

Tulane University

International Programs

EDUCATION ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Tulane University is a national leader in education abroad programming. Dating back to 1954, Tulane Study Abroad Programs are rooted in a rich tradition of the junior year abroad experience, and have evolved into dynamic education abroad options for all Newcomb-Tulane students across all schools and disciplines.

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The Center for International Studies (CIS) was established to serve as a hub for Tulane's international partnerships. CIS maintains a portfolio of high-quality study abroad programs that increase students' knowledge and ability to function as responsible citizens in an international/global environment while ensuring that study abroad is an equitable endeavor that accommodates the broadest constituency possible.

The CIS sponsors over 70 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 overseas universities and international institutions to make the highest quality overseas educational experiences available to its

students. The range of subject matter reflects the particular opportunities and scholastic strengths available in each location. Language instruction is an integral part of the programs in non-English-speaking countries.

Study Abroad Advising

Newcomb-Tulane undergraduates are encouraged to begin their academic preparation for study abroad as early as their first semester at Tulane. Students may select a program independently or in close consultation with the CIS study abroad advisor, as well as the academic and major advisors. The CIS hosts informational meetings, advising sessions, discussion groups, and panel talks to inform students of their options for studying abroad. In addition, the CIS organizes an annual fall study abroad fair to promote education abroad opportunities. The "Tulane University Guide to Study Abroad" is available on the CIS web site or in print in the CIS office.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria

At the time of application, all students must present persuasive evidence of the necessary academic and intellectual strength, linguistic skills, and special preparation in the area of the proposed course of study. A compelling argument that the proposed program and destination are appropriate in terms of academic, cultural and personal goals should be clearly articulated in the application essay. Students must also demonstrate the individual initiative and strong sense of personal responsibility required to complete the program abroad.

Students must familiarize themselves with the program-specific GPA and course prerequisites when planning for study abroad. Due to high demand, competition may occur within the various programs since some have a limited number of spaces.

The student's academic and major advisors must support the application and indicate that the proposed overseas study will advance and not impede progress toward the degree. Applicants are also asked indicate how they expect to complete graduation requirements. Qualified students may study abroad as early as the second semester of the sophomore year. Students must present evidence of completion of necessary Newcomb-Tulane core curriculum requirements at the time of application. Students who are or have ever been on disciplinary or honor board probation are not eligible.

Tulane Study Abroad Programs (TSAP)

The CIS offers academic-year and semester programs in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Malta, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Spain, the United Kingdom and Uruguay (this list is subject to change). These programs are open to all qualified students in the Newcomb-Tulane College who meet specific eligibility 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. Airfare, housing, meals, vacation travel, and personal expenses are extra and vary by location.

Independent Scholar Option

We recognize a legitimate demand for study-abroad programs beyond the scope of current Tulane programs. For these students, CIS offers the Independent Scholar Option (ISO) for exceptional juniors and seniors who wish to study for a semester or year abroad on a program for which there is no academically equivalent 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 Dominican Republic, New Zealand, Senegal, South Africa, Switzerland, Tanzania 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 up until the semester of their departure. In addition to a standard application and resume, the applicant must submit a detailed proposal including the academic 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 from the Tulane Study Abroad Committee, the applicant will need to show proof of acceptance to the foreign institution before final approval can be

given. Students who are or have ever been on disciplinary or honor board probation are not eligible.

Tulane Summer Programs

Each summer, individual departments and programs, such as the Center for Public Service and the Stone Center for Latin American Studies, 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

To participate in a study abroad program that has not been approved by the Tulane Study Abroad Committee, students must petition the CIS for permission to participate on a “non-Tulane” program. Students should consult the Center for International Studies on the petition process.

Students in the A.B. Freeman School of Business and the School of Architecture should consult with their respective schools on study abroad programs and policies

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.