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Is Study Abroad for you?

Are You:

- Independent
- Self-motivated
- Resourceful
- Patient
- Flexible
- Open-minded
- Adventurousome

Why do you want to Study Abroad?

- Fluency in another language?
- Studying something you can't study here?
- Learning about another culture?
- Getting course work in your major?

When can I go abroad?

- You may study abroad during the fall, spring, or summer semester, or you may participate in a year long study abroad. In addition you may study abroad more than once, and opportunities are available for sophomores and juniors. Options for seniors require department approval.

Is there a minimum G.P.A. requirement?

- To receive general approval from UNCP to study abroad, you need to have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5. However, some programs will require a higher G.P.A. in order to be accepted, please speak with the Study Abroad Coordinator to determine what the G.P.A. is for your program.

Do I need to know a foreign Language?

- Many programs do not have a foreign language requirement. Students who want a university-integrated experience must have proficiency in the language of the host country. Proficiency is defined as successful completion of at least four semesters, or the equivalent, of university level foreign language courses. In some programs there are no foreign language prerequisites but on-site foreign language instruction may be offered.

How does Credit Transfer Work?

- You will work with the Director of International Programs and your Department Chair to make sure the courses you register for will transfer back to UNCP and will be applied to your degree program. A minimum equivalency of 'C' or better is required.

Where can I Study Abroad?

- Do you have a language skill that you'd like to improve?
- Have you seen a culture that you want to learn more about?
- Do you want to be in a small town, a university community, or a big city?
- Do you want to live in a residence hall or homestay?
- What country or region interests you?

What is the Cost to Study Abroad?

- As a general guideline study abroad will cost an application fee (varies), UNCP tuition, room, board, and fees. In addition you will need a passport, student visa, airline ticket, and spending money. North Carolina requires you to have mandatory international student health insurance (even if you are covered by your parents insurance...you will still need this additional coverage).

How does Financial Aid apply to Study Abroad?

- During the planning process you will meet with Financial Aid to determine what loans/grants or scholarships will be available for your study abroad.

What is the role of the Study Abroad Office?

- The role of the Study Abroad Office is to coordinate all efforts with the student. As you begin to plan your Study Abroad you will meet with the Director of International Programs and financial-aid to make sure your courses selected will transfer and that your student loans/grants or scholarships will cover your expenses. You will also need to get a passport, visa, and airline flight. All this information will be coordinated with the help of the Study Abroad Office.

UNCP Study Abroad Resources:

www.uncp.edu/ip/abroad

www.isep.org

www.uncep.org

www.magellanonline.org

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Top 10 Reasons to Study Abroad

Studying abroad is an amazing opportunity to showcase the great diversity that makes up the United States. Whether you decide to study abroad in Argentina or Australia, Germany or Ghana, Chile or China, there are countless reasons why you should participate in a study abroad program:

1. **See the world and broaden your experience.** There are so many amazing things to experience around the world. Not only will you see different natural landscapes that you don't see in America, but you will see historical landmarks in every country that helped shape the history of our world. You will expand your knowledge by seeing and experiencing something profound beyond reading it from a book or looking at it on the Internet.
2. **Gain a new perspective on your own country.** You will learn a new perspective about your own country by living abroad. You have the opportunity to study in almost every corner of the world, and these experiences will shape the rest of your life.
3. **Explore your heritage.** Getting in touch with your family's heritage can be another strong motivation, and studying abroad can provide an opportunity to learn about your own ethnicity and to explore your own identity. See how other cultures are similar to your own, and come home with a new perspective as an American.
4. **Educate other cultures.** Some people in your host country may only have experience with Americans through media (ex. television, movies, and music). These stereotypes may follow you overseas and by studying abroad you will have a chance to be an individual as well as a representative of your culture, and to encourage positive understanding and cultural diversity.
5. **Improve your professional and financial potential.** International experience is a critical and impressive part of any resume. In addition to the personal growth you will undergo while abroad, the international and cross-cultural skills you develop will expand your employment opportunities, and potentially increase your income.
6. **Become a full-time learner.** Traveling outside the United States will be an education by itself, but you will truly have the opportunity to become a full-time learner. In addition to learning in the classroom, many students learn the most valuable lessons outside the classroom. Weekend excursions to museums and cultural sites will add to your academic and your personal growth. Even an everyday activity, like grocery shopping, will become an educational opportunity.
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