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from different parts of the world

For example, Study Abroad just added a program in Vienna that allows music majors to continue their studies in voice, music history and music theory.

Senior Courtney Mandeville, a biology and environmental studies double major, studied abroad in Costa Rica during Spring 2011. According to Mandeville, studying abroad can be beneficial in enhancing your major, and preparing you for life beyond college.

"Especially for science majors, there are opportunities to get an idea of what it's like to actually do research," said Mandeville. "And sometimes people are able to carry that on to thesis work."

Continuing their desire for inclusivity, Study Abroad is now reaching out to CCE students as well.

"Twenty-eight percent of traditional students go abroad," said Zerbe. "However, half of our campus is adult students and less than one percent of them go abroad."

Though CCE students are often in a different situation than traditional students, Diaz and Zerbe want to make it clear that they still have the option of studying abroad, especially with the advent of the three-week January term programs.

"I realize there may be a lot of things that tie (CCE students) down and make you think that you can't (study abroad) but, for example, we have a woman in Ghana right now," said Diaz. "She's 62 years old and this is her first time leaving the United States. She's living with a host family and she's studying abroad with our traditional students in Ghana."

Study Abroad is also reaching out to faculty.

"We're going to send faculty on these development seminars, because the way for students to get better advising is for the faculty to know more," said Zerbe. "We want to send the faculty to international locations. ... We're really serious about this."

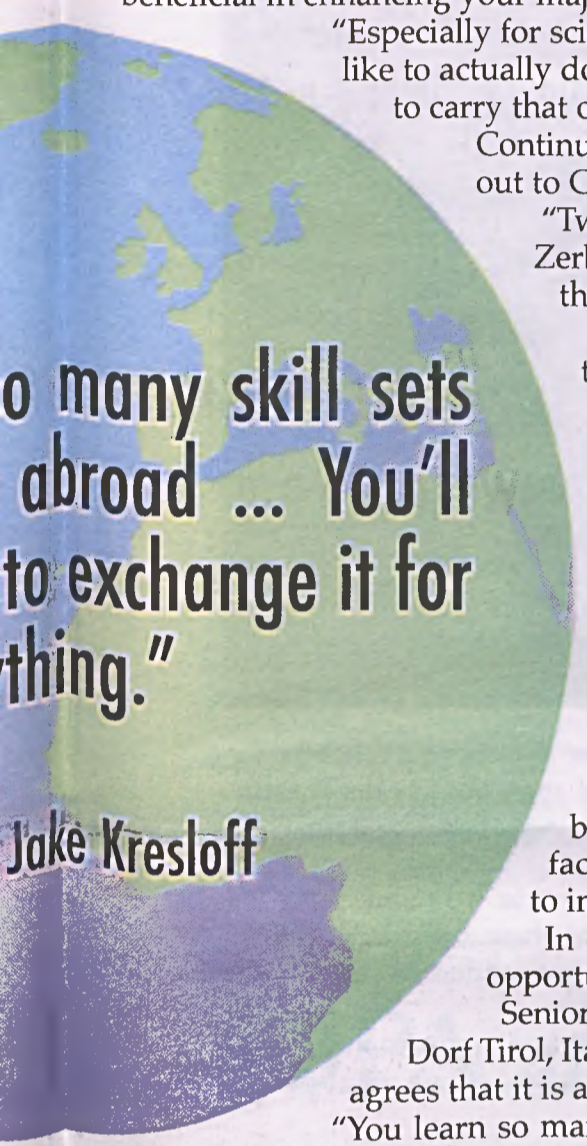
In the end, the Study Abroad office is trying to extend these opportunities and prepare students for life after college.

Senior Jake Kresloff, who studied abroad at Schloss Brunnenburg in Dorf Tirol, Italy, and works as an office assistant in the Study Abroad office, agrees that it is a life-changing experience.

"You learn so many skill sets when you go abroad," said Kresloff. "You learn money management skills, ... time management skills, ... leadership skills, communication skills, problem solving skills. When I came back from Brunnenburg, I learned so much more about myself. You'll never be able to exchange it for anything."

So if you have a desire to study abroad, go to the website (<http://guilford.abroadoffice.net>) or drop by the office (King 112) to chat.

As Zerbe said, "If you want to go, we make it possible for you to go."



Jake Kresloff

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