

# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Virtual International Winter Courses with Fulda University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Dr. Mecke Nagel (Philosophy) and Dr. German Zarate (Economics) will each offer the following virtual three-credit winter session courses through the Fulda (Germany) International Winter University. The course details are provide below:

Course: Global Black Political Thought  
Instructor: Dr. Mecke Nagel  
Term: Winter 2022  
Credits: 3  
Cortland Equivalent: PHI 3XX

Course: International Management in an Inter-Cultural Environment  
Instructor: Dr. German Zarate  
Term: Winter 2022  
Credits: 3  
Cortland Equivalent: ECO 3XX

For more information on how to register for these courses, please contact Hugh Anderson, Sr. Study Abroad Advisor, at [hugh.anderson@cortland.edu](mailto:hugh.anderson@cortland.edu).

### Spring Collaborative Online International Course with the University of Potsdam, Germany

In Spring 2022, Dr. Gigi Peterson (History) will teach a collaborative online international learning (COIL) course that will allow undergraduate and graduate students to dialogue and collaborate directly with German international teacher candidates and educators at the University of Potsdam. The participants will explore how migrations have shaped history, what myths need to be challenged, and how historical and global perspectives can help us to better understand history, as well as current concerns and debates about migrations, within and beyond the U.S. United States.

Course: *Rethinking Migration History*  
Instructor: Dr. Gigi Peterson  
Term: Spring 2022  
Credits: 3  
Course Registration: (Undergraduate) HIS 429-001: CRN 27635; (Graduate) HIS 529-001: CRN 27636.

This course meets the Global/Transnational category requirement for SUNY Cortland's History B.A.

For more information, please contact Dr. Peterson at [gigi.peterson@cortland.edu](mailto:gigi.peterson@cortland.edu).

## Photo Contest Popular Voting - Open until 11:59p.m. November 14

Our International students have submitted their favorite photos from their time in the US and now we're asking the campus community to pick your favorites! You may only vote once in each category, per email address, but feel free to share the link with your friends and family. Voting will end at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, November 14. You can view the entries and the link to the voting form [on our website](#) under Photo and Video Contest. The photo with the most votes in each category will win a \$50 Popular Choice award. 1st Place and Runner Up photos will also be selected in each category. Thank you for participating!



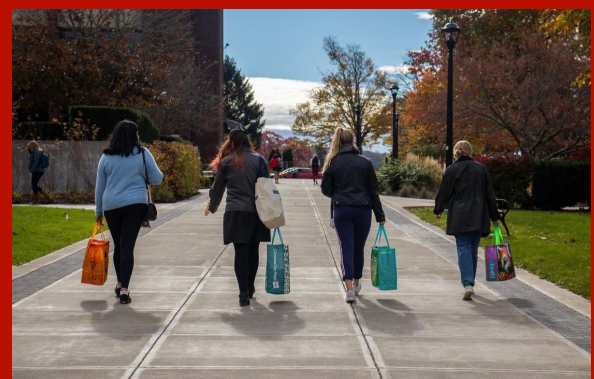
## RECENT EVENTS

### Pumpkin Carving

The International Programs Office hosted a pumpkin carving event for international students on Sunday, October 24. The Cortland students were joined by international students from Tompkins Cortland Community College in a joint campus effort. For many students, this was their first time carving a pumpkin, as pumpkin carving and large-scale Halloween celebrations are not as common in other countries. Students' efforts ranged from the traditional jack o'lanterns to pumpkin bears and fish. After students carved their pumpkins, they voted on their favorites in different categories, and awards were given to those voted; Scariest Pumpkin; Cutest Pumpkin; Most Creative; and Best Overall Pumpkin. This event was sponsored in part by a CAS grant.

### International Candy Handout

On October 29, 2021, the International Programs Office spent the afternoon handing out bags of international candy to students on campus. A few international students and student employees from the office volunteered to help out with this event. Included in the bags of candy were lists of where all the candy was from and some information about Halloween around the world. It was a successful day of giving out candy and making people smile.





# STUDY ABROAD SPRING 2022 REOPENING UPDATE

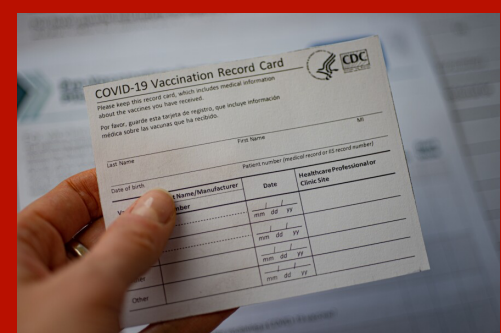
SUNY continues to wait for New York State’s final approval of the SUNY Study Abroad Relaunch Plan for Spring 2022. The Relaunch Plan, if approved, would establish a process for SUNY campuses to petition to SUNY Office of Global Affairs to reopen selected study abroad programs based on COVID risk and safety indicators.

