various activities that were planned for us. We saw three UNESCO World Heritage sites and spent some time relaxing and having fun on the beaches of Jeju Island. It was a perfect way to start the program because it gave us an opportunity to get to know all of the other students while having fun and not having to worry about school.



One of my favourite places that I visited in Korea would have to be Bijin Island. Thanks to Wangsu Mok, a student intern from the Office of International Affairs who helped to organize this trip, some of my close friends and I had an incredible weekend on Bijin Island. This was one of the most beautiful places that we have visited in Korea. Bijin Island consisted of two islands connected by a sand bridge, which also served as its main beach for travellers. I was surprised to hear that most locals have never even heard of Bijin Island before. While there weren't many restaurants on the island, the beaches were great with very few people. It felt like we were on vacation at a resort or something. I'll never forget the great times we had together on the island.

Ryan Hung

Postcards from Abroad (cont.)

One thing that I love about travelling is trying all the local foods. Usually, when I eat the same foods every day, I eventually get sick of eating it. But I never got sick of Korean BBQ. Whether it was, pork, beef, intestines, or seafood, I could have Korean BBQ anytime and never get sick of it. I also tried dog meat for the first time in Korea. Many people refuse to eat dog because they have their own pet dogs, but I



had to try it at least once. In fact, I liked it so much, that I actually had it again. Another interesting food I had was live baby octopus. The octopus is cut while it's still alive, so it's still moving when it's served to you. It was definitely an interesting experience. I've tried so many different dishes in Korea. I definitely miss traditional Korean food now that I'm back in Canada.

Ryan Hung

My name is Alex Tyndale and I'm sitting here with Adrian Ball and Justin Yee. We went on exchange to Kaohsiung, Taiwan. We had a phenomenal time- here is a bit of our experience....

The university itself is amazing, it spans from the edge of the ocean to half way up a mountain. The university (and the dorms) is definitely an oasis of calm from hectic Kaohsiung. The campus has old banyan trees growing around the brick buildings and through the cobble stone lanes.

The classes were very engaging. The class sizes were small and the teachers were eager to get to know us. It was interesting to hear the opinions of all the international and Taiwanese students.

We spent a lot of time being active outdoors. There was a huge outdoor basketball court that was always full. There was also a busy soccer field and baseball diamond. Most of the time though we just went down to the university's beach and swam. At night we would have bonfires on the beach.

There were many clubs to join: hip-hop and salsa dancing, all sorts of music clubs, martial arts clubs, sailing, windsurfing and many more. All three of us joined the Business Faculty's softball team. We played every week and even competed in a national tournament. We also joined the sailing club which was also fun.

One of the highlights of our trip had to be the dragon boat tournament we competed in. Our team was made up of all exchange kids. We practiced for about 2 months and then competed in the tournament. Not only was it the first time our university had a dragon boat team but we won!!! We highly suggest joining the team and carrying on the legacy!

The Taiwanese food was great. Fresh seafood and steaming hot bowls of noodles were the highlights. And of course, it was cheap, 2 bucks for most meals.



The nightlife was a lot of fun. There were a few great clubs we frequented. The Taiwanese guys and girls were all eager to meet us, practice their English and make friends.

We traveled around Taiwan quite a bit. Taipei is an amazing city with tons of nooks and crannies to explore. We went to an Alcatraz-type island called Green Island which was amazing to explore. We went up into the mountains and had some great drives on our scooters. We also visited a few of the hot springs around the island if we wanted to relax.

Taiwan was a great experience! Great weather, cheap food and activities and of course the international and Taiwanese kids we met who really made our trip the time or our lives...A great way to spend a semester.

Alex Tyndale, Adrian Ball, Justin Yee

Canadian Culture Class Fieldtrips



The Faculty of Management offers a variety of courses for exchange students. Launched in 2003, Mgmt 3680, Introduction to Canadian Culture and Management course is now mandatory for all exchange students coming to Lethbridge. Topics for this course include: Canadian culture, history, First Nation issues, and a variety of methods and perspectives, with the goal of providing an in-depth understanding of Canadian business practices and management perspectives.

Nestled in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, Waterton National Park is a spectacular natural get-away only one-and-a-half hours from Lethbridge. The town site has a number of quaint shops, restaurants and hotels, while just outside of the village, there are numerous hiking trails for the novice as well as the experienced mountain climber. Wildlife includes both black bears and grizzlies, cougars, deer, moose, elk and mountain goats.



