

Tulane University

International Programs

EDUCATION ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Overseas study is a life-changing event offering the opportunity to find intellectual challenge, explore potential career choices, and mature individually. The experience of traveling, studying, or working abroad will transform your perspective of the world and better prepare you to live in a global society. At the Center for International Studies (CIS), our goal is that every Tulane student have an international experience before graduation.

The CIS sponsors 25 study abroad programs for undergraduates in Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia, and Australia. In addition, both graduate and undergraduate students can take advantage of a variety of faculty-led summer study abroad programs focused on special topics. Tulane University partners with top foreign universities and international institutions to make the highest quality overseas educational experiences available to its students.

For additional information on study abroad opportunities, visit the Center for International Studies, Tate House, tel: 504-865-5339 or at www.tulane.edu/~intl.

Tulane Study Abroad Programs (TSAP)

The CIS offers semester and academic-year programs in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Malta, Spain, and the United Kingdom. These programs are open to all students in the Newcomb-Tulane College that meet specific requirements. Tulane credit and grades are awarded for coursework successfully completed abroad. Participants pay Tulane tuition, the academic support service fee, and a charge for emergency evacuation insurance (there are additional fees for a few programs). Airfare, housing, meals, vacation travel, and personal expenses are extra and vary by location.

Cumulative GPA requirements range from 2.7 to 3.3 depending on the program. Faculty members will interview applicants bound for language immersion programs to evaluate students' level of proficiency in the prospective language of instruction. Before departing, all students must have maintained the required

cumulative GPA, and completed any language or specific course requirements. Students who are or have ever been on disciplinary or honor board probation are not eligible.

CIS also offers the Independent Scholar Option (ISO) for exceptional juniors and seniors who wish to study for a semester or year at an overseas location where there is currently no established Tulane program. Participants create their own study abroad program by choosing the country and university where they wish to study. In recent years, ISO participants have studied in Ecuador, Egypt, New Zealand, Russia, Senegal, South Africa, and Vietnam. Tulane credit and grades are awarded for coursework successfully completed abroad. Participants pay Tulane tuition, the academic support service fee and a charge for evacuation insurance. Airfare, housing, meals, vacation travel, and personal expenses are extra and vary by location.

Prospective ISO applicants should be highly mature, independent, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. In addition to a standard application and resume, the applicant must submit a detailed proposal including the rationale behind choosing a particular overseas university, demonstration that the applicant can meet its acceptance requirements, and discussion of any health or safety risks associated with the proposed site. Applicants should also attach a detailed, published description of the program. If the proposal receives conditional approval, the applicant will undergo an on-campus interview and will need to show proof of acceptance to the foreign institution before final approval can be given. In addition, before departing, students must have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better. Students who are or have ever been on disciplinary or honor board probation are not eligible.

Tulane Summer Programs

Each summer, individual units and professors offer short-term summer study abroad programs which award academic and/or service-learning credit. In recent years, programs have been offered in Australia, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, France, Guatemala, India, Mexico, South Africa, and Trinidad and Tobago. Costs and application procedures vary by program; the Center for International Studies posts these opportunities each spring.

Non-Tulane Study Abroad Programs

We recognize a legitimate demand for study-abroad programs beyond the scope of current Tulane programs. Students may

petition the CIS for permission to participate in another university's study abroad program. Credits earned under non-Tulane programs will be transferred in and count toward the total number required for graduation, but the grades will not be calculated into the student's Tulane GPA. Individual departments may or may not accept such credits toward major requirements. Students are on a leave of absence from Tulane while they participate in a petitioned program and must pay all tuition and costs directly to the host institution.

The Application for Study Abroad on a Non-Tulane Program and leave of absence forms are available in the Center for Academic Advising (Newcomb-Tulane College) and require a signature from that office. In addition, the applicant will need to write a letter to the CIS listing the reasons for selecting a particular non-Tulane study abroad program and provide supporting documentation such as program and course descriptions. If the CIS approves the program, the student will then need to secure transfer credit approvals for each course the student plans to take abroad from the corresponding Tulane department. This needs to be done BEFORE the program commences.

In addition, when the student submits the application for study abroad on a Non-Tulane Program form to the CIS, the center will check to see whether the country is on the U.S. State Department's Travel Warnings list at <http://travel.state.gov>. If the country is included on the list, the student and the student's parent(s) will need to complete and submit an Assumption of Risk and Release Agreement before permission can be granted. It is also the responsibility of all students going on non-Tulane programs to check whether the destination country appears on the Travel Warnings list. If it does, the same waiver must be completed and filed with CIS before study commences.

FINANCIAL AID AND STUDY ABROAD (NOT APPLICABLE TO SUMMER PROGRAMS)

As part of the study abroad planning process, the CIS urges students to meet with a counselor from the financial aid office. For eligible students, all federal financial aid (Pell Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Perkins Loans, Stafford Loans, and Parent Plus Loans) except for work-study awards can be applied to all Tulane study abroad programs. All Tulane University institutional aid (Dean's Honor Scholarship, Distinguished Scholars Award, Founders Scholarship, and Tulane

Need-Based Scholarship), except for the housing stipends, can be used for participation in Tulane study abroad programs as well.

No Tulane institutional aid can be applied toward study on non-Tulane programs, but the host institutions may allow students to apply directly to their own financial aid offices for federal and other kinds of assistance.

Special Opportunities for International Students

YEAR AT TULANE

Tulane University invites third- and fourth-year international students to spend a semester or year as a fully matriculated student at Tulane. Classes are available in many academic areas, although the Year At Tulane Program (YAT) is especially attractive to students in American studies or literature, music, Latin American studies, African and Diaspora studies, and architecture. Partial tuition scholarships are awarded to all students accepted into the YAT Program. For further information, contact the Center for International Students and Scholars by phone at (504) 865-5208 or by e-mail: ronitw@tulane.edu; or the Office of Undergraduate Admission at (504) 865-5731, e-mail: undergrad.admission@tulane.edu.