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## Studying Abroad: Augmenting Education

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After conducting ample research on the study abroad programs offered through UW Oshkosh, I decided to break the routine of my college career and attend classes in Salamanca, Spain, for a semester. When I was accepted into the program, I had no idea where Salamanca was located or what the city would be like. In fact, I knew little more about Spanish culture than Hollywood's depiction of a bull fight and some televised coverage of European soccer. My decision to study abroad was one of the best choices I have made during my college career. The experience I gained far exceeded the excitement of traveling and the amazing feeling of improving my speaking abilities in a second language; it also encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and to embrace my independence. I am certain that the life skills I learned living and studying in a new environment in a foreign country will have lasting effects.

Located in western Spain, Salamanca is a welcoming city overall, and is easy to navigate. The best way to see Salamanca is on foot, as much of the city is easily accessed within a thirty-minute walk. Two cathedrals are the majestic icons for which Salamanca is best known; the adjoining structures can be seen from almost anywhere in the city and serve as stately reference points to locals and visitors alike. Construction on the Romanesque Old Cathedral (Catedral Vieja) began at the end of the twelfth century and features an ornamental reredos,

fine murals, and many chapels. In 1512, the New Cathedral (Catedral Nueva) was erected to help stabilize the deteriorating Old Cathedral, an enterprise that took 200 years to complete and resulted in a mix of gothic and baroque styles. The Plaza Mayor is Salamanca's main square (just about every Spanish city has one) and is another effective landmark for travelers as all roads lead to it. Coffee houses, ice cream shops, restaurants, and souvenir stores are integrated into the interior walls of the beautiful eighteenth-century buildings that line the square itself. The large, open area that makes up the plaza provides a common meeting place for people of all ages, and is a perfect setting for sitting and relaxing. The Tormes River snakes through the city and under the famous first-century Roman Bridge, where wonderful views can be captured from atop its fifteen massive, granite arches.

Leaving everything I knew and enjoyed in the United States was exciting but slightly uncomfortable for me. However, I really enjoy pushing myself to new experiences, and this program was a way for me to gain a better understanding of another culture. Prior to my arrival, I was given a name and contact information regarding my assigned apartment. My host family consisted of a single, retired woman by the nickname "Rufi," and getting to know her was a great experience. She lives in a large apartment on the sixth floor of a modern building in a quiet, residential neighborhood, about a fifteen-minute walk from the plaza. Rufi expected her students to speak only Spanish in her presence as she did not understand any English. Refraining from English was a challenge initially; however, her rule proved right because my speaking skills improved significantly simply by talking with Rufi, with her relatives, and with the many friends I made. Rufi valued her social life, and went on walks to visit with her neighbors and friends almost every night. Because of this, she expected students living with her to arrive promptly for meals, and to advise her

if not planning to eat at home. I ate well in Salamanca as Rufi put effort into preparing meals. Her homemade specialties included a puréed carrot soup, pizza, and a seasoned pork dish topped with mushrooms. By lunchtime, I was finished with all of my classes, so I was free most afternoons to go to one of the many small, cozy cafés that are scattered throughout the city. I would sometimes go alone, but often met with friends to chat or to plan an upcoming trip. Spanish coffee is very strong, and I took an immediate liking to it and to the thick hot chocolate that was a specialty at one of my favorite cafés. I also enjoyed wandering the streets of Salamanca. I found it hard to be lost for long in the grid-like layout of the city, and I enjoyed photographing architectural details and monuments.

Over time, I discovered Spanish and European cultural elements by both observing and participating in them, which taught me more than I could learn in the United States. While not every aspect was to my liking, living abroad forced me to adapt to unfamiliar ways. For example, going to a store in the middle of the day and finding it closed from roughly 3:00 to 5:00 can be confusing at first—and is not very convenient—but it is part of life in Spain. Spaniards commonly take a break from work and class during the afternoon to go home and spend time eating with their families, and sometimes to take a thirty-minute nap. I adapted quickly and was not complaining the next day when I took part in the siesta. Another difference was that meal times were later than I was used to at home, with supper being around 8:30 or 9:00 at night. Also, walking is the prominent mode of transportation in Salamanca (brick streets filled with pedestrians dominate much of the city, which makes driving futile), and public transportation is commonly used as well.