On long weekends and during the reading week exchange students take trips to different places. This group of French students chose to visit Banff National Park, which is about 3 hours north of Lethbridge. On the Banff National Park of Canada website one can read: "In the fall of 1883, three Canadian Pacific Railway construction workers stumbled across a cave containing hot springs on the eastern slopes of Alberta's Rocky Mountains. From that humble beginning was born Banff National Park, Canada's first national park and the world's third. Spanning 6,641 square kilometers (2,564 square miles) of valleys, mountains, glaciers, forests, meadows and rivers, Banff National Park is one of the world's premier destination spots."

It is amazing the fact that we can't stop counting the beautiful landscapes that Canada can offer us. This field-trip to Waterton National Park was full of them and this picture is excellent because we can enjoy not only the nature of Canada, but also a really funny moment with my friends.

Jaime Guinea



Memoirs from Canada



5-pin Bowling is a uniquely Canadian sport invented by Thomas (Tommy) F. Ryan in Toronto in 1909. It uses a smaller ball and five smaller pins compared to the ten pins and the large heavier ball used in the more familiar game of “regular” bowling.

The Hutterites are a very old German-speaking Christian sect that are committed to communal living and the sharing of all possessions. First persecuted in the 17th century for their Anabaptist beliefs, the Hutterites emigrated to Canada in the early 20th century and are now an important part of the southern Alberta rural landscape. Recognizable for their distinct clothing and agrarian way of life, colonies incorporate modern agricultural technology in their farming life but continue to speak German and live fairly isolated from contemporary society.



I will remember this day not only because of the beautiful landscapes of the Japanese Gardens but also because it was the first day that I went out with my buddy and by the way it was a really good day!

Jaime Guinea



Curling, a popular winter sport in Canada, was first introduced here by Scottish immigrants in the early 19th century. Similar in some ways to the game of shuffle board, it is a team sport played on ice with heavy polished stones which are slid towards a target, two team members with brooms sweep the ice in front of the stone to assist its final placement.

Faculty Exchanges

Turkey Exchange — Anadolu University

During February and March 2008 while I was on sabbatical I accepted a Visiting Professor exchange at Anadolu University in Eskisehir Turkey. While my wife (Shirley) and I have travelled extensively this was our first visit to Turkey. Our entire experience was fantastic!

From Canada we landed in London, England and spent two weeks. I visited some universities and made some research presentations. I have an appointment as a Visiting Professor at London South Bank University. We also found time to attend some of London's famous West End plays.

Next we flew to Ankara, Turkey arriving in a snow storm. The next day we took a bus to Eskisehir. The four hour bus ride took us through small villages and dessert like countryside similar to the dry areas on the outskirts of Lethbridge. Indeed, later we would learn that many of the crops in this area are similar to the dry land crops of southern Alberta.



At the university we were treated royally. I had a huge office and everyone made me feel very welcome. On a regular basis someone would drop by and we would share a cup of Turkish tea. We were at Anadolu University for four weeks. I made some presentations and discussed some potential research projects with colleagues.

On one week-end I was invited to Istanbul, which straddles Europe and Asia. The University of Lethbridge was conducting a recruiting fair. The Blue Mosque, Grande Bazaar Sophia – such spectacular sites are well worth a return visit. We would love to return to this cradle of civilization.

On our return to Canada we again spent some time in London. This time I was able to visit universities in the surrounding area. We were back in Canada for a couple of weeks before continuing my sabbatical in New Zealand and Australia.

M. Gordon Hunter

In the summer of 2008 Dr. Lori S. Kopp participated in an exchange with one of our newest exchange partners, Anadolu University, in Eskisehir, Turkey. She participated in activities with both students and faculty at Anadolu University in an extremely welcoming and hospitable environment. She taught Introductory Accounting in their English Program in Business. She also made presentations to business



classes at Anadolu University about University of Lethbridge undergraduate and graduate courses and programs available to Anadolu students.

Dr. Kopp's work with the faculty involved both research and teaching. She was invited to make two research presentations about her current research to Anadolu faculty. She also shared some of her teaching methodologies with faculty at Anadolu University.

After Dr. Kopp completed the Anadolu exchange one of the Anadolu students came to University of Lethbridge to participate in the student exchange program. We expect to have one of the Anadolu University professors teach at the University of Lethbridge in the summer of 2010.

Lori S. Kopp

Where am I today?

