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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -Lisa Hoelle of La Salle-Peru, a senior philosophy/International Studies double major at Illinois Wesleyan University, has won the opportunity to spend next year in Denmark for an internship with Denmark's International Studies Program (DIS).

Hoelle, who recently studied abroad for a semester in Denmark, applied on the DIS web site for three highly selective internships open only to DIS students. DIS contacted her, but instead of offering her one of the three positions she applied for, DIS asked her to interview for a newly created position in the humanities and social sciences division to develop new programs.

As a part of Hoelle's position, she will research Danish and international institutions in search of relevant readings and discussion topics for various courses, as well as help develop and implement a marketing plan for the Human and Social Science program for American Universities. Hoelle will also prepare for and act as a study tour leader for Vienna-Budapest, Berlin-Prague, and Amsterdam-Paris excursions.

Hoelle, who is a graduate of La Salle-Peru High School, said studying abroad was a "great experience."

"Denmark itself," she said, "is a warm, friendly place," adding she is excited to be returning for the internship.

Following her internship, Hoelle plans to return to the states and continue her education of philosophy in graduate school at the University of Minnesota.

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