Of course, a major advantage to studying abroad is the formal education opportunities. I attended Universidad de Salamanca, which

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## Fall 2011 Honors Courses

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00-9:00	ENGLISH 110-001 Honors Comp "The Holocaust: Never Again" (Henson)		ENGLISH 110-001 Honors Comp "The Holocaust: Never Again" (Henson)		ENGLISH 110-001 Honors Comp "The Holocaust: Never Again" (Henson)
9:10-10:10	ENGLISH 110-002 Honors Comp "The Holocaust: Never Again" (Henson)		ENGLISH 110-002 Honors Comp "The Holocaust: Never Again" (Henson)		ENGLISH 110-002 Honors Comp "The Holocaust: Never Again" (Henson)
10:20-11:20	BIOLOGY 108 Lecture (Michalski)		BIOLOGY 108 Lecture (Michalski)		BIOLOGY 108 Lecture (Michalski)
11:30-12:30	COMM 112 (Considine)		COMM 112 (Considine)		COMM 112 (Considine)
11:30-1:00		HNRS 175-004 & 005 Seminar: Light & Sound (Rioux & Ridgely)		HNRS 175-004 & 005 Seminar: Light & Sound (Rioux & Ridgely)	
12:00-1:00				BIOLOGY 108 <i>Discussion</i> (Michalski)	
1:20-2:50		ENGLISH 228 Modern American Lit (Feldman)  ENGLISH 310 Honors Advanced Comp (Haynes)  HNRS 175-001 to -003 Seminar: Ethics (Maguire, Pickron, & Baltutis)		ENGLISH 228 Modern American Lit (Feldman)  ENGLISH 310 Honors Advanced Comp (Haynes)  HNRS 175-001 to -003 Seminar: Ethics (Maguire, Pickron, & Baltutis)	
1:20-4:20				BIOLOGY 108 <i>Lab</i> (Michalski)	
1:50-2:50	PSYCH 104 General Psychology (Worth)		PSYCH 104 General Psychology (Worth)		PSYCH 104 General Psychology (Worth)
2:00-5:00			INTRNTL 309 (Grieb)		
2:30-9:00				NURSING 317 (TBA)	
6:00-9:00	PHILOSOPHY 106 Ethics (Kyburg)				

### **Don't Forget Culture Connection I and II (HNRS 271 and 272)**

These Honors requirements are like Independent Study courses so they're not included on our grids of regularly scheduled classes. Culture Connection encourages students to attend and respond to community events of their choosing. The assignments are designed to build and improve students' critical thinking and writing skills. At just one credit each, these courses fit easily into most semesters. Seats are limited so sign up ASAP!

### **Honors Registration: When Can I Start Signing Up for Fall 2011 Classes?**

**Seniors - Monday, February 28**  
**Juniors - Tuesday, March 1**  
**Sophomores - Wednesday, March 2**  
**Freshmen - Thursday, March 3**

Please note: UHP staff members are here to help. If you need assistance scheduling your Honors requirements or have other questions about the UHP curriculum, please stop by our offices in Polk 8 and 10 or make an appointment with Adam BellCorelli, UHP's Associate Advisor, by calling 424-1362 or e-mailing [bellcora@uwosh.edu](mailto:bellcora@uwosh.edu).

# UHP SPRING 2011 TRIP TO MILWAUKEE

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 30, 2011, beginning at 8:00am

**WHERE:** We will start the day at Mitchell Park Conservatory, where we will take a fascinating tour of three beehive-shaped glass structures known as The Domes: the Arid Dome, which shows how desert climates actually produce a great variety of vegetation; the Tropical Dome, a rainforest with 1200 species; and the Floral Show Dome, which at the time of our visit will depict a Rocky Mountain spring.

The bustling Milwaukee Public Market is a food shopper's paradise and will be the perfect stop when we break for lunch. The market houses eighteen vendors—Italian, Mexican, Middle Eastern, a giant salad bar, and sushi specialties are just a few options—and offers comfortable seating and live music on its upper level.

After lunch, we will head to the Milwaukee Art Museum. You'll be free to take in Frank Lloyd Wright: Organic Architecture for the 21st Century, which is a new exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of Taliesin, which is the revolutionary designer's home in Spring Green, or any of the museum's other exhibits, or you might take a relaxing walk along the lakefront.

After dinner at Tulip in the Historic Third Ward, we will arrive at the Quadracci Powerhouse Theater for the Milwaukee Rep's production of *Death of a Salesman*. Arthur Miller's unflinching drama about a disillusioned American at the end of his career produced one of theater's most enduring characters, and is as timely today as when Willy Loman's battered briefcase first hit the stage in 1949. After the play, we will head back to campus!