My name is Wouter Voois and I went to Lethbridge as an exchange student in September of 2007 to fulfill my minor "Management around the World". My first impression of Canada and Lethbridge was the spaciousness, as I am coming from The Netherlands. The other thing I noticed was the friendliness of the people, and I definitely think that is related to the space available. My friendship family, Bob and Janice Kemp, and their sons, made my stay way more exciting. They introduced me to hockey and they showed me the culture of a real Canadian family. The UoFL is great, well-organized, with excellent sport facilities. We did a couple of outings which was great fun! Also the indoor soccer competition is worth joining. I am at the moment in Cape Town, South Africa, where I work at Khaya, an exchange agency for students who would like to come to South Africa. We arrange the accommodation, an internship, outings, transfer, visa and we just make sure you have a great time in a very special city and country. For those who are staying now international exchange students in Lethbridge; have a lot of fun and enjoy yourselves!

Wouter Voois



Being an exchange student at the UoFL is an unforgettable experience. I was impressed by the nature in Lethbridge: one can see deer and rabbits from the windows at the university. Studying in Canada differs a lot from studying in Germany or Ukraine (my home country). There are group assignments and a lot of communication with instructors, who are very supportive and helpful. The library offers a number of electronic databases and free interlibrary exchange that helped me tremendously to write the Master thesis. Besides studying, a majority of students have a job and are very independent. From academic standpoint, studying at the UoFL helped me to deepen my knowledge of derivative securities markets, personal finance, financial analysis and accounting. I was also able to gain working experience by assisting in various finance courses and fortunate enough to get summer employment as an instructor. Teaching in Canada was an exciting experience for me. I truly enjoyed helping students to gain more knowledge in the financial field. I would recommend any student to spend an exchange semester at the UoFL as it offers interesting courses and a lot of support for exchange students.

Maryna Skrynska

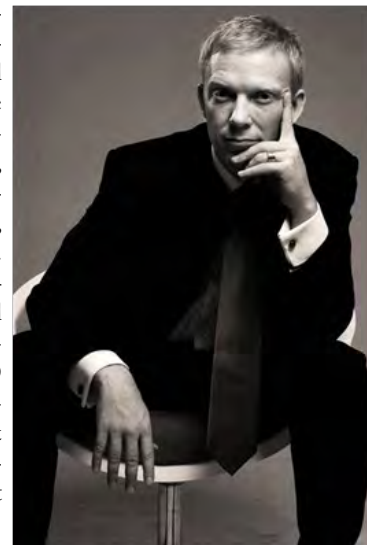
As a result of my experiences at UoFL and the time spent during an exchange in Argentina, I have been able to receive a number of exciting positions in South America, the US, and the latest in the Netherlands. Currently I'm in charge of the company's Supply Chain department responsible for global sales, production planning, global logistics and warehousing, and SAP implementation. I can safely say that I would not be where I am today if not for the education and experiences I



received at UoFL and during my exchange semester in Argentina. I feel that UoFL was a launching pad to my international management career. I would recommend the International Management program to anyone who is interested in learning a foreign language and living and working abroad.

Alexei Zenkevich

Trevor Clark, an international management major who was one of the first students to go on exchange to Taiwan, graduated with his B.Mgt. in 1999. Since 1999, Trevor has worked in the areas of trade, international development, and alternative dispute resolution in China, Vietnam, Singapore, Serbia, and Kosovo. He has recently started his own company, GO Advisors Negotiation & Conflict Management Strategists.





The World is Your Campus



The International Programs Office is looking forward to the upcoming 2009/2010 academic year as we expect to receive about 80 incoming exchange students and send roughly the same number of U of L students on exchange.

We had an exciting academic year in 2008-09 as we added three new partner schools, and also had a change of staff.

We had to bid a fond farewell to Ms. Candace Jesson, our energetic and innovative exchange coordinator, who accepted a wonderful new position in recruitment and university administration in Qatar, and are very pleased to welcome Ms. Gizelle Tiponut, who is originally from Transylvania and holds her bachelors and a master's degree in economics, as our new Student Exchange Coordinator.

In addition, we are fortunate to have Ms. Tanya Pace-Crosschild, who recently won the coveted the 2009 Urban Aboriginal Award for Community Leadership and is the director of a local non-profit organization, as the new instructor for our course, Mgt. 3860, Canadian Culture and Management.

We welcome you to our office and encourage you to take advantage of the variety of international opportunities that the International Programs Office in the Faculty of Management offers and become a true global learner.

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