

# Foreign Language & International Trade

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## ***FLIT 2015 Graduates***

Isabela Martins-Castro, May 16, 2015

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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*Skyline of Munich, Germany.*

## **Internship Spotlight : Alyssa Cooper**

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Alyssa Cooper graduated from SIUC three years ago in May. She spent her Fall 2012 semester doing an internship in Munich, Germany, a city known for its popular soccer team and beautiful architecture. During her time in Munich, Alyssa was an intern for the Political and Economic Department of the U.S. Consulate. While working at the Consulate, she developed translation skills, event planning skills, and research skills. While not working, Alyssa traveled around Munich, Austria, and France to see many things, castles and palaces included. She also saw various towns, such as Salzburg and Strasbourg. Alyssa learned a lot from her internship, including the inner workings of consulates, diplomats, and embassies. She says that her internship was a key point in her professional development as

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well as being a great resume builder and an eye-opening experience. Alyssa also said that her internship was a large factor in her obtaining a position with AmeriCorps VISTA, an organization that helps combat poverty and promote activism through intensive community service. Alyssa says she is excited to see where her internship and service experience will take her next. She offers this advice: “Though it may seem like a lot to have to take an internship abroad as part of your curriculum as a FLIT student, it will do wonders for you later in life if you let it. It took me almost two years after I graduated to realize how much the investment I made to do the internship abroad is actually helping my career. It’s a great starting off point after you graduate. In this day and age, internships are pivotal in your competitiveness in the job field. Definitely take your internship seriously because you can make amazing connections and get great letters of recommendation and references from them. **However, don’t forget to have fun and explore your area while serving your internship!**”

by Jahiah Gordon

## Externship Program

An externship is a great way to gain on the job experience, professional contacts, and real world knowledge. Administered by the SIU Alumni Association in collaboration with the undergraduate colleges, the externship program is a one-week program (during Spring Break), serving a vital role in investing in your future. With an externship, you enhance the quality of your education and develop concrete skills that are vital to obtaining employment. There are a number of experiences for you as an extern: participating in team projects, attending departmental meetings, working intensively in a specific area/field, and more! On average, 40% of externs are offered opportunities with the organizations/companies that they work with. For more information, visit: [www.siualumni.com/extern](http://www.siualumni.com/extern) today!



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## FLIT Club

The FLIT Club is a Registered Student Organization associated with the FLIT major, but open to other majors as well. The FLIT Club is geared towards development in international areas, such as foreign economic development and language acquisition in education. The FLIT Club also ensures networking with FLIT alumni. Through hard work and fundraising efforts, the FLIT Club raises money to support its students with the Timpe Scholarship, awarded to those embarking on internships to combat the costs of travel and living expenses. The FLIT Club officers for this year included Samantha Woodall as President, Dorothee Devy as Vice President, Jahiah Gordon as Secretary, and Carl Anderson as Treasurer. FLIT Club is always looking for new members and fresh ideas! If you want to get involved, stop by the FLIT Office in Faner 2039 or email [flitclub2016-2017@saluki.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:flitclub2016-2017@saluki.onmicrosoft.com). We look forward to meeting you!

## FLIT Internships



2015	2016	2017
Fatima Javani	Sarah Hollis	Adri Cooley
Audra Donaldson	Susana Accove	Michaela Davis
		Dorothee Devy
		Miles Freedenburg
		Kevin Goeke
		Jahiah Gordon
		Abby Hodson
		Morgan Williams
		Samantha Woodall





## **Study Abroad Spotlight :** Salzburg, Austria **Samantha Woodall**

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For her Spring 2015 semester, Samantha Woodall journeyed to Salzburg, Austria. Austria is well known for its mountainous terrain, its dynamic political history, and for being the birthplace of many famous classical musicians such as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Joseph Haydn. Samantha went to Salzburg with a simple goal in mind: to improve her German skills, and to learn more about the Germanic culture of Austria. Despite being only a short distance away from Germany itself, Samantha says that the differences between the two countries' cultures are vast. During her time in Salzburg, Samantha made many friends, including one from Finland that she talks to every week. While abroad, Samantha saw several landmarks, including the Hapsburg Palace, which was built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, and the famous Leopoldskron Palace, one of the main filming locations for the beloved film *The Sound of Music*.

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While in Salzburg, Samantha says she learned how to do many things, including how to debate and talk politics! She also learned how to order food in both German and Italian. Overall, Samantha says that she grew a deeper appreciation for other cultures as well as her own. While in Salzburg, Samantha had a humorous incident where she was mistaken for an Austrian. She says, “A whole bunch of British people thought I was Austrian until I ordered a hot tea. Then they were confused because an American was ordering tea. They proceeded to ask me why I drank tea, if we dumped it in the bay?” While abroad, Samantha was exposed to various cultures and languages. She says that her Finnish friend’s multilingual prowess has inspired her to continue strengthening her language skills and learn a few more languages. When asked what lessons she learned during her study abroad, Samantha offered this, **“Culture shock happens to everyone. You can learn so much about yourself and your culture while you are learning about a different culture.”**

by Jahiah Gordon

## Study Abroad

Arrange your own study abroad! Studying abroad is one of the most personally challenging, academic, exciting, and rewarding experiences that you can have during your academic career. A study abroad is a great way to meet contacts for potential internships, gain worldly knowledge, and foster a deeper understanding of another language, culture, and the world around you. There are many types of programs, and a lot of preparation involved, so head over to <http://cie.siu.edu/sa/index.html> to find out how to apply.



*University of Alcala in Spain, where FLIT (Spanish) majors have previously studied.*





*Town square in Sent, Switzerland*



*Skyline of Buenos Aires, Argentina*

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## Information Request

Have you had an interesting cross-cultural experience, previous internship, study abroad, or other FLIT-related event? We'd love to hear from you! The FLIT staff is always looking for new experiences, pictures (or videos!) to share with our students and alumni. Email your photos and videos to [flitclub2016-2017@saluki.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:flitclub2016-2017@saluki.onmicrosoft.com), or send snail mail to our physical address, and we can put your amusing (or not so amusing) experiences in our newsletter!



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