**HOW:** The bus will depart on Saturday, April 30, at 8:00am from Algoma Boulevard in front of Albee Hall, and we will return to campus by approximately 12:00 midnight. For additional info, please contact Adam BellCorelli, the UHP's Associate Advisor, at 424-1362 or [bellcora@uwosh.edu](mailto:bellcora@uwosh.edu).



The Domes at the Mitchell Park Conservatory in Milwaukee

The University Honors Program (UHP) and the University Honors Student Association (UHSA) are sponsoring this cultural experience in Milwaukee. Seating is limited, so reserve your spot ASAP by returning this form (with \$20 cash or check made payable to UW Oshkosh) to the UHP Office (Polk 8). The \$20 fee includes bus transportation, all tickets, and dinner; lunch at the Public Market is on your own. Note: After April 27, refunds cannot be processed.



## UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM SPRING TRIP TO MILWAUKEE SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\$20**  **CASH**  **CHECK**

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST, IF APPLICABLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Campus and Community Events

**Saturday, February 5, from 9:30AM to 11:00AM: Basic Home Plumbing Repairs, Habitat ReStore, 1640 South Koeller Street, Oshkosh.** Here's your chance to learn how to clear drains, stop leaky faucets, and familiarize yourself with basic plumbing tools and supplies in this workshop with Master Plumber Dan Kelly of Kelly Plumbing Service. Materials will be provided. The cost is \$20 per person. To make a reservation for this workshop and to learn about other scheduled workshops, visit [www.bailiwickworkshops.com](http://www.bailiwickworkshops.com) or call (920) 379-3741.

**Saturday, February 5, from 5:30PM to 8:00PM: Frosty Family Fun Night, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, 1660 East Shore Drive, Green Bay.** All are invited to the sanctuary for a great evening of hiking and snowshoeing, spotting creatures along the sanctuary's Wildlife Habi-Trek, hot cider and delicious desserts, crafts, a warm bonfire, and music. The fee is \$5 per carload. Call (920) 391-3671 or visit [www.baybeachwildlife.com](http://www.baybeachwildlife.com) for details.

**Friday, February 11, and Friday, February 18, from 6:00PM to 9:00PM: Moonlight Ski & Hike, Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 North Lynndale Avenue, Appleton.** Make the best of the winter while it lasts.... This beautiful preserve's many well-maintained trails will be candlelit for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and hiking for a few more evenings this season. Ski and snowshoe rentals are available for \$15 and \$6.50, respectively, and include trail fee. If using one's own equipment, there is a trail fee of just \$5. For more information, call the preserve at (920) 731-6041 or visit [www.bubolzpreserve.org](http://www.bubolzpreserve.org).

**Monday, February 14, 11:00AM to 5:00PM: American Red Cross Blood Drive, UW Oshkosh Student Recreation and Wellness Center, 735 Pearl Avenue, Oshkosh.** Have a heart this Valentine's Day—be a donor and help us reach our goal of 50 pints. The Rec Center lobby will be staffed from 11AM on, so please schedule an appointment via [www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation](http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation) or call Adam BellCorelli at (920) 424-1362. Walk-ins are welcome too, and the whole process only takes about an hour. The blood drive is cosponsored every semester by the University Honors Student Association. **Don't forget to bring your ID to your appointment!**

**Monday, February 14, from 4:30PM to 8:30PM: Eighth Annual Death by Chocolate Valentine's Day Event, Downtown Appleton.** From cannolis to triple chocolate cream puffs, indulge your sweet tooth with decadent treats from more than a dozen vendors. Tickets are \$20 (single) or \$35 (pair) and may be purchased in person at the Appleton Downtown Inc. office (116 North Appleton Street), by calling (920) 954-9112, or on the Web site store at [www.appletondowntown.org](http://www.appletondowntown.org). For a list of participating restaurants and shops, visit [www.appletondowntown.org](http://www.appletondowntown.org).

**Wednesday, February 16, through Saturday, February 19, at 7:30PM; Sunday, February 20, at 2:00PM: The Boys Next Door, Directed by Jane Purse-Wiedenhoeff, Fredric March Theatre, 926 Woodland Avenue, Oshkosh.** Tom Griffin's play explores the daily lives, relationships, struggles, and joys of four mentally challenged roommates. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$4 with student ID. For more information and to view the 2010-2011 UW Oshkosh Theatre Season, visit [www.uwosh.edu/theatre](http://www.uwosh.edu/theatre).

