

Hello Everyone,

Today, October 9, 2012, Your Vice President started off the meeting introducing the study abroad program as advocated by Dr. Bauer.

Dr. Bauer gave out hand-outs entitled “Live and Learn in the Czech Republic” which can be experienced May 7th –June 3rd 2013. This is an excerpt from that handout.

*This exciting study abroad program serves the needs of all college majors. **Students can earn 6 or 7 credit hours** that in the past included courses in Psychology (Developmental, Social Psychology, Abnormal, History, and Special Topics), and Czech Cultural Studies or PERSpectives. **There will be opportunities for physical activities, excursions, and the exhilaration of Living and Learning in the Center of Europe. . . Seats fill quickly so contact us and register early.***

Students from any college or university and any major, undergraduate or graduate, are eligible to enroll in the program. Fulltime faculty members from Valdosta State University will teach the classes, along with faculty from Palacky University. Faculty and students in Olomouc will participate in field placements, excursions, and learning about the community. Students who participate in this program can also return to their local campuses for additional summer coursework.

The students will also get to travel to parts of Poland and Austria as well.

He stressed that **now** is the opportune time to go study abroad before leaving VSU, before starting a family, because it will be harder to secure the time and take advantage of this opportunity. He affirmed that it is the least expensive for the highest quality education in the field at a foreign land. He assured us that no one has been lost abroad and no one has complained about the experience.

Contact Information- For more information like

- Program Dates and Structure
- Program Location
- Program Costs
- Financial Aid]

and application forms for Live and Learn in the Czech Republic Study Program contact:

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Send an email to bbauer@valdosta.edu for additional information, even if you are only curious. For a preview you can view the materials at Live and Learn in the Czech Republic 2013 website: <http://ww2.valdosta.edu/coe/psychology/studyabroad/>

Your Vice President continued the meeting by introducing a talk from our speaker, **Dr. Wasieleski** on behalf of the Clinical-Counseling Program.
<http://ww2.valdosta.edu/coe/psychology/msprog/>

Getting a Master's in Clinical –Counseling

This program tends to lead to licensure in Georgia. Each state chooses their own title for what a Master's can do. For example, the state of Florida requires 60 hours and certain courses that are not offered here. You may want to add extra classes and participate in an internship in order to make a successful transfer to be licensed in the state of Florida.

The Doctoral program is very successful at VSU with student's passing the required exam the first time they took it.

Advice from Dr. Wasieleski concerning your future career

1. Think about what you want to do when you get out of school
 - a. Job Titles can be misleading
2. Think about what kinds of skills that career requires on a daily basis
 - a. Because job titles are misleading, focusing on what your ideal career will ask of you will prepare accordingly when you discover what that career is called
3. Research your courses so that they teach the skills that career requires
 - a. Focus on the courses that will teach you the skill set that will make you most eligible for your ideal career.
 - b. This means you must do some preemptive research such as the [Student Handbook](#), [Programs of Study](#), and respective course syllabi.

Dr. Wasieleski went on to comment on the slightly dated nature of the Admissions page (<http://ww2.valdosta.edu/coe/psychology/msprog/admission.shtml>). It is undergoing technical difficulties which hinder new information. The changes to occur will be that the **New GRE** grading system (whose sections are scored separately rather than as a composite than the old GRE) and standards will be in effect as of **2013**. The probation requirement will be raised to a **GPA 3.0**.

It is not unusual for students to get into the Master's program on a **Probationary Admission** instead of a **Full Admission**. The Financial Aid, Faculty and Work load are the same. The differences are that

1. The Probationary student did not satisfy the official standards of admission; however, he/she is allowed into the program to prove himself/herself.
2. A Probationary student is expected to have **3.0** or above in GPA at the end of his/her first **15hours**. If not, that student is dismissed from the program.

While the majority of students will have ambitions and circumstances to do well in the Master's program, **the small percentage who do not keep the minimum GPA** may have one of two things happen to them.

1. The student withdraws from the program to save his/her transcript from the awful grades that would hinder one's chances at another program
2. The student is taken out of the program
 - a. If the student wishes to return, he/she must:

- i. [Reapply](#)
- ii. [Get Reviewed](#)-Explain why this next attempt will have a better academic outcome
- iii. Wait to be [readmitted](#)

In a case where a student graduates from a major outside of Psychology and wishes to enter the clinical-counseling master's program, they must go through prerequisite courses (***Introduction to Psychology, Abnormal, Stats, Experimental, and Tests and Measures***). This is true if anyone has missed out on these courses as well.

