

# DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

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Inaugural charter flight of the 1976 UNO-Innsbruck International Summer School. About to board are UNO's first chancellor, Homer L. Hitt (far right) and next to him, UNO-Innsbruck founder, Dr. Gordon H. "Nick" Mueller.



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Dear Friend of International Education:

What a decade it was in 2020! Or did the year just seem never-ending?

As everyone knows, the COVID-19 pandemic changed the world in unparalleled ways. In our office, global student mobility was halted overnight as borders closed and countries worldwide locked down to cope with the challenges. Our Academic Year Abroad (AYA) program in Innsbruck, Austria, had just begun its spring semester in early March. Five of the eight AYA students chose to stay in Innsbruck through July and finish their program, albeit with many modifications. Their experiences are a unique testament to their resiliency and that of long-time AYA director, Dr. Margaret Davidson. After 23 years at the helm of this stellar program, and after offering advice, guidance and direction to almost 300 AYA students, Dr. Davidson has now retired from UNO. AYA will no longer be offered, but the memories, life-changing experiences, and deep gratitude felt by former students towards Dr. “D” are a proud legacy of the UNO-Innsbruck relationship.

In a similar vein, several exchange and scholarship students also had their spring semesters disrupted as they were forced to return home from sojourns in England, Japan, and Morocco. Of course, our summer study abroad programs were all cancelled. Our flagship program, the UNO-Innsbruck International Summer School, had filled with 275 students and a wait list of over 50 by early November 2019—breaking all previous records—and we were looking forward to celebrating its 45th anniversary in 2020. Our program in Kyoto, Japan, was also full and our summer programs in France, Italy, and Ireland were well on their way to “healthy” summers (pun intended). Although it was heartbreaking to cancel our programs and disappoint our students, faculty and partners abroad, we were left with no other option.

Moreover, with increasing frequency, the Trump administration made it more difficult for international students to study and stay in the U.S. by enacting regulatory changes that made coming to study in the U.S. a proposition fraught with risk and uncertainty. Despite the U.S. being the #1 destination in the world for international students, regulatory barriers and harsh enforcement succeeded in diminishing the strength of one of the greatest soft power diplomacy tools the U.S. has ever had—citizen exchange, with its access to and export of our complex network of higher education.

Our Intensive English Language Program (IELP) had to reinvent itself to offer online classes to international students still in the U.S. since the pandemic began, students in their home countries hoping to join us in 2021, and local English language learners. This new accessibility is a feature that has actually made it more convenient for some, and virtual classes, like all things remote in 2020, will have staying power and utility beyond the current crisis. The IELP has risen to the challenge, but, as we go to press, the victory of the Biden-Harris ticket gives us hope that the U.S. will actively encourage the re-growth of a robust international student population by adopting humane and rational immigration regulations that will help regenerate and sustain the vitality of our beloved and critical international student populations.

Finally, amidst the backdrop of the raging pandemic, the U.S. experienced overwhelming protest movements for racial and social justice, primarily sparked by the death of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and many other unarmed Black Americans. As we witnessed the increasing acrimony of our elected leaders and their failure to lead, it became ever clearer to our office that what the world needed was more understanding, not less. More communication, not argument. More awareness of and sensitivity to differences in culture, race, self-identity and ethnicity, not intolerance and bigotry. With these thoughts uppermost, we have pivoted to focus on increasing access to study abroad and inclusion for historically underrepresented student groups, including BIPOC, first generation, LGBTQ, and military veterans, as well as intercultural learning and awareness training for our students, both for those who will study abroad and those who may not.

To that end, we are proud to offer a new Global Competence Certificate, in partnership with AFS, that will allow students to develop essential, lifelong “power skills” related to intercultural awareness that will empower them with a mindset for collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving, cross-cultural communication, open-mindedness and flexibility. There are two tracks: one for students who will study abroad and another for those who will focus on intercultural communication skills in our home community.

As befits our new reality, this 2021 calendar is now a PDF only so that you can read and print it at your leisure. We have decided to focus on past programs using some of our vintage photos to tell the story of 47 years of programming (since the first summer program in Munich in 1973). We hope you enjoy this glimpse through time.