**Thursday, February 17, at 7:00PM: Guest Lecturer Leonard Pitts, Jr., St. Norbert College, Walter Theatre, 315 Third Street, DePere.** *Miami Herald* journalist Leonard Pitts will present a talk entitled "The Water in the Glass," which will be hosted by the *Green Bay Press-Gazette* and the St. Norbert College Peace and Justice Center. The lecture is free and open to the public. Pitts, whose intriguing column circulates to millions of readers biweekly, has written three books and was the recipient of a Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 2004. To read more about Pitts's appearance, visit [www.snc.edu](http://www.snc.edu).

**Friday, February 18, through Sunday, May 8 (Tuesdays through Sundays from 11:00AM to 4:00PM): Gilded: Objects and Images of Opulence, Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh.** This fourteen-carat (or thereabouts) exhibit will glitter with artworks accented with precious metals. Examples from the museum's permanent collection will include a full-length portrait of Anne of Denmark, Queen of England, an Art Nouveau decorative screen, and Tiffany lighting; these "golden oldies" along with selected contemporary artworks will serve as inspiration for the fresh floral displays in the Paine's Rooms of Blooms exhibit in March. Admission is \$9. On Wednesdays, students with ID and seniors (62+) will be admitted for \$5. For more information, go to [www.thepaine.org](http://www.thepaine.org) or call (920) 235-6903.

**Through February 20 (Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10:00AM to 4:30PM; Sundays from 1:00PM to 4:30PM): Bergstrom-Mahler Museum Presents Artists of the New North, a Juried Exhibition, Bergstrom-Mahler Museum, 165 North Park Avenue, Neenah.** This exhibition provides a creative dialogue that showcases the visual arts in the eighteen-county region of Northeast Wisconsin that encompasses the New North. Categories include oil, watercolor, acrylic, gouache, pastels, collage, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal, photography, mixed media, digital art, original prints, clay, hand-wrought jewelry or metal work, glass, and sculpture in all media. Information about the artists and their interests and images of their submissions are available at [www.bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com](http://www.bergstrom-mahlermuseum.com). **Note:** One of the featured artists, UW Oshkosh Assistant Professor Jessica Calderwood, will discuss her work and how it has been influenced by industrial processes at a lecture at the museum on **Thursday, February 10, from 6:30 to 8:00.** Call the museum for additional information at (920) 751-4658.

**March 2011 Weekends (Fridays from 11:00AM to 7:00PM; Saturdays from 10:00AM to 7:00PM; and Sundays from 11:00AM to 4:00PM): Rooms of Blooms—Second Annual Greater Fox Valley Flower Show, Paine Art Center and Gardens, 1410 Algoma Boulevard, Oshkosh.** Celebrate the coming of spring at the Paine when the mansion is transformed with the scent and artistry of more than 100 floral arrangements. Many designs will be influenced by pieces on display in the art center's collection and by the style and décor of the rooms in which the flowers will be presented. Admission is \$9. Call (920) 235-6903 or visit [www.thepaine.org/events/RoomsOfBlooms](http://www.thepaine.org/events/RoomsOfBlooms).

**Thursday, March 10, at 7:30PM and Saturday, March 12, at 3:00PM: Gianni Schicchi by Giacomo Puccini, Directed by Frank Hoffmeister, UW Oshkosh Opera Theatre, Music Hall, Arts and Communication Center, 926 Woodland Avenue, Oshkosh.** After a wealthy man dies and leaves his inheritance to monks, relatives persuade Gianni to "make things right." FREE with student ID. For details and a calendar of other Music Department offerings, visit [www.uwosh.edu/music/calendar-of-events](http://www.uwosh.edu/music/calendar-of-events).

**Friday, March 11, at 7:30PM: UW Oshkosh Jazz Ensemble, Conducted by Marty Robinson, Music Hall, Arts and Communication Center, 926 Woodland Avenue, Oshkosh.** FREE with student ID. For details and a calendar of other Music Department offerings, visit [www.uwosh.edu/music/calendar-of-events](http://www.uwosh.edu/music/calendar-of-events).

