

**International Field Experience: SBA - Global Commerce & Culture
in the Middle East****Doha, Qatar & Dammam, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Fall 2011****International Component: December 10-22, 2011****Application deadline: Friday, September 2, 2011****Program Faculty:****Sully Taylor, Ph.D., SBA Faculty, Portland State University**

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Program Description:

This class takes students to three cities in the Middle East for a combination of classroom instruction, tours, and lectures by local leaders. The class “International Management in the Middle East” takes place in Doha from December 10-16 and includes a mix of class sessions, guest speakers and visits to companies and institutions. While globalization can provide enormous strategic opportunities for firms today, it requires an understanding of the socio-economic, political, regulatory, cultural and human resource management issues that make managing globally a complex and challenging endeavor. This course will provide participants an understanding of the basis for country competitiveness, determination of strategic opportunities and strategy formulation, and the various organizational issues that international firms face during implementation. In this course, the primary environment in which these issues will be studied will be the GCC.

From December 17-21, students will be in Dammam & Riyadh, Saudi Arabia for a seminar in international finance. In a global economy, companies use international financial markets to access capital and manage risk. Students will explore the role of global capital markets, exchange rate risk, and financial controls as applied to the international firm. Additional topics include political and economic risk, multilateral institutions and foreign trade. Through a mix of in-class instruction and tours to a variety of organizations in the financial services sector, students will also be exposed to the distinctive aspects of the financial markets in the Middle East.

Program participants will return to PSU with hands on experience and relationships with a part of the world for which Portland has unique ties. Beyond PSU's many alumni in the region, leading green building experts from Portland have been hired to work in Abu Dhabi. This program offers students an opportunity to see and be a part of these connections both during the program and upon their return to Portland.

Course Information:

MGMT 410/510 *International Management in the Middle East* 4 cr.
 FIN 407/507 *Overview of Financial Markets and Institutions in the Middle East* 4 cr.

Draft Itinerary:

The information offered below is provided to give students a general sense of the program structure and activities. Students should anticipate that the program itinerary will change regularly during the pre-departure period as specific arrangements are finalized. As with any international travel of this nature, participants should expect that program itineraries and activities will change during the course of the program in response to local conditions and needs.

Day	Date	Schedule
Pre-trip	Nov 12 (Sat)	Trip overview; class session 9:00 -2:00 PM
Pre-trip	Nov 19 (Sat)	Class session 9:00 -2:00 PM
Day 1	Dec 10 Sat	Arrive Doha
Day 2	Dec 11 Sun	Doha: class session; Visit to Doha Chamber of Commerce; Alumni reception
Day 3	Dec 12 Mon	Doha: Qatar Project Mgmt, Abdul Razzaq Al Siddiqi; Class Session
Day 4	Dec 13 Tue	Doha: Qatar International Islamic Bank, Sheik Ali Abdullah Al Thani (Founder); Class Session Backup: Abdullah Salah Al Raisi, Qatar Commercial Bank
Day 5	Dec 14 Wed	Doha: Diar, Ismail Al Amadi; Class Session; Tour Souk
Day 6	Dec 15 Thurs	Doha: class session, Issa Al Ghanim, Qatar Petroleum
Day 7	Dec 16 Fri	Doha: Class; Tour Islamic Museum; Ali Al Ali Dhow ride Sheikh Fahad Faisal Althani, Qatar banking system; Travel to Dammam
Day 8	Dec 17 Sat	Dammam: Tour Saudi Aramco
Day 9	Dec 18 Sun	Dammam: King Fahd University; leave for Riyadh late in day
Day 10	Dec 19 Mon	Riyadh: Class Session; Tour Sabic; Visit Riyadh Chamber; Alumni Reception
Day 11	Dec 20 Tue	Riyadh: Class Session; Tour SAMA
Day 12	Dec 21 Wed	Riyadh: Class Session; Tour Falcom
Day 13	Dec 22 Thurs	Return to Portland

Pre-requisites/Qualifications:

- Open to SBA seniors and graduate students. Undergraduate students are required to complete an interview with an Education Abroad advisor
- GPA 3.0 or above
- Preference will be given to SBA Graduate students over undergraduate students.
- Preference will be given to PSU MBA & MSFA students over MIM students
- The order in which (completed) applications are received will be considered in acceptances.
- Instruction for this program will be provided in English or by an interpreter as needed. There is no language pre-requisite.