This year, we feel called to help deliver on the promise of equity, inclusion and diversity for all members of our society. As U.S. citizens, as global citizens, and as global stewards of our environment, we must be part of the change. It is our duty to envision our future and protect its promise from the turmoil of the present. This calendar edition is dedicated to our students and their future, to increased student mobility, and to human experiences that unite us. We look forward to 2021 and the new possibilities that await us!

Warmly,



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and the UNO Division of International Education Team



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The Opening Ceremony of the UNO-Innsbruck International Summer School on July 2, 1990, in the Kaisersaal (above) of the Hofburg Imperial Palace (right) in Innsbruck, Austria, with Dr. Mueller speaking.

The UNO-Innsbruck program began in 1976 and has been held for 44 successive summers through 2019, enrolling well over 10,000 students.





# January

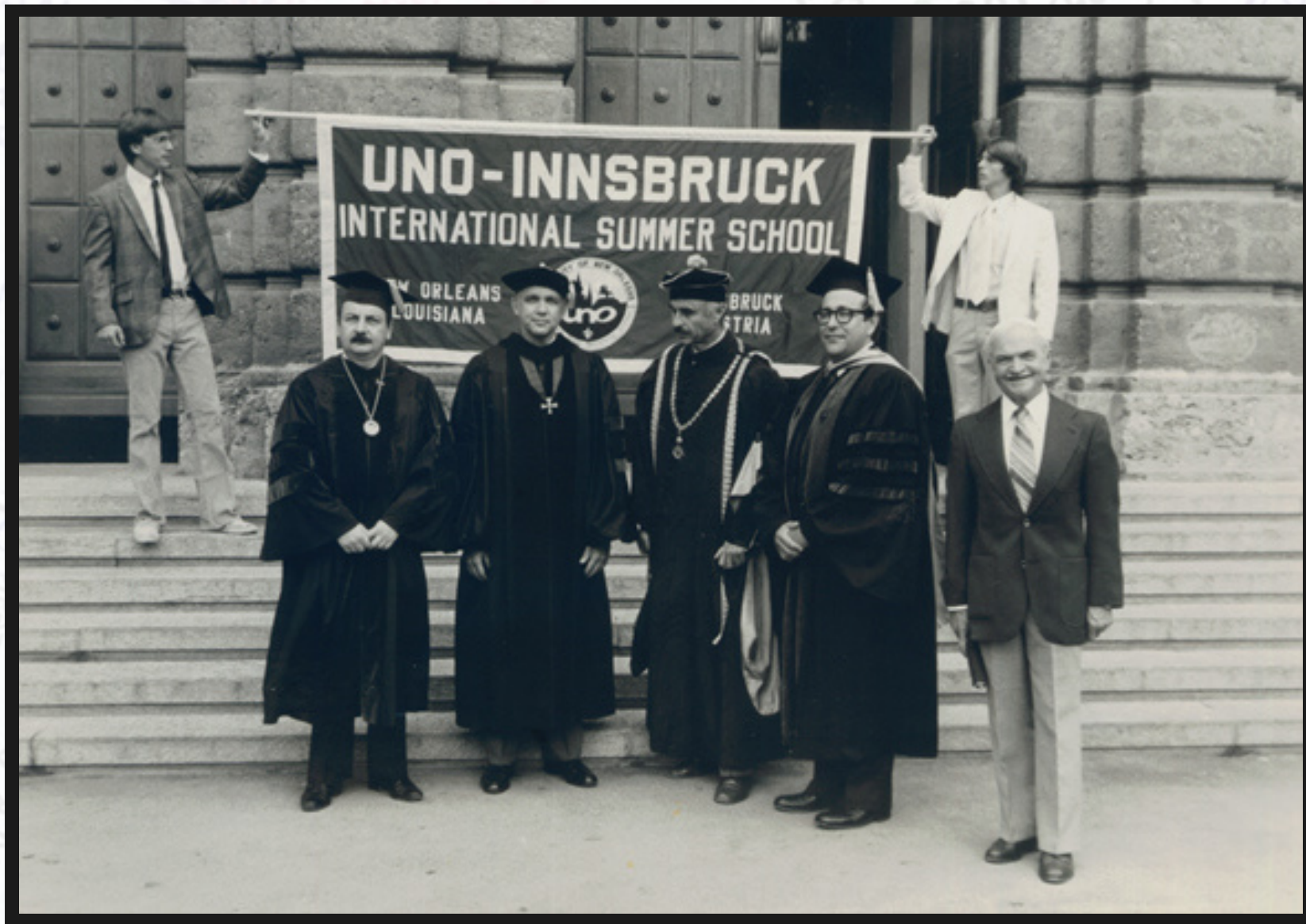


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day Holiday	2
3	4 UNO Winter Intersession begins Global Competence Certificate begins	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday	19	20	21	22 UNO Winter Intersession ends	23
24	25 IELP Spring I Session begins	26 International Student Orientation	27	28	29 UNO Spring Semester begins Global Competence Certificate ends	30
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**In the early years the Opening Ceremonies quickly developed into an academic procession with regalia and pomp. Here are representatives from both universities getting ready to parade through town prior to the official ceremony.**



# February



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Valentine's Day	University Closure	Mardi Gras Holiday				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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**Students hanging out on the UNO-Munich program in 1973.  
Social activities have always been a highlight of student life!**



# March



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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

St. Patrick's Day

IELP Spring I  
Session ends

IELP Spring II  
Session begins





**Dr. Steven Ambrose lecturing to students in the Normandy American Cemetery in the mid-80s. Weekend field trips to Normandy were a regular feature of UNO-Innsbruck in the 80s and early 90s as part of a class often taught by Dr. Stephen Ambrose with historical context also provided by Major John Howard, British Airborne, and Colonel Hans von Luck, Panzer Commander.**



# April



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Good Friday Holiday	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	





