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Country/ies visited: Jordan

Institution(s) visited: King Hussein Cancer Center, S


Number of SDSU student participants: 0

Number of non-student participants: 0

Proposal Abstract (75 word maximum)

Dr. Madanat traveled to Jordan to set up both a study abroad program and an internship program in Jordan. The proposed programs will be interdisciplinary and include students from 4 programs (Public health, Islamic & Arabic Studies, International Business, and International Security and Conflict Resolution). While in Amman, Dr. Madanat solidified public health internship opportunities while identifying new opportunities for students from the other programs. Additionally, she identified potential speakers for her study abroad course.

Travel report:

I. Overview of intentions/activity: The program will be an interdisciplinary program aimed at providing new opportunities for students required to travel internationally. Each of the programs listed below (Public Health, Islamic & Arabic Studies, International Business, and International Security and Conflict Resolution) has a required study abroad. This program will be unique as it will be the first program that SDSU has in an Arabic-speaking country. Students from International Business (with Arabic/ Middle East Emphasis), ISCOR, and Islamic & Arabic Studies are already studying in the region on their own, and this will provide a structured program for these students to participate in. This of particular importance, as Jordan is one of the few countries in the region not on the State Department’s travel advisory list.
II. **In preparation for the trip abroad**

Prior to departure, Dr. Madanat had several conference calls with directors and faculty of the other programs to ensure she had all the information she needed regarding the student internship requirements. Additionally, Dr. Madanat established connections with Al-Bayt, King Hussein Cancer, Department of Statistics, Aramex, and private businesses that may be interested in taking student interns from all four programs. Finally, Dr. Madanat also worked with extended studies to better understand how study abroad and internship programs may be established through SDSU.

III. **Upon arrival/specific activities**

1. Met with Dr. Feras Hawari and separately with Dr. Nour Obeidat, both from the King Hussein Cancer Center. They are willing to take 2 Public Health students interns (1 undergraduate and 1 graduate) for 6 weeks to help with different tobacco prevention related projects.

2. Discussed with Ms. Alice Abboud, head of the Ahliyyah School for Girls, the potential for a Public Health student led Intuitive Eating Intervention to prevent weight gain in the 7-11 grade girls. This would be a follow-up to data collected at the school 2 years ago that assessed disordered eating behaviors, motivations for eating and body dissatisfaction.

3. Met with Dr. Bader Al-Madi to establish a list of potential speakers. Dr. Bader Al-Madi is a professor at the University of Jordan and an instructor at the Jordan Institute of Diplomacy in Amman.

4. Met with Roba Assi, Communication Manager at Bayt.com to discuss the organization’s acceptance of student interns in either International Business or Islamic & Arabic studies

5. Met with Salam Najjar, lead proposal engineer at Dar al Omran to identify the possibility to have an IB intern there.

6. Met with other organizations and businesses include Arab Drug and Trading company and Aramex to establish other IB internship opportunities.

IV. **Conclusion, recommendation, and next steps**

Ample opportunities seem to be available for both student internships and appropriate speakers and guest lectures for the study abroad programs. The next steps after working with the College of Extended Studies and ISA to identify costs
of the programs will be to start recruiting students and match them to one of these organizations if participating in internship programs and solidifying speakers based on in-country dates of study abroad program.

V. Additional Information

I have been working with ISA and the College of Extended Studies. Two programs will run Summer 2013 (study abroad June 22-July 4th, 2013) and Internship program (July 6th-August 15, 2013).