**Saturday, March 12, at 8:00PM: Celebrity Autobiography: In Their Own Words, Meyer Theatre, 117 South Washington Street, Green Bay.** Chase away the winter blues with storybook time.... You won't know whether to laugh or wince as actors and comedians (the cast for the current national tour is TBA) read excerpts from celebrities' memoirs. Selections from previous shows have included autobiographies by Suzanne Somers, Vanna White, Mister T, and members of Motley Crue. Tickets are \$35. To purchase tickets and for more information about this and other events at this venue, visit [www.meyertheatre.org](http://www.meyertheatre.org) or call (920) 433-3343.

**Saturday, March 26, at 1:00PM, 3:00PM, 6:00PM, and 8:00PM: 10th Annual Wildwood Film Festival, Fox Cities Performing Arts Center, 400 West College Avenue, Appleton.** Each of the short films that will be presented were either created by current or former Wisconsin residents or were shot on location in this state and will run thirty to forty-five minutes in length. Tickets start at \$10; a \$20 full-day pass includes admission to all four shows. For more information about the festival, visit [www.wildwoodfilmfest.com](http://www.wildwoodfilmfest.com). To purchase tickets and to learn about other PAC events, visit [www.foxcitiespac.com](http://www.foxcitiespac.com) or call (920) 730-3760.

**Tuesday, March 29, 10:00AM to 7:00PM: Oshkosh Public Library, Used Book Sale, 106 Washington Avenue, Oshkosh.** Every other month, the Oshkosh Public Library (OPL) transforms its lower level into a second-hand store where you can purchase a surprisingly wide range of good-quality, well-priced books, CDs, DVDs, vinyl, and other materials. The Library building, which has served Oshkosh citizens since 1900, was designed by William Waters and is a beautiful example of neoclassical architecture. Proceeds from the book sale will go to summer reading programs, baby Book Bags for babies born in Oshkosh, and events sponsored by OPL throughout the year. For more information regarding the sale, please call (920) 236-5202 or visit [www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org](http://www.oshkoshpubliclibrary.org).

**Thursday, April 21, at 7:30PM: Michelle Alexander, Sixth Annual African American Studies Spring Lecture, Room TBA.** Dr. Alexander, Associate Professor of Law at Moritz College of Law and the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at Ohio State University at Columbus, will give a talk based on her latest work, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Color Blindness*. To confirm location, visit [www.uwosh.edu/african\\_am/](http://www.uwosh.edu/african_am/).

### Ongoing Exhibits and Events

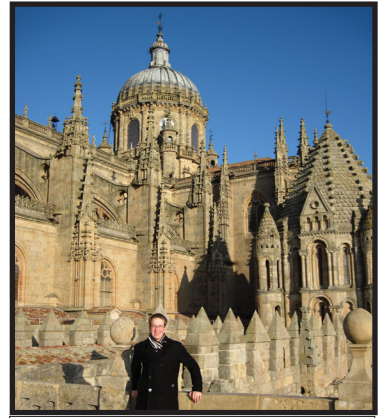
**Every Thursday evening from 7:00PM to 10:00PM: SSSLAM: South Side Slam Open Mic and Poetry Reading at the LessonWorks Studio, 712 Ohio Street, Oshkosh.** On Thursday evenings, the LessonWorks Studio is transformed into an all-age venue where poets, musicians, and writers are encouraged to present their own work—or that of those they admire—to a friendly, supportive audience. Have you written a poem that you'd like to share? Would you like feedback on a poem or song you've composed? Do you enjoy listening to others' work? The studio is close to campus, is open to the public, and welcomes students and faculty to "come on over and make some noise!" LessonWorks is a multi-purpose facility that provides music lessons, practice rooms, and rehearsal studios. Students and community members, whether they're pros or novices, are also free to stop by during regular business hours to try out instruments and visit the studio. The owner also buys and sells affordable instruments and equipment. To learn more about LessonWorks, call (920) 237-0810 or visit [www.thelessonworks.com](http://www.thelessonworks.com).

**Saturday, February 5 (and every first Saturday of each month), from 6:00PM to 9:00PM: Art Walk, Main Street, Oshkosh.** On the first Saturday of each month, Oshkosh galleries and businesses extend their hours, provide refreshments, and display local artists' creations. A relaxing way to start off your evening, tour our downtown, and appreciate the efforts of artists in the community, the Art Walk has become an Oshkosh tradition. Check out the Art Walk's Web site and see which shops and galleries will be participating each month, print maps to plan your evening, and more: [www.oshkoshgallerywalk.com](http://www.oshkoshgallerywalk.com).

