You don’t have to go far to go global

At Warwick we consider every student a global student. With our outstanding opportunities to study, research, work, or volunteer abroad, it is unlikely that at any other time in your life you will have the chance to Go Global to quite the same degree.

Whilst studying abroad is the ultimate international experience, offered by 25 departments at the University in 37 different countries, there are also plenty of opportunities to Go Global without leaving campus!

The International Office and Warwick Students’ Union will be hosting the annual Go Global Fair in the SU Atrium on Wednesday 12th November 2014 (week 7).

At the Fair, students who have returned from their studies abroad will be help you decide where might be the best place to study. If studying abroad isn’t for you, you can undertake shorter trips or you can do something completely different; such as volunteering for Warwick in Africa or the Warwick Laksh Project in India. Equally if you’d prefer to stay in the UK there are also plenty of ways to Go Global on campus! You can Go Global academically, through Reinvention: an online, peer-reviewed journal of international undergraduate research with close links to Monash University in Australia. In addition, it’s never too late to join a Students’ Union Society. It’s a fantastic way to meet new people and discover new practises from all over the world. For more info visit www.warwicksu.com/societies and come along to the Fair! In the meantime, visit us at www.warwicksu.com/goglobal to find out about all Global opportunities at Warwick.

- @warwickgoglobal
- facebook.com/goglobalwarwick

"Going Global at Warwick helped me decide what I wanted after graduation."
George, BSc Mathematics

Beyond the Bubble

The International Office runs coach trips throughout the year to all corners of England and Wales and Saturday trips for term 1 are now on sale! All Warwick students and any family members who live with you are welcome to attend. Be warned – tickets sell out fast! To register and find out more about each city, visit www.warwick.ac.uk/go/international/events/uk.

1st November | Winchester | £14
Once home to King Alfred the Great, a city with rich history and stunning architecture – famously including Winchester Cathedral (above).

8th November | Oxford | £13
Oxford’s exquisite University buildings and museums are not to be missed.

15th November | York | £17
York is steeped in regal history and offers beautiful cobbled streets, classic tea rooms, and infamous Northern cuisine!

22nd November | Portsmouth | £16
Naval Portsmouth homes famous ships such as the Mary Rose and HMS Victory.

29th November | Bristol | £15
Home to graffiti artist Banky, the city has a thriving arts scene, great shopping and hosts Brunel’s Clifton Suspension Bridge.
They need your help to create the Songbook, a collection of
50 songs from 50 different countries around the world, as
represented by students and staff at the University. They are
looking for traditional and folksongs from wherever you're from.
You simply tell the Music Centre about the song, they'll arrange it,
and choirs all over the world will be able to sing it.

Ensembles from the University of Warwick will be performing
pieces from the book over Warwick's 50th Anniversary year and there
are opportunities for everyone to get involved. You don't have to be able to sing; YouTube
clips are helpful too! If you know a traditional or folk song from your home country contact:

- globalsongbook@warwick.ac.uk
- @GlobalSongbook
- www.facebook.com/warwickglobalsongbook

World Music Group

Can you sing or play an instrument? Do you like different
styles of music and learning about other cultures?

If so, why not check out the Warwick World Music
Group, which brings together musicians and singers
from all over the world, of any genre or cultural
tradition, and creates completely original music
which reflects the diversity of Warwick's students.
The result is always unique and very exciting! The
WWMG will be performing songs from the Warwick
Global Songbook at Warwick Fused IV – the Music
Centre’s annual symphonic world music concert in the
Butterworth Hall, in Warwick Arts Centre.

- @WarwickWorldMG
- www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/musiccentre

Student Enterprise

Many graduates from Warwick go on to become global leaders in creativity, innovation
and world-class entrepreneurs. If you are an international student graduating this year
and have a brilliant idea for a new business based in the UK, then you may be eligible to
enter the University of Warwick Tier 1 (Graduate Entrepreneur) Scheme which will give
you a chance of remaining in the UK on a Tier 1 visa for a further two years.

The Tier 1 (Graduate Entrepreneur) Scheme is run in conjunction with the Home Office
and aims to identify, nurture and develop graduate entrepreneurs with genuine, credible
and innovative business ideas who wish to stay in the United Kingdom to develop their
new venture. The scheme is limited to a maximum of 20 graduates per year.

The University of Warwick is currently supporting 11 international graduates on the
Tier 1 scheme with business ideas from a broad range of sectors including food, fashion,
technology, education and retail.

If you are interested in the Tier 1 (Graduate Entrepreneur) Scheme you should visit
enterprise@warwick.ac.uk to register your interest and arrange an appointment for an
initial discussion. The next deadline for applications is Friday 14th November 2014.
The University Counselling Service

The Counselling Service at the University of Warwick offers a range of services to help students reach their potential both personally and academically. Last year 26% of Counselling Service users were international students and spoke 60 different core languages. So what is it?

