International Programs

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Study Abroad

In today’s increasingly globalized society, direct international experience is a key component of a complete college education. The WVU Office of International Programs manages more than 400 exciting and life-enriching programs in over sixty countries all around the world. Study Abroad can be a life-changing cultural experience and supports unique inquiry-based and experiential learning. All WVU students (undergraduate, graduate, and professional) are required to register and have program approval with International Programs prior to departure when traveling abroad on university-related activities (internationalprograms.wvu.edu). International Programs has advisors who will guide the student through the study abroad process, assist in choosing a program based on interest and needs, ensure appropriate credit transfer and offer travel advice, and provide cultural information about living and learning overseas.

WVU Exchange Programs

WVU exchange programs are managed directly by International Programs in conjunction with over thirty select partner institutions around the world. These programs offer WVU students the opportunity to study abroad for a summer, semester or year at a sister institution. Students pay regular WVU tuition and fees, and the host school provides full reciprocal services at a campus abroad. Room and board are paid either to WVU or the exchange institution, depending on the exchange agreement. WVU currently has exchange programs in:

• Australia
• Austria
• Botswana
• Brazil
• Canada
• China
• Columbia
• Denmark
• England
• Estonia
• France
• Germany
• Hong Kong
• Hungary
• India
• Ireland
• Italy
• Japan
• Mexico
• Morocco
• Northern Ireland
• Paraguay
• Peru
• Russia
• South Africa
• South Korea
• Spain
• Sweden
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• Taiwan
• Trinidad and Tobago
• Turkey
• Wales

Faculty-Led Programs

Faculty-led programs are study abroad experiences developed and organized by WVU faculty members in conjunction with the Office of International Programs. Students study in rigorous but exciting programs where coursework is directly supervised by WVU faculty members. These programs, available throughout the year, are focused on either general education or on specific disciplines such as:

• Law
• Political science
• Foreign languages
• Biology
• Medicine
• Social work
• And much more

Past locations have included:

• Brazil
• China
• England
• Fiji
• France
• Germany
• Ghana
• Italy
• Japan
• Mexico
• Spain
• Vietnam

Contact International Programs or visit the website for a current listing of upcoming programs: http://internationalprograms.wvu.edu/.

International Student Exchange Program

The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) is a worldwide network for international education. ISEP exchanges allow students from the United States and twenty-seven other countries access to programs at member universities for a semester or a year. Students pay WVU tuition, fees, room, board, and an ISEP fee to WVU (internationalprograms.wvu.edu).

Affiliate Programs

Affiliate programs are study abroad opportunities available to WVU students through our affiliations with various study abroad organizations. Affiliate programs are available during the fall, spring, and summer terms as well as for a complete academic year. Students pay program fees directly to the affiliate organization.

Additional Information

Students must submit application materials to International Programs (internationalprograms.wvu.edu) (http://catalog.wvu.edu/undergraduate/internationalprograms/studyabroad.wvu.edu) and complete the mandatory pre-departure orientation process for credit transfer approval. Students may enroll in courses to fulfill major, minor, or general education curriculum (GEC) requirements or for elective credit. Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing before acceptance to WVU programs or to affiliate programs abroad. Participation in these programs also requires a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Exceptions may be made under special circumstances through appeal to International Programs, subject to approval of faculty leaders or program coordinators. Financial aid is available for many programs. WVU Promise Scholarship funds may also be used for certain programs. For more information, visit http://www.finaid.wvu.edu.

For more information, please see internationalprograms.wvu.edu or visit room 326, third floor Stansbury Hall.