

Student Contact with Local Peers Abroad

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Profile of UNCG

- ▶ Public doctoral granting research university chartered in 1891
- ▶ Enrollment is approximately 18,500 including approximately 3,700 graduate students
- ▶ About 600 degree-seeking international students
- ▶ About 200 semester or year-length international exchange students
- ▶ Global Engagement is goal of QEP 2014 - 2019

Profile of study abroad @ UNCG

- ▶ About 450 students study abroad per year
- ▶ Emphasis on exchange programs
- ▶ ≈ 250 students, 40+ bilateral exchange partners
- ▶ 22 faculty-led programs per year, all ≤ 6 weeks;
≈ 175 faculty-led student participants

Semester exchange programs

“if we’re here, and they’re there”

- ▶ Pre-departure Orientation:
8 hour day + 3x 90 min. workshops
- ▶ Culture-general session
- ▶ Cultural simulation session
- ▶ Panel discussions (Skype call, international students)
- ▶ Country-specific session

Semester exchange programs

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- ▶ Global Engagement QEP new courses in 2016-17
- ▶ 200-level credit in International Global Studies
1+1+1 (pre-program, while abroad, post-program)

Semester exchange programs

“if we’re here, and they’re there”

- ▶ International exchange students on our campus...
- ▶ Past participants
- ▶ International students, faculty, community members with host-culture experience
- ▶ Peer institutions (local or abroad)

Faculty-led programs

- *program development*

- ▶ Global Engagement is goal of QEP
(grants, toolkit, workshops, summer institute)
- ▶ Study Abroad Committee
(program proposal review process)
- ▶ Sponsor a program director to come to WISE

Faculty-led example at UNCG

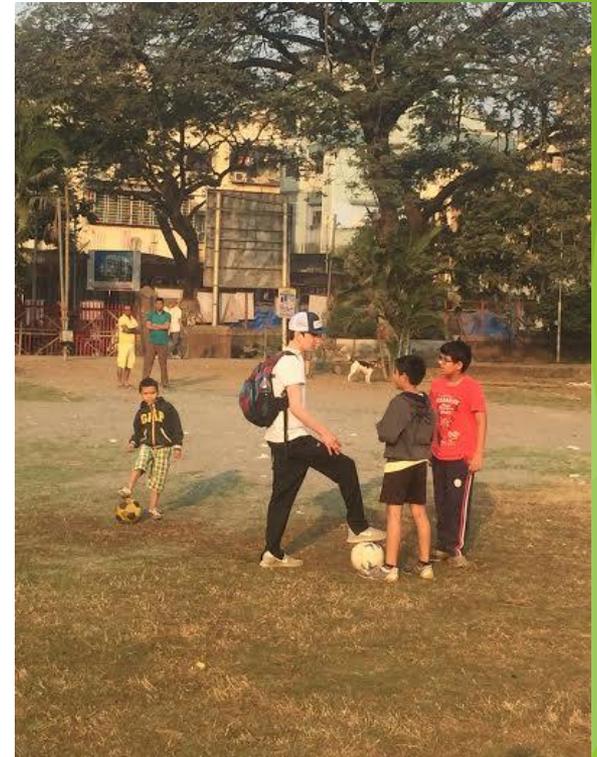


Experience Business in Belgium

Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium + Spring Break

Student Engagement Abroad

What assumptions do we (as faculty and administrators) have about students engaging with local peers abroad?



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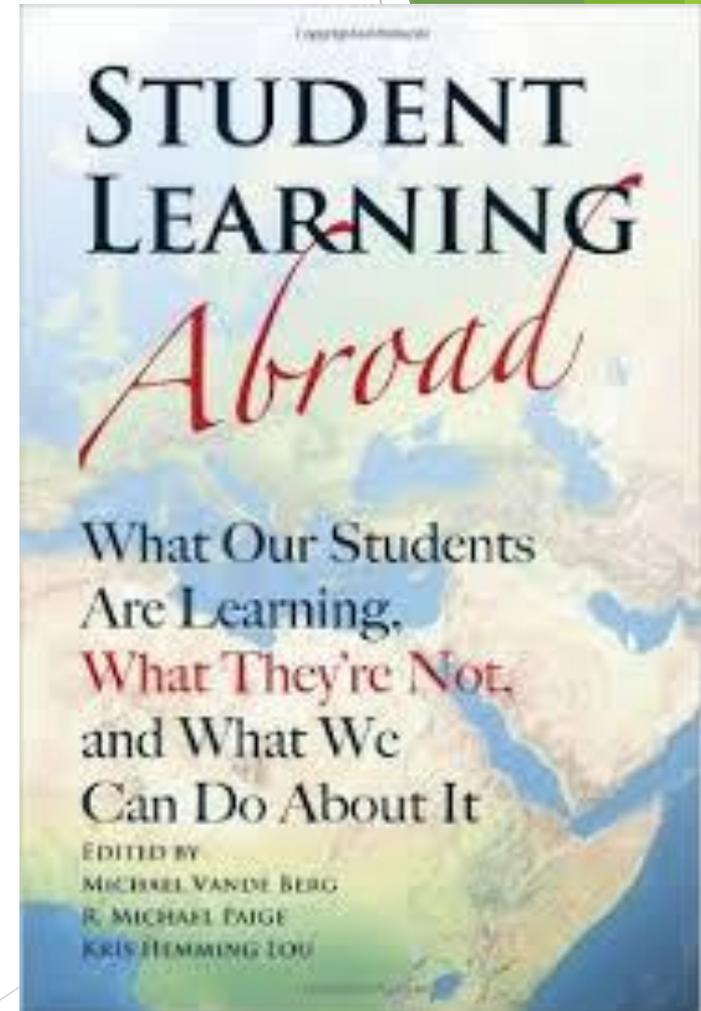
What assumptions do students have about meeting local peers?

The Onion - Report: More Colleges Offering Dick-Around Abroad Programs



So how do we achieve the former and stave off the later?

- Takes intentionality
- Takes intercultural coaching
- Takes time, effort, and encouragement



Considerations

- Short-term vs. long-term programs
- Faculty-led, Affiliated partnerships, direct enroll, etc.
- Language barriers
- Program structure



Munich Semester 2014

Guilford College

Faculty Leader: Dave Limburg

- ▶ Preview attachment Munich Semester with PPS marked in red 2014.pdfMunich Semester with PPS marked in red 2014.pdf964KB



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**Deutsch-Englischer
Stammtisch**

Jeden Donnerstag

18.00-19.30 Uhr

Atzinger (Schelling-/Amalienstr.)



Der Stammtisch bei Atzinger



Platteln zur Völkerverständigung

Eisenhofen - Eine Völkerverständigung der etwas anderen Art findet einmal im Jahr im Gasthaus Gschwendtner in Eisenhofen statt. Amerikanische College-Studenten lernen das Schuhplatteln. „Hau ma glei oan obe - an Aschauer, ha?“. Sobald dieser Satz die Lippen von Michael Arzberger verlassen hat, springt ein Teil der im Eisenhofener Wirtshaussaal anwesenden Personen von ihren Stühlen auf und rennt zur Tanzfläche.

<http://www.merkur.de/>

▶ [Kai's Ipad 141.MOV](#)

For the group:

- ▶ What brings you here?
- ▶ What is your program type?
- ▶ What has worked for you in the past?
- ▶ What has *not* worked for you in the past?
- ▶ What new ideas would you like to explore?

Things to consider

- ▶ Don't underestimate the time
- ▶ Keep it relevant to the students
- ▶ Funding

Questions?