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## Quick Facts

- The Nov. 16 Global Learning Initiative Games will kick off Winthrop's Global Learning Initiative, part of the SACS accreditation process.
- Other events during International Education Week, held Nov. 15-19, include a foreign film, an international food festival and more.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - The **International Center** has several activities planned to celebrate the diversity of cultures during **International Education Week Nov. 15-19**. One of the key events will be the **Nov. 16 Global Learning Initiative Games**, said Dante Pelzer, program director for Multicultural Student Life.

This is the first event planned to kick off Winthrop's **Global Learning Initiative**, part of the upcoming accreditation process for the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Here is the full schedule of events and activities:

### Monday, Nov. 15

#### "Friends Beyond Borders: The Cultures of Close Friendships"

6-7:30 p.m., **Kinard Auditorium**

Psychologist Roger Baumgarte will share how the culture in which an individual grows up can have a strong influence on how he or she thinks about what it means to be a close friend. His ideas are based on 20 years of research as well as years of living abroad in France and South Korea.

### Tuesday, Nov. 16

#### Global Learning Initiative Games

11 a.m.-12:15 p.m., **Campus Green** (rain location: **West Center**)

Students, faculty and staff will participate in a variety of games and activities to celebrate the kickoff of the **Global Learning Initiative**.

#### "The Linguists," foreign film co-sponsored by the Culture Club

8-9:30 p.m., **Kinard Auditorium**

This documentary follows two scientists as they travel the world, engaging with different cultures to record and document endangered languages. "The Linguists" was a Sundance Film Festival selection.

### Wednesday, Nov. 17

#### Study Abroad Information Session and Brown Bag Lunch

Noon-1 p.m., Dinkins Auditorium

Study Abroad Coordinator Jennifer Sandler will conduct a workshop for students who would like to learn more about study abroad opportunities. The session will cover the where, when, how and how much of study abroad and include stories and experiences from recent participants.

#### Taste of the World International Showcase

6-7:30 p.m., **Plowden Auditorium**; admission \$2

Winthrop students from around the world will share their cultures and talents with the community in an evening of unique and engaging performances.

### Thursday, Nov. 18

#### International Food Festival

**"Chinese Culture and Education"**

6-7:30 p.m., **Carroll Hall Whitton Auditorium**

Weiqing "Sophie" Xiao, associate professor and director of the translation program at Shanghai International Studies University's College of English, will give an overview of the Chinese education system, from kindergarten to college. Her focus will be on reforms in higher education – joint projects with colleges overseas, just and fair enrollment, the prospect of professors managing colleges, etc.

**Friday, Nov. 19**

**"Library Resources Without Borders," plus Brown Bag Lunch**

Noon-1 p.m., **DiGiorgio Campus Center 114**

Ever wonder where Timbuktu is? Want to learn more about Indian culture or the flora and fauna of Costa Rica? Antje Mays, head of monograph and AV acquisitions, will show off the diverse global resources available in the Dacus Library. Through examples and demonstrations, students, faculty and staff will learn how they can utilize existing campus resources to do everything from prepare for international travel to enhance curriculum.

For more information about **International Student Week** activities, contact the **International Center** at 803/323-2133 or **[international@winthrop.edu](mailto:international@winthrop.edu)**.

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