



Charting a New Course in International Education

The Scholar Ship is a semester-long academic program aboard a dedicated passenger ship that traverses the globe as an oceangoing campus. Students and staff from around the world together form a transnational learning community designed to develop their intercultural competencies and leadership skills.

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Learning Circle

What's New

- **University of California, Berkeley Courses to be added to Subject Catalog Shortly**

Berkeley, the newest member of The Scholar Ship's Consortium of Academic Stewards, is in final stages of selecting courses to be incorporated into The Scholar Ship subject catalog. Berkeley became an Academic Steward in April, but only until this semester did it commence its collaborative efforts as a member of the Consortium. Dr. Khatharya Um, Director of Berkeley Programs for Study Abroad, has been appointed to the Consortium's Academic Governing Council, and as such, will also be recruiting Berkeley faculty to teach aboard The Scholar Ship.

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- **The Scholar Ship Exceeds its own Expectations in Recruiting Students Outside the USA**

Nearly 8,000 students from around the world have requested an application to enroll in The Scholar Ship, the first oceangoing program dedicated to hosting undergraduate and postgraduate students from around the world. The Americas region represents 36% of student interest; Europe/Middle East/Africa, 44%; and Asia Pacific, 20%. "We felt our biggest challenge was going to be recruiting students outside the U.S., but the response has been contrary to our assumption," says Dr. Joseph Olander, president of The Scholar Ship. "We now believe our distinctive education abroad model has caught on, in part because of the internationally diverse student body we are committed to recruiting. Hosting students and staff from around the world aboard our oceangoing campus provides a unique opportunity to immerse students in a multicultural environment, an effort that would be virtually impossible to undertake otherwise."

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- **STA Travel to Give Away 10 Round-trip Airline Tickets to/from The Scholar Ship**

Students who submit their application online on or before 31 December 2006 are eligible to receive roundtrip airline tickets to/from The Scholar Ship for the September 2007 voyage.

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Conflict Studies (Undergraduate)

Conflicts are generic to the human condition and the management of disputes is a sign of human civilization. In this undergraduate learning circle, students and academic teaching staff explore the causes of, solutions for and management of conflicts such as cross-border conflicts (international relations); intra-state conflicts (comparative politics); conflicts between groups (sociology); and conflicts between individuals (alternatives to litigation).

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Port Spotlight: Panama City, Republic of Panama

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Panama City is the second port of call on The Scholar Ship's inaugural voyage. Panama City, capitol of the Republic of Panama, is located on the west coast of the narrow peninsula connecting Central and South America. Panama was established as an independent republic in 1903, and began to play a critical role in the world of international commerce with the completion of the Panama Canal in 1914. The Panama Canal, which connects the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, has been recognized as one of the most ambitious engineering projects ever undertaken. Its completion eliminated the long and hazardous route via the Drake Passage and Cape Horn at the southern tip of South America.

A small but diverse country, Panama is home to various populations, including the Kuna Indians of the San Blas Islands. English is widely spoken and the government has mandated a fully bilingual educational system. The common currency is the US dollar as a result of voluminous international trade activity afforded by the Panama Canal.

We continue to garner great media coverage throughout the world. The Scholar Ship program has now been featured in over 100 articles in media across the globe. Some of the media featuring The Scholar Ship are:

- **International Herald Tribune** (France)
- **Inside Higher Education** (USA)
- **The Age** (Australia)

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Academic Field Program: *International Business and Communication (Undergraduate)*

City of Knowledge, a Panamanian international learning and research community located on the banks of the Panama Canal, plays an essential role in The Scholar Ship's port program in Panama. In collaboration with The Scholar Ship academic staff, members of this distinctive knowledge community develop and administer academic field programs to provide students with extensive learning opportunities while in port.

Undergraduate students in the International Business and Communication Learning Circle will explore the critical role the Panama Canal plays in both the Panamanian and global economies. In October 2006, the citizens of Panama passed a referendum to approve expansion of the Panama Canal to increase the volume of the already impressive 200 million-plus tons of cargo that passes through it annually.

Students will meet with the Panama Canal Authority to discuss the decision to expand the canal. They will also participate in a roundtable discussion with members of the local business community and Chamber of Commerce to explore issues surrounding trade, investment and economic growth in the region. To provide an experiential learning dimension, students will be sent out on a fact-finding mission, organized like a "scavenger hunt," to meet independently with representatives of merchant banks in Panama City to gather data on trends in international banking growth relative to increased volume of cargo passing through the Panama Canal.

Back on the ship, students participating in this academic field program will report their findings. With fellow members of their learning circle and academic teaching staff, they analyze the factors that shape the balance between tariffs and trade; economic growth and environmental impact; and global versus local markets.

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