

From Milwaukee to the World: Study Abroad Opportunities at UWM

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Center for International Education

Comprehensive International Office

International Student & Scholar Services

International degree-seeking student advising; visas for international students/faculty

Institute of World Affairs

K-16 outreach to schools, internationally focused programming

International Partnerships

Study Abroad

Study abroad programs, inter-institutional exchanges



CIE Study Abroad Team

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We believe:

- Study abroad is transformative
- Language immersion is optimal
- Global citizenship is valuable
- Pushing your boundaries builds confidence
- Cross cultural experience is vital to learning, openness and understanding
- Travel fosters independence
- Travel is fun!



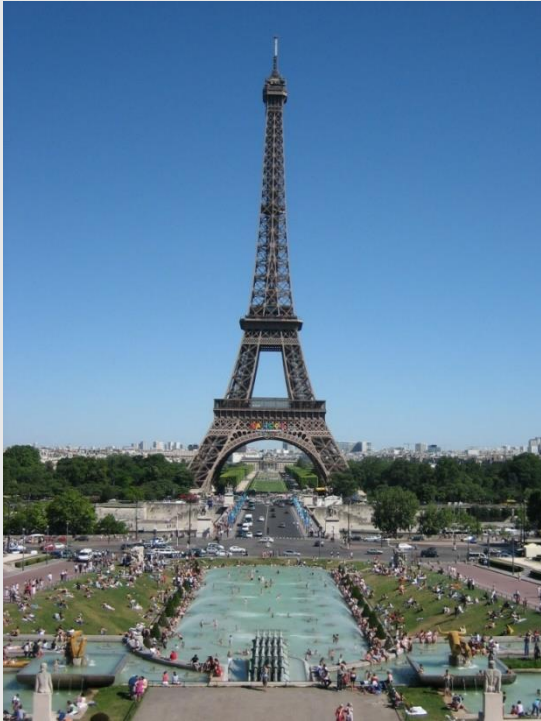
CIE Study Abroad

What do we do?



- Student advising, orientation & support
(*general advising sessions, application process, pre-departure, while abroad, returned home*)
 - *Financing Study Abroad 101 information sessions*
 - *Scholarship advising*
- Faculty-led program development & support
 - *Faculty advising, orientation*
- Enrollment management
 - *Study abroad course enrollment*
 - *Transcript processing*
 - *Course equivalency approval process*
- Study abroad program fee posting
- CISI int'l health insurance enrollment
- Resource for campus colleagues

Benefits of Studying Abroad



Study Abroad = High Impact Practice

- Earn credits toward major/degree
- Develop cross-cultural competency & sensitivity
- Gain a broader global outlook
- Personal growth – increase independence, maturity
- Gain critical thinking skills
- Increase language proficiency
- Job experience through an internship
- Enhance résumé -- employers are looking for skills gained through study abroad

Get a competitive edge in the job market

Where can students go?

- Any student can study in almost any country in the world!
- UWM sponsors summer, UWinteriM, semester, and year-long programs in over 38 countries.
- Students don't just have to study abroad – they can also do an internship abroad



Program Types

Programs available to fit all students' interests & needs

- Exchange -- direct enroll at partner university; best for an independent student
- Study Abroad -- more on-site support (may have faculty program leader) & program options (i.e. excursions); may have fewer course options
- Semester & Academic Year
- Summer, Spring Break, UWinteriM (majority are faculty-led)
- Internships
- Non-UWM sponsored programs



Highlight: Faculty-led Programs

We work with faculty from all schools & colleges to develop programs for students

Business: Europe, Australia, Asia

Information Studies: Canada, South Africa, Scotland

Nursing: Ecuador, Kenya, Malawi, Thailand

Social Welfare: Austria, Costa Rica, South Africa

Architecture & Urban Planning: France, Italy, Japan, Scandinavia, Netherlands, Cuba

- **Health Sciences:** Malawi
- **Education:** Europe
- **Arts:** Brazil, Italy, Peru
- **Engineering:** Germany, Taiwan
- **Public Health:** Ghana
- **Freshwater Sciences:** Mexico
- **L&S:** Mexico, Germany, Ireland, France, Poland, Sweden, Spain, Russia, Laos, Ghana, Thailand, Taiwan, Peru, Panama, South Africa

25+ Summer & 5+ UWinteriM faculty-led programs annually

Top 5 FAQs About Study Abroad

1. **Affordability?**

- Financial aid, grants & scholarships may be used to pay for study abroad
- Scholarships -- Gilman, VVI Study Abroad Grant, Diversity Scholarship, etc.
- Financing Study Abroad 101 information sessions

2. **Language proficiency?**

- Programs in English-speaking countries & English-taught courses in non-English speaking countries
- No language requirement for short-term programs

3. **Length of programs?**

- Semester, Academic Year, Summer, Spring Break, and UWinteriM

4. **Delay in graduation?**

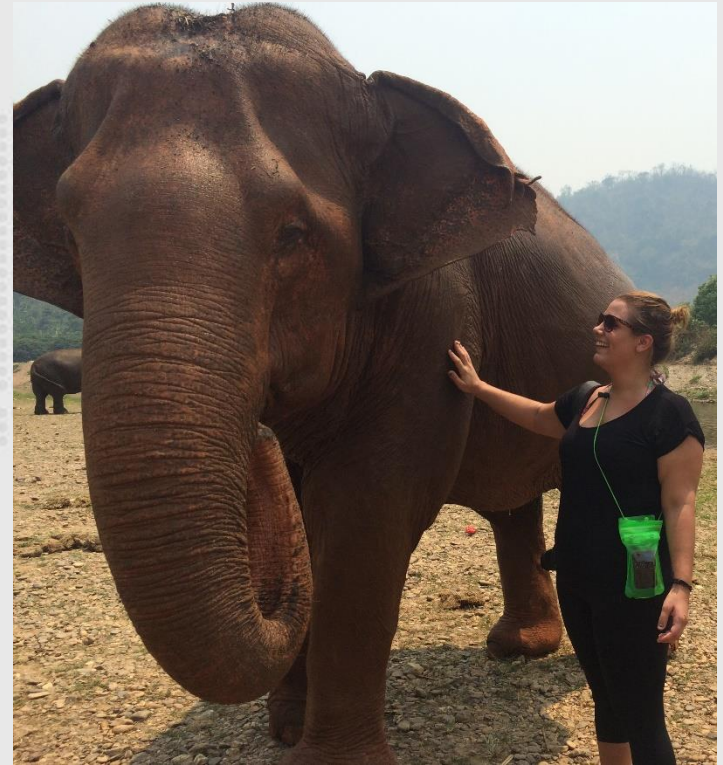
- Plan early and work with academic advisor & study abroad coordinator

5. **Offer courses in specific discipline areas?**

- Many programs at comprehensive partner universities abroad
- Plan ahead to find program that fit needs
- Course equivalency approval

Application Process

- **Start early!**
 - Work with **academic advisors** to discuss the best time to study abroad
 - **Explore program options** by visiting our website or stopping by our office
 - Attend a **Walk-In Advising and Financial Aid Advising Sessions** (beginning of each semester)
 - Online Application
 - Deadlines*:
 - October 1: UWinteriM & Spring programs
 - March 1: Summer, Fall & AY programs
- *Some programs have earlier deadlines



Questions?

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Office Hours:* Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Walk-in Advising available from 12-2 p.m.*