In Face-to-face individual counselling you can talk in confidence at a scheduled appointment time to a professional counsellor about any psychological or emotional issues you may have.

http://bit.ly/1rWgXcn

Through Email Counselling you can write down your issues at your own pace and at a time that suits you. You will receive a reply from your Email Counsellor each Thursday.

http://bit.ly/1sdAq9X

You can join a Therapy Group which is particularly valuable if you are keen to develop your emotional intelligence or explore how you relate to others:

http://bit.ly/10ODBua

The Service also offers a range of workshops on issues such as Getting To Know Others, Coping with Procrastination and many more. These are particularly suitable if you want to learn about specific issues with a small group of others who are interested in developing strategies to help manage similar concerns.

http://bit.ly/1vNnIOq

Road Safety

Warwick takes the safety of all its students very seriously and recommends that students take great care when crossing the roads on campus and around campus. Gibbett Hill Road, Kirby Corner Road and Lynchgate Road are main roads and high volumes of traffic travel at speed.

Please remember:

• Vehicles drive on the left in UK so they will be coming towards you from the right!
• To always use a designated crossing
• To remove headphones when crossing the road
• If cycling: cycle on the left, stop at traffic lights and pedestrian crossings, ensure your bike has working lights and wear high visibility clothing.

Safe as houses

Sadly, every year there are thefts from student properties in Leamington and Coventry – and sometimes even on campus. Don’t make your accommodation an easy target for burglars. Make sure that:

• Your door and windows are closed and locked whether your housemates are in or not.
• Anything valuable like electronic goods are hidden from view so it can’t be seen from outside.
• You keep separate back-ups of your work and other important files just in case you do ever lose your laptop – and departments will expect you to do this too.
• Register your most prized or valuable goods with www.immobilise.com – the UK police website that helps identify owners of stolen goods – should the worst happen.

Property managed by Warwick Accommodation has some personal possessions insurance but you should take out insurance if you are renting privately. Even if you do live in University accommodation you may want to consider extra insurance for your most valuable possessions. The British Council also offers further advice on staying safe in the UK: http://bit.ly/1reOZEL
Voters in the Students’ Union elections have voted for one EU and one non-EU Student Councillor who represent the views of international students.

Warwick SU’s two International Students Officers represent all EU and non-EU students at the University of Warwick. International students’ experiences are distinct and unique and your International Students Officers are there to make your voice heard!

Your Officers will address any issues affecting the international student experience in the UK, whether those issues are academic, welfare-related or social – working towards the provision of the best possible opportunities for overseas students. So if you have any questions or issues you wish to raise please contact the International EU Students Officer uc152@warwicksu.com or the International non-EU Students Officer uc153@warwicksu.com

Our team offers a range of services including one-to-one appointments and immigration workshops. Should you need to extend your visa during your studies we can even submit a Tier 4 visa application to the Home Office on your behalf, at no additional cost.

Our website at www.warwick.ac.uk/go/immigration provides information on various immigration issues that may interest you, including working in the UK during and after your studies and travelling overseas, amongst others.

Travelling
If you are planning a trip over the Christmas vacation, follow our 10 steps to a safe and relaxing break:
1. Check the visa requirements of your destination country well in advance and do not leave your visa application until the last minute
2. Check the country-specific travel advice on the Foreign and Commonwealth Office website – www.gov.uk/fco
3. Take out comprehensive travel insurance to cover both you and your belongings
4. Make copies of your passport and visa/BRP card and keep these separate from the original documents
5. Consider scanning your passport and other important documents and saving them online
6. Travel with a student status letter
7. Keep a note of important contact telephone numbers, such as your credit card provider
8. Do not keep your passport, credit cards and other valuables all in the same place
9. Where possible use inside pockets with zippers, and carry your bag across your body rather than on your shoulder
10. Be discreet when using mobile phones or tablets in public spaces.

What if I lose my passport, visa or BRP Card?
If you lose your passport while overseas you should report the loss to your Embassy and apply for a new passport as soon as possible. If your passport also contained your visa, you will need to get a new Entry Clearance visa before you can re-enter the UK. You do not need a new CAS. Lost BRPs should be immediately reported to BRPLost@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk and you must apply for another whilst overseas.

For more info visit http://bit.ly/lvKmMtAm. You can call the International Office between 9am – 5pm Monday-Friday and the team will be happy to give you advice.

Immigration update

Whether this is your first time studying in the UK or you are a continuing Warwick student, the Immigration Service is on hand to provide confidential help and guidance.

Student Barometer
All students are asked to participate in the Autumn 2014 wave of the Student Barometer, a global survey of student experience run by the independent research organisation, i-graduate. The 10 minute survey gives you the opportunity to have your say and be in with a chance of winning £1,000 or a £100 Amazon voucher in a free prize draw.

Congratulations to lucky Warwick prize winners in our last survey, each winning £100 Amazon voucher: Josh O’Connor (Mathematics), Rebecca Crosby (Warwick Medical School), Torgyn Shaikhina (Engineering), Jeremy Bresson (Sociology), and Beth Savage (Law)!

Invitations to take part in the survey will be sent to your Warwick email address on 27th October 201.

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