

# Heavener School of Business International Program

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Hello current and future Global Gators!

I am Andrea Kim, the Assistant Director in Heavener's International Programs office. It is my earnest commitment to help you open the doors to an expanded academic vision and personal worldview. It requires just one big step to enter a new world in which fascination and eagerness to learn are ignited. I was born and raised in Nebraska and my first big step was moving to Rome, Georgia to attend Berry College. My time at Berry, with fine faculty and close knit student groups, ignited my interest in all things global. I hope you might find a similar spark while at UF.

While earning a degree in sociology and journalism from Berry College, I participated in two international programs. I spent a summer in Thailand with a group of college peers and my junior spring semester on an exchange in Finland. These two contrasting programs taught me many lessons, among the most impactful - while differences amongst people around the world abound, it is our similarities that tie us together and which are most meaningful. It is in this arena that we are able to work together, solve problems, share ideas, laughter, and dreams for the future. It is this lesson that centers my professional goals and aspirations. Following my graduation from Berry, I continued on this path by spending four years teaching English, volunteering, and discovering the many regions of South Korea.

The University of Florida International Center brought me to Gainesville in 2012. At that time I joined a team of study abroad advisors and was responsible for programs in Latin America and France. I moved to the Heavener School of Business International Programs team in the spring of 2015. I am excited to advise students on the college's 5 sponsored programs and also the 30+ exchange programs. In addition to advising students, I play an active role in special study abroad programming, program development and program evaluation. Serving as the staff advisor for the International Programs Student Ambassadors (IPSAs) is one of the most fun and rewarding roles I have at Heavener. When you return from your study abroad, consider joining the IPSAs. You can become the mentor your peers need to take their first big step!

During your time with the Heavener School of Business, you will encounter challenges, accomplishments, life changing relationships and memorable experiences. I am eager to help you do these things abroad and beyond. I hope you are able to proudly define your experience at UF as a global one. You can schedule a study abroad advising appointment by calling 273.0151 or by emailing me at [andrea.kim@warrington.ufl.edu](mailto:andrea.kim@warrington.ufl.edu).