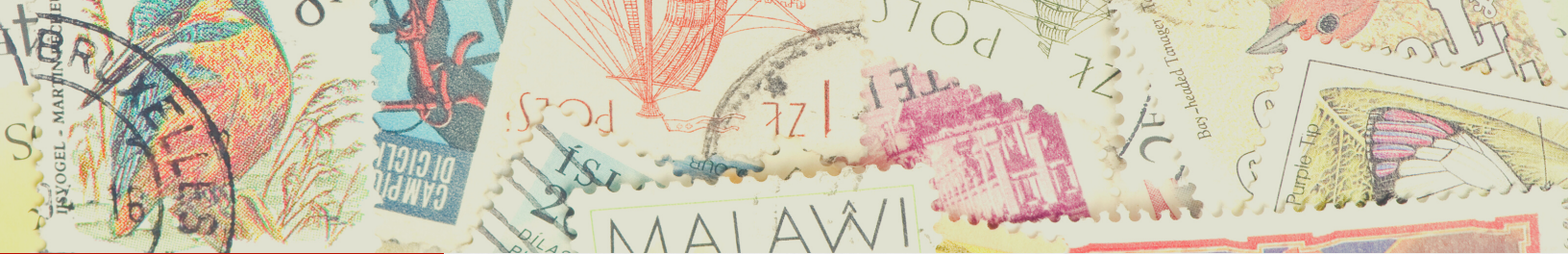
The SUNY Office of Global Affairs has indicated tentative approval of several Cortland programs, including our programs with the American University in Cairo (Egypt), Fulda University of Applied Science (Germany), University of La Rochelle (France), and the University of Salamanca (Spain), and additional programs administered by other SUNY campuses. Petitions for programs in Ireland, Germany, the UK, and Costa Rica are pending.

Due to approaching visa and partner university deadlines, however, if the Relaunch Plan is not approved in the next weeks, it will be too late to send students abroad in Spring 2022. For updates on the operating status of Spring 2022 program, please visit our web site.

## Travel Updates

Biden Proclamation Will Require Nonimmigrants Traveling by Air to Be Fully Vaccinated with Approved COVID Vaccine. On Oct. 25, 2021, President Biden issued a proclamation which, effective Nov. 8, 2021, will lift the four current geographic travel ban restrictions, and replace them with a global requirement that "noncitizens who are nonimmigrants" traveling to the US by air from any part of the world establish that they are fully vaccinated, with some limited exceptions. All air travelers will also continue to have to show results of a negative PCR test taken within the 3 days preceding their flight's departure from a foreign country traveling to the US, in addition to proof of vaccination.





## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT:

### AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO



International Programs is pleased to announce that SUNY Cortland and the American University in Cairo (AUC) in Egypt have recently re-energized our partnership, with the signing of a new student exchange agreement. The agreement establishes mobility pathways, where Cortland undergraduate and graduate students can study abroad at AUC and AUC students can enroll at SUNY Cortland for a semester or year.



Cortland and other SUNY students can join AUC's fall or spring semester study abroad program, choosing classes taught in English from among more than 30 undergraduate programs. Students can also choose to join the six-week summer or three-week winter Arabic Language Intensive Program, which is devoted to the study of Arabic language and Egyptian culture. Students who study abroad at AUC have the opportunity to study with students from Egypt and other countries in the region in classes under the guidance of top scholars. At the same time, they have direct access to a wealth of cultural opportunities, including the Cairo Museum, the pyramids of Giza, the tombs of Saqqara, and the myriad mosques of medieval Cairo, which are all within easy distance. AUC's large New Cairo Campus offers cutting-edge facilities, classrooms and labs to 5,500 students and 1,500 faculty and staff from Egypt and around the world. The campus also includes on-campus residential housing for international students; spacious indoor and outdoor athletic, sports and recreational facilities; and new Cairo's first public, 20-acre park.



SUNY Cortland has already begun welcoming AUC students to our campus. Currently, Salma Abouradwan, an AUC student featured in this issue of the newsletter, has been an active and engaged visiting student on our campus this semester. AUC has also honored the College by selecting as a host university in their Tomorrow's Leaders (TL) Undergraduate Scholarship Program, a joint effort between the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and AUC, to provide educational opportunities to outstanding youth with leadership potential from different countries in the Middle East and North Africa region. We anticipate hosting several TL students from AUC in Spring 2022.



Faculty engagement, one of the cornerstones of successful international partnerships, can also become a component of the Cortland-AUC relationship through collaborative teaching and research. In a serendipitous development, Dr. Nance Wilson (Literacy) independently made a connection with Dr. Thomas Wolsey in AUC's Department of International and Comparative Education, and the two planned and launched the well-received international Beyond the App literacy conference in Fall 2020. We will continue to explore with AUC opportunities for additional future faculty collaborations and are eager to facilitate the flow of students and develop new dimensions of our reinvigorated partnership with AUC.





# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

**SALMA ABOURADWAN**



Salma Abouradwan is a visiting student from the American University in Cairo (Egypt) studying Political Science and Education. Salma appreciates the diversity in the United States. Compared to other International students, her education is very similar at both institutions.

During her free time she enjoys Tennis Club and playing other sports with her friends. Her favorite place on campus is the Student Life Center because you can never get bored! Compared to the American University in Cairo, Salma loves SUNY Cortland because of the communal love of sports and the acknowledgement of female athletes. She also enjoys attending the events hosted by the International Programs Office with the other international students.

Her favorite course at SUNY Cortland is "People of the Middle East" taught by Dr. Sharon Steadman because she gets to hear the American perspective and she gets to give her first hand experience and opinion. As a political science major, it is interesting to have discussion about Palestine and Israel. She has also enjoyed learning about U.S. historical events.

She is excited to visit more places in New York State before she finishes her semester abroad!

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## MONDAY-FRIDAY

8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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