**Every Wednesday and Thursday: \$5 Spotlight Movie at Marcus Theatres.** Did you know that Marcus Theatres offers \$5 movies on Wednesdays and Thursdays? The special ticket price is good all day toward each week's films. Features change weekly, so sign up now for e-mail alerts: [www.marcustheatres.com/promotion/](http://www.marcustheatres.com/promotion/).

was founded in 1218 and is the oldest university in Spain. It is famous for its Spanish classes—it was the first university in Spain to create Spanish courses for foreigners—and attracts an array of international students seeking to learn the language. Between January and March, I took three classes, all in Spanish, including Spanish Language, Spanish and Hispanic American Literature, and Spanish Art. In April, I took another language course and Business Spanish. The language courses were two hours in length while the others were one hour each. Classrooms are spread across the city, and the buildings where my classes were held were tightly knit within the ancient fabric of the city; one was adjacent to the original university building, where many tourists spend their time looking for the elusive, tiny frog hidden within the intricate design of the building's façade.

Because I had the opportunity to meet other students who traveled to Salamanca from Taiwan, Japan, China, Germany, and France, I learned about life in other countries around the world too. Over time, I formed friendships with many of these students from across the globe. Each of them has told me about his or her culture and was curious to know about customs in the United States. Before leaving for Spain, I thought that four months would be a lengthy stay so far away from my family and friends, but my return proved harder than expected because I left many good friends behind.



Visiting Salamanca's Old Cathedral (Photo courtesy of Caleb Palmer.)

Beyond Salamanca, our group took program-planned tours of Ávila, Segovia, and Toledo (all Spanish cities). My friends and I also took excursions on free weekends and during spring break. The prearranged trips were coordinated by our director, a Spanish native who works for a company that plans Spanish learning programs, and he was more than willing to help students plan additional trips. Traveling in Europe is easy because of many cheap airlines as well as ample public transportation, and I was able to visit England, Portugal, and Barcelona, which is located in eastern Spain and is the country's second largest city. I also traveled to Ireland, which is where I stayed in my first hostel. That was an interesting experience: meeting people from around the world who love to travel was exciting, but sleeping in bunk beds in a room with ten or more people is not necessarily the most comfortable. Tolerance is a must with people coming in at all hours, making noise, and snoring. After thirteen consecutive days in hostels over spring break, I eagerly anticipated my return to Rufi's apartment.

All in all, I am amazed by all that I learned studying abroad last spring. The friends I met combined with the challenges of adjusting to another culture, relying on and improving my proficiency in Spanish, and attending school in an unfamiliar place provided me with skills and experiences from which I will continue to learn. Studying abroad was worth every penny, and I feel I came home a different person, convinced all should avail themselves of this opportunity.

For more information on study abroad programs, visit [www.uwosh.edu/oiel](http://www.uwosh.edu/oiel)

## UHP Grad Offers Worthwhile Opportunities to UHP Seniors

Are you graduating from the UHP in the spring? Erica Harwell (BS in Psychology, minor in Neuroscience, and UHP Graduate Spring 2008) is a College Coach for Admission Possible in Milwaukee and has provided the following information regarding open positions.

Admission Possible is a ten-year-old nonprofit dedicated to helping promising low-income high school students in Minnesota and Wisconsin earn admission to college. Its staff members provide students with SAT/ACT test preparation, guidance in the college application process, and assistance with financial aid applications. Since its founding in 2000, Admission Possible has succeeded in helping 98% of its students earn admission to college.

The organization, which was recognized by *Princeton Review* as having one of the Best Entry Level Jobs in the country in 2008, is currently recruiting to fill more than seventy AmeriCorps and VISTA positions for Fall 2011. The Priority Application deadline is 2/14/2011 and the Final Application Deadline is 3/7/2011.

For more information about Admission Possible and for details on the specific positions and deadlines, as well as a short video, visit [www.AdmissionPossible.org](http://www.AdmissionPossible.org) and click on the "AmeriCorps" tab. Please consider applying to serve with Admission Possible! If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact [aotteson@AdmissionPossible.org](mailto:aotteson@AdmissionPossible.org) or call (414) 220-9450.

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## Honors Senior Capstone Meeting

If you are a junior or first-semester senior and have not yet decided whether to take the Senior Seminar or to complete an Honors Thesis as your senior capstone experience or

If you HAVE decided on the thesis option and are ready to begin planning your Honors Thesis, please attend this Spring's

**Honors Senior Capstone Meeting  
Wednesday, February 16, at 4:15 P.M.\*  
Honors Lounge (Polk 17)**

See you there!

