

## **SIUE Study Abroad Fair inspires students to pursue global experiences**

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EDWARDSVILLE - Southern Illinois University Edwardsville students explored a breadth of cultural immersion opportunities during the Study Aboard Fair held Thursday, Sept. 14 in the Morris University Center.

"It's important to leave the country to get a broader world view," said Katie Murphy, a sophomore studying speech pathology, as she explored the Study Abroad Fair. "When you're in college, your horizons are expanding. That's why now is the perfect time to travel."

At the fair, students met with faculty who lead SIUE travel-study programs and representatives from the University's study aboard partners. They also learned about financial aid opportunities and the new Peace Corps Prep program.

"SIUE is committed to helping students become global citizens," said Kim Browning, SIUE's study abroad advisor. "Studying abroad improves students' employment prospects, and develops them into more resourceful, adaptive and communicative individuals.

"Global experiences are the perfect way to foster students' growth and knowledge, as we strive to prepare them to shape a changing world."

For more information on study abroad at SIUE, visit siue.edu/study-abroad.

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville provides students with a high quality, affordable education that prepares them for successful careers and lives of purpose to shape a changing world. Built on the foundation of a broad-based liberal education, and enhanced by hands-on research and real-world experiences, the academic preparation SIUE students receive equips them to thrive in the global marketplace and make our communities better places to live. Situated on 2,660 acres of beautiful woodland atop the bluffs overlooking the natural beauty of the Mississippi River's rich bottomland and only a short drive from downtown St. Louis, the SIUE campus is home to a diverse student body of more than 14,000.