The opening of the first study abroad program in Munich in 1973 (above) and the final certificate ceremony with Dr. Mueller handing out certificates (right). The LSUNO-Munich program was held in 1973 and 1974 only. There was no summer program offered by LSUNO in 1975.





# May



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11 UNO Spring Classes end	12	13	14 UNO-Japan Online Week begins	15
16	17	18 UNO Finals end	19 Spring Commencement	20	21 UNO-Japan Online Week ends	22 UNO-Japan begins
23	24	25	26	27 IELP Spring II Session ends	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day University Closure					





**The second longest running summer program at UNO is the Glories of France, offered since 1983. Approximately 1,200 students have studied in France with UNO in those 37 summers, and we guess that each of them has a photo of themselves by the incomparable Eiffel Tower.**



# June



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 UNO-Brunnenburg begins	8 IELP Summer Session begins	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Juneteenth Holiday	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25 UNO-Rome begins	26 UNO-Japan ends
27	28	29	30 The Glories of France begins			





**UNO offered a popular summer program in Costa Rica from 1993-2017 that allowed students to live with local families in San Ramón. Here the students are visiting Sarchi, a popular destination for artisan crafts.**



# July



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 3 UNO-Innsbruck & UNO-Field School in Archaeology begin UNO-Brunnenburg ends
4 Independence Day	5 Holiday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 UNO-Rome ends	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 The Glories of France ends	31





For over two decades, Dr. Mark Zucker was one of the most engaging and popular professors to teach at UNO-Innsbruck. His Art History classes always filled and no one who experienced his lectures will ever forget his ability to demonstrate the concept of architectural flying buttresses throughout the Gothic churches of Europe. Here he is lecturing to students on the weekend field trip to Venice, Italy.



# August



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 IELP Summer Session ends	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 IELP Fall I Session begins	13 UNO-Innsbruck & UNO-Field School in Archaeology end	14
15	16	17	18 UNO Fall Semester begins	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				





For many years, the Austrian Schuhplattler dancers entertained UNO-Innsbruck students at opening parties in the village of Igls.



One of our participants on the 1978 Innsbruck program, Angela Aubrey, saved her tourist shot from her excursion to Amsterdam.