Most classes are offered in the evening to accommodate full-time employees. Summer is packed with classes but it is hard to predict which is why [Course Sequence](#) will not be of help. No online programs will be offered by VSU. We may have some classes online and a few hybrid classes but **the University is staying away from a completely online course** because the Study of Clinical-Counseling Program largely deals with people and what better way to learn than through human interaction.

Finally, [Assistantships](#) are particularly handy to the new graduate. **Assistantships can mean waving one's tuition** (though the fees and books will still apply). They can come with a stipend. **Apply as Early as you can** because it is a competitive benefit. The process is not only an application to Assistantships, but once approved means sending it to financial aid for approval as well. Speaking of which, the deadline for assistantships is *July 2013!* Do not wait!

Upcoming Events in Detail

Progressive Dinner- The date of the Progressive dinner is **Oct 20th** a Saturday. We will meet at the **former Psych building** to carpool at **4:00pm**. The event is expected to last until 8:30. In the past the event has lasted well onto 10:00pm. *Therefore, if you must leave early, or exactly at 8:30pm, Please ARRANGE YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION. Please sign-up* on the Bulletin Board at the back of 1302 *if you plan on attending.*

Blood Drive Competition Against University of West Georgia- This will be held in **Student Ballroom at the Student Union October 23rd** from **12:30pm to 5:30 pm**. Our Goal is to raise 300 units of blood. If you are busy and would prefer to bypass the long lines on the day of donations, sign up with the American Red Cross online and schedule when you will be arriving.
<http://www.redcrossblood.org/make-donation>

Haunted Circus Trail- The event opens on **October 25, 26, 27, 29 &30** from **8:00pm - 10:30pm**. It will be held at **CORE Challenge Course**. Admissions are \$3 with Student ID & \$5 Non-Student

One last chance for the *final T-shirt collections* is this Thursday. Be sure to give money to your Treasurer, **Genesis Lewis**.

Each place you volunteer at has a designated or authorized signer. For the Church volunteer hours, such as the Pumpkin Patch- be sure to see your Vice President, **Rachel Albritton**, who will get you in contact with the signer.

Upcoming events also posted on the bulletin boards:

!This Midnight!

- Oct 9th Early registration ends for SEPA conference visit during Wed. March 13-16th, \$70
- Oct 11th APA workshops: **Psi Chi** and Dr. Browne @ 12:30, Psych building 1302
- Oct 16th No Psych Club Meeting
- Oct 20th **Progressive Dinner**~ meets @ 4pm by old Psych Building for carpooling
Lasts until 8:30pm
- Oct 23rd **Blood Drive Competition**, Student Union Ballroom 12:30-5:30pm
- Oct 25th REC Center's **Haunted Circus Trail** begins 8:00pm- 10:30pm
- Oct 30th **Psych Club** eats candies during the meeting- Please bring *Candy and enjoy the tastes of others who have brought them as well.*
- Nov 8th APA workshops: **Psi Chi** and Dr. Tost @ 12:30, Psych building 1302

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A list of Upcoming Career Fairs and Events

- **Upcoming Career Fairs and Events:**
- **Fall Career Expo** Thursday, October 25, 2012 10 a.m.-2 p.m. University Center, Magnolia Room Education
- **Educations Career Expo** Wednesday, November 14, 2012 10 a.m.-2 p.m. University Center, Magnolia Room
- **Attending Graduate School** Nov. 7 - Wed. 12:00 p.m.
- **Job Search: The Whole Story** Oct. 18 - Thurs. 3:00 p.m. Oct. 31 - Wed. 4:00 p.m. Nov. 6 - Tues. 9:00 a.m.
- **Career Development Seminars: Successful Interviewing** Oct. 17 - Wed. 12:00 p.m. Oct. 30 - Tues. 9:00 a.m. Nov. 8 - Thurs. 4:00 p.m.
- **Career Day = Opportunity** Oct. 10 - Wed. 5:00 p.m. Oct. 11* - Thurs. 10:00 a.m.
- **Resume Walk-in Service** Come by the office on the following days and get some quick feedback on your resume draft: Tues. 10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Wed. 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Thurs. 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.