Program Dates:

- This program includes two mandatory pre-departure meetings, currently scheduled for Saturday, November 12 and 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Additional mandatory meetings may be scheduled as needed.
- The international component runs: December 10 – 22, 2011.

Accessibility:

Portland State University welcomes applications from individuals with disabilities.

Program participants should be aware that the customs and practices of the region reflect the countries' Islamic traditions and are much more conservative than those in the United States. Participants should be able to demonstrate and maintain respect for this conservative heritage in their manner, dress and actions.

Costs:

- **Estimated Program fee & Tuition expenses:** No tuition is charged for this eight credit program, however students will pay a program fee projected to be between \$3,245 - \$4,075, depending on enrollment. The program fee covers: double occupancy lodging, group **ground** transportation, program activities, and international insurance.
- **Not included:** Airfare, most meals, personal expenses (e.g., incidentals and souvenirs), individual local transportation (e.g., taxis), and optional immunizations. Students should budget approximately \$1,800 for airfare and about \$1,535 for these other out-of-pocket expenses, depending on individual needs.
- **Financial Aid: Most forms of financial aid apply.** Accepted students are also eligible to apply for the Kawase Scholarship, offered through PSU Education Abroad, awards for short-term programs range from \$0 - \$350.

Payment Schedule:

Timely payment of all program costs is a requisite condition for participation in the program. Portland State University reserves the right to cancel participation of students not in compliance.

Application Deadline: Friday, September 2, 2011

- \$50 application fee, by check or money order payable to Portland State University, due at the time of application
- Admissions notifications will be sent via e-mail. If accepted, you must notify Education Abroad of your intention to participate via e-mail within 5 business days. A \$200 non-refundable program deposit will be charged to the student's account at that time. The deposit is payable within two weeks after it's been assessed. The program deposit is credited towards the program fee.
- Secondary forms and paperwork are due back to Education Abroad within 2 weeks of acceptance.

Refund Policy:

Student withdrawals must be received in writing by the Office of Education Abroad. Verbal notifications are not acceptable.

1. Application fees and program deposits are non-refundable.
2. Beginning on November 6, 2011, the program will begin to make program deposits and payments on students' behalf. From November 6 – November 13, 2011 only uncommitted portions of the program fee can be refunded.
3. After November 13, 2011, no refunds on the program fee can be made.

For information please contact:

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- Blythe Knott, Study Abroad Advisor, PSU Office of Education Abroad, EH 210, 503-725-4030, blythe@pdx.edu

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Bring your completed application to the Office of International Affairs/Education Abroad Office, East Hall, 632 SW Hall, Room 101, or mail to Office of International Affairs, PO Box 751, Portland, OR 97207-0751. Typed applications are preferable.

Application Components:

- 1) **Transcripts:** (Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.)
 - a) **All Students:** Include transcripts for all courses taken at Portland State.
 - b) **Undergraduate Transfer Students:** Submit transcripts from your prior institutions for your last 90 credits of coursework attempted.
 - c) **Graduate Students:** Include transcripts for all graduate coursework attempted.

- 2) **References: ONE reference is required for all students.** Please give the confidential reference forms provided in the application to someone who can objectively evaluate you. The reference should be from an instructor, however references from former instructors, an employer, youth leader, living group adviser, or counselor will also suffice. Do not use peers or family friends as reference. Please note that the reference form is to be returned to PSU in signed, sealed envelopes.

- 3) **Interviews:**
 - a) **Undergraduate Students:** required to complete an in-person study abroad interview with Blythe Knott. Interviews will be scheduled after completed applications are received.
 - b) **Graduate Students:** Interviews may be required at the discretion of the faculty director.

- 4) **Application Fee:** All students \$50.

Once your application file is complete, you will be notified when and with whom to arrange an appointment for a personal interview. A decision on your application will not be issued until all of the above components are received and your interview is completed. Please note that instructor approval is required and the final decision for acceptance will be made by the instructor AFTER you have completed your personal interview with an application committee in the Office of International Affairs.

Questions? Please feel free to call the PSU Office of International Affairs/Education Abroad Office, 503/725-5309.