# September



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day Holiday Rosh Hashanah	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Yom Kippur	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		





**The Intensive English Language Program was founded in Fall 1995 with a starting class of 18 students and 4 staff members. Fun field trips and cultural activities have always been a staple of the program. Pictured here are the original staff members (above) and students from Ecuador sharing their culture with their classmates (right).**





# October



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 IELP Fall I Session ends	9
10	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 IELP Fall II Session begins	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						





**Some of the most memorable moments were on field trips to Venice, Italy.**



# November



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15 International Education Week begins	16	17	18	19 International Education Week ends	20
21	22	23	24 University Closure	25 Thanksgiving Holiday	26 Holiday	27
28	29	30				





Students in Innsbruck made the *Internationales Studentenhaus* their home for six weeks. They shared dorm rooms and spent a lot of hours out in the courtyard listening to music and catching some rays.



# December

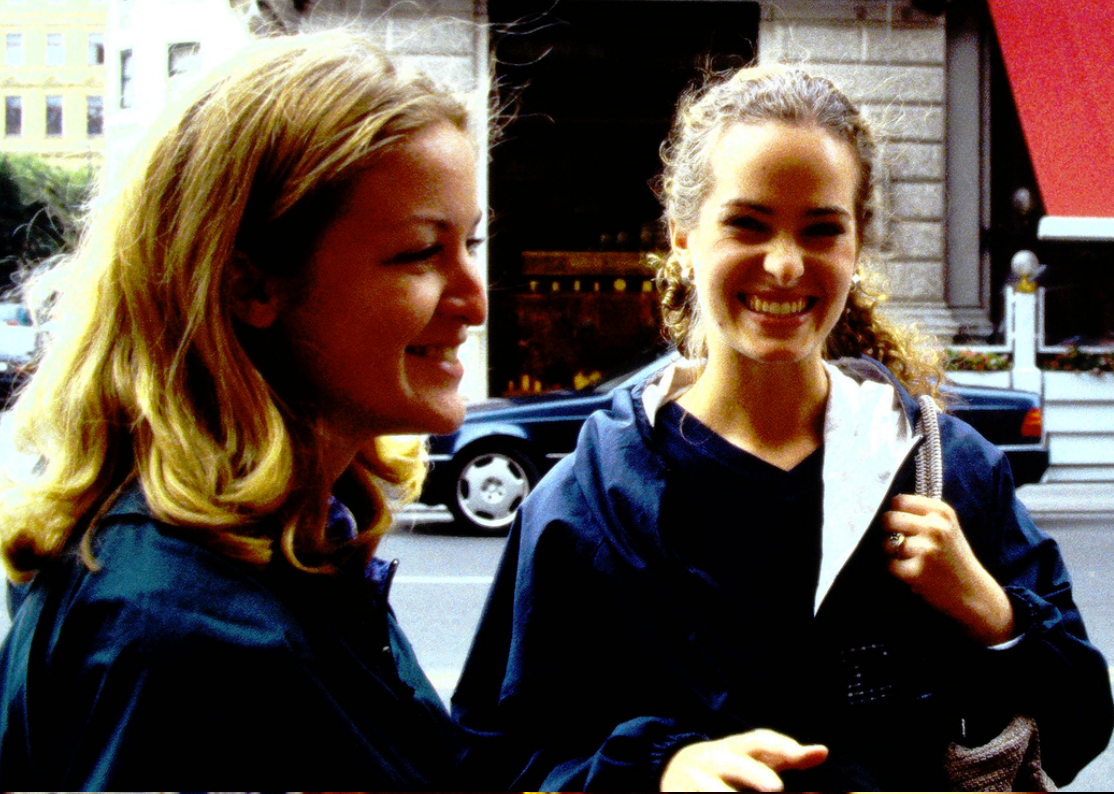


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Hanukkah	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 IELP Fall II Session ends	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 University Closure	24 University Closure	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa	27 Holiday	28 Holiday	29 Holiday	30 Holiday	31 New Year's Eve Holiday	













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UNO-Innsbruck International Summer School

The Glories of France

UNO-Italy: Rome

UNO-Japan: Study at Doshisha University

The Ezra Pound Center for Literature at Brunnenburg Castle

UNO-Field School in Archaeology

### **International Student Exchange Programs**

### **Intensive English Language Program**

**Office of International Students and Scholars**