

NWOSU Study Abroad Program/Committee Diversity Report – 2018-2019

- 1. Name of reporting office:** Shannon Leaper
- 2. Academic Year of report:** 2018-2019
- 3. Number of special events/activities/programs/initiatives that were designed and delivered to serve diverse populations of NWOSU students, faculty, staff.:**

The committee is planning a ten-day grand tour of Italy with visits to Venice, Florence, Assisi, Pompeii, Sorrento, and Rome for May 2018. There are 23 student, faculty, and community travelers signed-up to travel.

- 4. Outreach services provided which support minority and diverse student recruitment/enrollment/retention.**

The committee goals: rigor in the program's course offerings, encouragement of participation in the program from the full campus community, and promotion of all study abroad scholarships to our student body. The Study Abroad committee is also responsible for selecting the Northwestern nominee for the Brad Henry Scholarship to Swansea Wales as the state rotation allows.

The state rotation did not allow Northwestern to submit a candidate for the Brad Henry International Scholarship for 2019. Applications for Spring 2020 are currently being accepted and will be reviewed by the committee in May.

The new course, UNIV 2013: Global Citizenship, is offered as a second 8-week course in the Spring. The course coincides with the study abroad trip but is designed to offer flexibility for students who may be traveling with other NWOSU programs or have other travel arrangements. UNIV 2013: Global Citizenship is a 3-hour HUM equivalent course that can be applied towards General Education requirement - VI. Values and Beliefs.

In order to provide quality educational and cultural opportunities to learners with diverse needs, Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Study Abroad committee offers globally-aware curricula and internationally-focused student programs. By facilitating experiential and traditional learning, sponsoring programs, and guiding the University's study abroad initiatives, these efforts provide a much needed global perspective for the NWOSU community.

- 5. Trainings and conferences attended by staff which focused in whole or in part on diversity awareness and engagement.**

Shannon Leaper attended an orientation and development seminar provided by EF College Study Tours in Paris, France August 2-6, 2018.