Education Abroad Application

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Last Name	First Name	MI	PSU ID#
			<input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> M
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Place of Birth (State, Country)	Gender	

Contact Information		
Preferred E-mail	Cell Phone	Home Phone
Current Address (School Address)		
City	State	Zip
Permanent Address		
Permanent City	Permanent State / Country	Zip / Postal Code

Academic & Registration Information		
Class Standing / Level (at time of program):		
<input type="checkbox"/> Freshman	<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Degree Post-Bach <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate (Master's/ Doctorate)
Major	Minor	GPA
Are you planning to use financial aid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Languages (other than English):	Highest Course Completed (if applicable):	Fluency
		<input type="checkbox"/> Beginning <input type="checkbox"/> Native <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (daily needs) <input type="checkbox"/> Fluent (socially conversant)
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Former Colleges and Universities:**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS:** Please list below and provide unofficial or official transcripts for all colleges and universities attended.**GRADUATE STUDENTS & POST-BAC:** Please list below your degree granting undergraduate institution as well as all graduate level coursework completed.

College or University Name	Dates Attended (mm/yy – mm/yy)	Degree(s) Earned or # of credits completed	GPA

Prospective Traveler Information

Note: Passports must be valid for at least 6 months after your intended date of return to the US.

Passport #	Passport Country	Passport Expiration <small>(Note: most countries require that passports be valid for 6 months <i>after</i> the traveler's intended return.)</small>

International Travel Experience

Country	Dates (mm/yy – mm/yy)	Type of travel (e.g. tourism, study, work, govt.)

FOR SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAMS ONLY**Please list any relevant work experience:**

Employer	Dates (mm/yy – mm/yy)	Position	Duties

Statement of Purpose (1-2 pages)

On a separate piece of paper, please respond to the following:

- 1) Please write a brief autobiographical essay
- 2) How will your participation in this program contribute to your educational, career and/or personal goals?
- 3) What do you feel is the biggest challenge or factor that may impact your ability to achieve your goals in this program?

Affirmations & Signatures

(Please print all application pages then sign below and return the completed application to East Hall Room 101.)

The selection committee reserves the right to check students' conduct records at PSU and to use that information in considering student eligibility. Applicant must sign below to give permission to release his/her conduct record to the program for these purposes.

SIGNATURE

PSU ID#

I certify that my statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my admission to or enrollment in a Portland State University Education Abroad program may be denied or revoked if any information is found to be incomplete or inaccurate.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME

OSA use only:

Current Sanc.: Yes No

Eff. Dates:

Notes:

Prior Sanc.: Yes No

Eff. Dates:

Notes:

Adtl. Notes:

OSA Staff:

Sig:

Date:



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Education Abroad Academic Reference

(To be completed by applicant)

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Program Applying to: SBA - Global Commerce & Culture in the Middle East

Program/Term: Fall 2011

Relationship or Association with Applicant: _____

Confidentiality Statement

Note to applicant: Please read and sign before giving this form to your referee.

Under Section 438, General Education Provisions Act (Public Law 90-247), you have the right to review materials submitted to the International Education Services/Study Abroad (IES/SA) in connection with your application. This law also allows you to waive this right if you so choose, with the understanding that confidential recommendations are not required in the admissions process.

(Please check one) I, the undersigned, waive do not waive the right to examine this recommendation.

Student Signature _____ Printed Name _____

(To be completed by referee)

To the Referee:

The student named above is an applicant for the PSU sponsored study abroad program named above. To benefit from this experience, a student should be academically able, highly motivated and emotionally mature to adapt to the challenges of a different social and cultural environment. Therefore we would appreciate your thoughtful and candid appraisal of this applicant. Please mail this form to the address printed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name of Referee: _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

How long and in what capacity have you known this student? _____

(Continue on reverse)

Mail completed application form to:

Off Campus: Education Abroad • Portland State University • PO Box 751 • Portland, OR 97207-0751

On Campus: Mail code: OIA

Tel. (503) 725-5309 • 1-800-547-8887 Ext. 5309 • Fax (503) 725-5065

PSU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, gender or sexual orientation, physical disability, political or religious belief.

In comparison with other students you have known, please rate the applicant on the following characteristics:

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Unknown</u>
Writing Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to express himself or herself orally	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to cope with ambiguity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work with a group of peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Common sense and good judgment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to adjust to uncomfortable and/or unusual situations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I would would not enjoy having the student as a member of a group for which I was responsible.

Please explain:

What are the student's intellectual and/or other strengths relevant to studying abroad?

What are the student's intellectual and/or other weaknesses that might be relevant to studying abroad?

Please comment on the student's motivation for study abroad. Does he or she have the ability and maturity to achieve his or her personal and/or academic goals in studying abroad?

Please add any other comments that would be helpful to the Admissions Committee in its decision.
