Franklin College is located on a hillside above Lugano, Switzerland, the principal city of Switzerland’s southernmost Italian-speaking canton of Ticino. An American liberal arts institution in an international environment, Franklin is fully accredited in the United States by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and our BA Programme is recognized in Switzerland by the Swiss University Conference.

Franklin places extraordinary emphasis on cross-cultural perspectives, an emphasis designed to affect the direction and meaning of a student’s college experience, life and career. A commitment to courses of study that are international in perspective and cross-cultural in content has been the cornerstone of our educational mission since our founding in 1969.

The Office of Student Life

The Office of Student Life helps ensure that students’ initial impact with their new surroundings is a positive one, while promoting students’ ability to develop personal initiative and independence. It also acts as a liaison between students and the College administration, students and the Lugano community, and the College and our students’ families. In essence, all facets of student life converge in the Office of Student Life.

The Office of Student Life plans and implements many of the programmatic efforts on campus, including New Student Orientation, Residence Life, Sports and Fitness, and Health and Wellness.

The Summer Observer Experience

The Student Life Summer Observer experience will cover a variety of aspects of the operations of the Student Life Office at a small, liberal-arts campus in an international setting. The Summer Observer will have the opportunity to share some of the insights and theories learned in their classroom or professional experience with practitioners at a student-centered American institution abroad. The Summer Observer will contribute knowledge and analysis in the following areas:

• Campus Learning Goals and Outcomes
• Successful Student Affairs Assessment Tools
• International Student Affairs Data Analysis and Interpretation
• Summer Orientation Sessions
• Trends and Best Practices in International Student Affairs

The Observer Experience will be a 4 week program. The candidate must indicate their preference for either the month of June, 2012 or the month of July, 2012.

Interested applicants should send a resume and 1-page essay outlining why they are interested in the Franklin College Summer Observer Experience and what they think they can contribute to the Office of Student Life at Franklin College. Application materials should be sent to Leslie Guggiari no later than Friday, February 17, 2012. All applicants will be informed about the status of their application no later than Friday, March 2, 2012.

Questions regarding the Observer Experience should be directed to:

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