\*If this meeting time conflicts with your schedule, please contact Dr. Maguire ([maguire@uwosh.edu](mailto:maguire@uwosh.edu)) to reschedule.

To those students who are finishing their Honors thesis projects this semester, Dr. Maguire will be in touch with you to arrange a meeting time.



# *Are You Graduating in May? We Need to Know*

UHP Graduates (students who have completed the Honors curriculum and who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher) will be awarded the Honors Medallion and UHP Associates (students who have completed the Honors curriculum and who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.2 to 3.49) will receive an Honors Certificate at the

## *Spring 2011 Honors Graduation Ceremony*

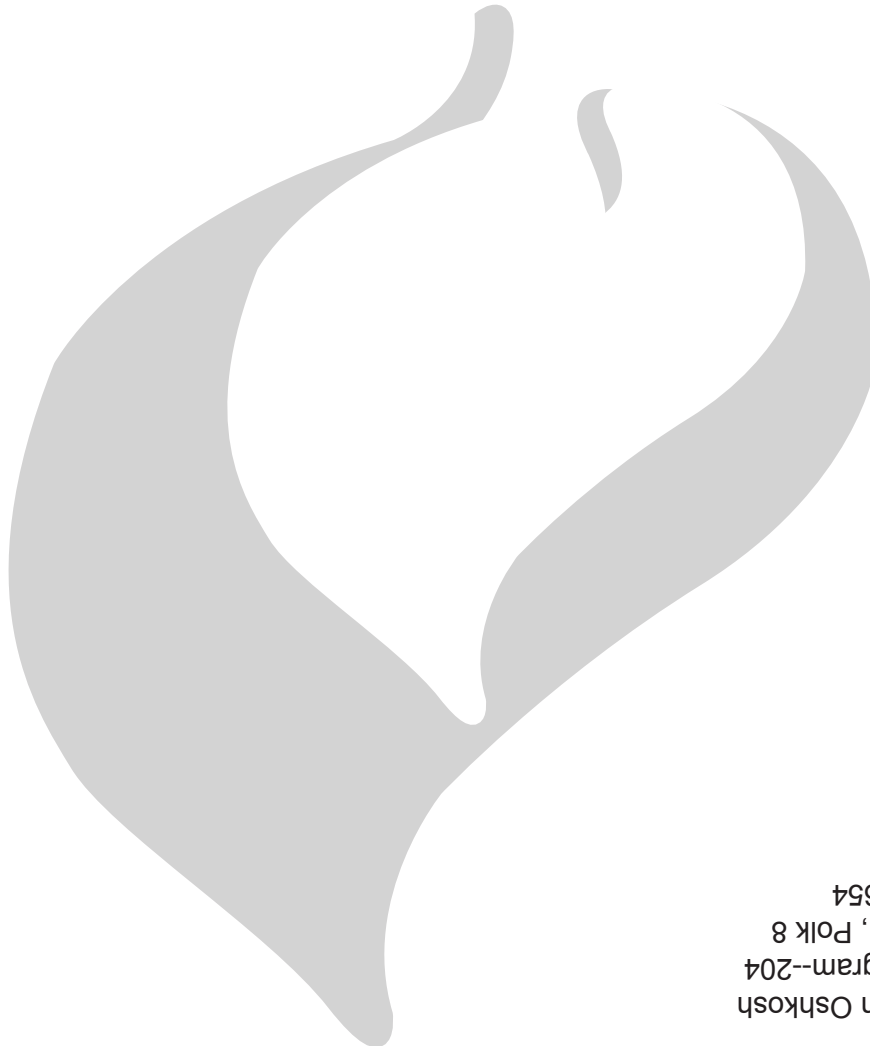
### *Monday, May 9*

### *5:30PM at Pollock House*

Please let us know if you're graduating by completing a Grad Info Form (available in Polk 8 or print a copy by going to [www.uwosh.edu/honors/gradseniors/Gradinfo](http://www.uwosh.edu/honors/gradseniors/Gradinfo)). **Forms are due to Polk 8 via campus mail or e-mail by Friday, April 1.**

Friends and family are welcome to attend the Honors Grad Ceremony; please list their names and addresses on the Grad Info Form where indicated, and we we will send invitations to them.

Thank you.



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