International Programs

EDUCATION ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

All Tulane students are strongly encouraged to obtain, before graduation, an international education experience to prepare them for the global environment in which they will live and work. Graduates indicate that their study abroad experience was one of the most meaningful components of their degree program. International study, internships, volunteer activity, and work abroad are experiences that will help one to understand and work with persons from different cultures, provide a venue for foreign language acquisition, enormously add to personal growth, and increase knowledge that will aid the resume for careers based both in the U.S. and internationally. Challenge yourself and become a global citizen!

Freshmen should plan at the earliest possible moment the summer, semester, or year during which the study abroad experience will take place. An academic advisor can help with the decision of when to study abroad. For many programs, different types of financial aid can be applied. Since use of financial aid, course credit, and credit transfer vary substantially depending on the program, it is recommended that students speak with a staff member of the Center for International Studies before making a final decision.

Exciting international education opportunities are currently offered to undergraduates in all the colleges and schools of Tulane and new opportunities are currently being developed. International opportunities available include: Junior Year Abroad Programs (including some semester programs), Semester Abroad Programs, and Summer Abroad Programs. Semester Abroad and Summer Abroad programs are open to both Tulane and non-Tulane students.

Additional education abroad opportunities exist through direct enrollment in foreign universities as well as through participation in education abroad programs of other U.S. universities. Direct enrollment opportunities are for students who are willing to undertake the admissions and study abroad process themselves. Students who choose to participate in non-Tulane programs must follow an approval process, information about which can be found at the Center for International Studies. Students participating in non-Tulane study abroad programs must have a cumulative GPA of 2.70 before program participation in order to transfer credit back to Tulane.

For additional information on education abroad opportunities visit the Center for International Studies, 116 Newcomb Hall, tel: (504) 865-5339 or at www.tulane.edu/~intl.

JUNIOR YEAR (AND SEMESTER) ABROAD PROGRAMS (JYA/JSA)

Founded as an honors program in 1954, Tulane University's Junior Year Abroad Program (JYA) is one of the most highly respected of American study-abroad programs. JYA offers immersion into the student life of a foreign country as well as the opportunity to experience the social, economic, and political life of that country. Outstanding students from Newcomb College, Tulane College, and the Schools of Architecture, Business, and Engineering participate each year.

Students pursue an academic program abroad in most of the fields of study offered at Tulane. Courses taken abroad under the JYA/JSA Program carry credit toward graduation, and grades earned count toward the cumulative grade point average and division honors. JYA/JSA Programs currently are available in: Argentina, Brazil, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Spain and The United Kingdom. JYA Programs are for a full academic year unless otherwise indicated. Specialized semester options are available in Argentina, Brazil, France (Lyon), Germany, Greece, Italy (Rome), Malta and the UK.

Argentina-Buenos Aires:

JYA students may choose a full year of study at either the combined program at Universidad de Buenos Aires/Facultad Latino Americano de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) or at the Universidad de Belgrano. An on-site intensive language and cultural immersion program precedes the academic year of the southern hemisphere which starts in the late spring/early summer. Courses are taught in Spanish and most Tulane majors are available at one or the other institutions. On-site program support is provided by CIEE. For more information contact the Center for International Studies.

Brazil-Salvador de Bahia/Sao Paulo:

JYA students study in Portuguese for a full year, selecting from a wide range of subject matter. Student's major and preference will determine study site(s) which may combine both cities. Intensive language and cultural orientation program with family stay precedes the academic year that begins in late spring/early summer in the southern hemisphere. All classes are in Portuguese and students must have two years of college level Portuguese or one year each of Portuguese and Spanish. On-site program support is provided by CIEE. Tulane faculty contact is Chris Dunn, Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

France-Paris:

Students spend an academic year attending classes with French students in various divisions of the University of Paris (primarily the Sorbonne), the Institut Catolique, and other institutions in Paris. Prior to beginning their studies in Paris, students spend several weeks in Angers intensively studying French language and civilization. A part time resident director provides support for students in Paris.

France-Lyon:

Engineering and Science students and independent students in other fields are offered the opportunity to spend a year at the University of Lyon I or one or two semesters at the University of Lyon II. Students choose from a variety of courses and attend classes with French students.

Germany:

Students spend an academic year at the University of Hamburg or Friedrich Schiller University in Jena with full-time German students. Prior to their academic year, students spend one month at one of the Goethe Institutes undertaking intensive language training. The Jena program offers a spring semester only option.

Germany - Darmstadt:

A special program, in English, for Mathematics and Computer Science students. Students undertake a month long intensive German course, undertake the academic year courses in English, and live in residence halls with German and international students.

Germany - Dresden:

Designed specifically for second semester sophomore Engineering students, Tulane's School of Engineering joins Boston University to offer a spring semester Engineering program in Dresden. Courses are in English, preceded by a one month intensive language program. Site visits to German companies included as part of the program.

Greece:

Students study in English, for one year or one semester, in the College Year in Athens. This program is designed especially for, but not limited to, majors in Classical Studies, Art History, and History. Course offerings also include Economics, Literature, Politics, Philosophy, and Religion, among others.

Italy-Florence:

Students study for an academic year at the Universite di Firenze (Florence) together with Italian students. Prior to the academic year, students undertake six weeks of intensive language study at the Dante Alighieri Center for Italian Language. A part time resident director provides support for students in Florence.

Italy-Rome ICCS:

Students study, in English, for one or two semesters at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome. The program is primarily for Classics and Ancient History majors. At the time of application, students should have completed intermediate courses in Latin or Greek, and have completed a Roman history course.

Italy-Rome JCU:

Students study for a year or a semester at John Cabot University. Coursework is done in English and includes but is not limited to Art History, Business, Classical Studies, Economics, English, Italian, History, Philosophy and Psychology.

Malta:

Students may study for a year or a semester at the University of Malta in Msida. Courses are taught in English and are available in the following subject areas, among others: architecture, engineering, the arts, archeology, anthropology, mediterranean studies, economics, business, humanities, social sciences, sciences and religion.

Spain:

Intensive language and cultural immersion program begins with several weeks of language training and family stay followed by a full year of academic study at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Students follow courses from the regular university curriculum and from a special pr

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Semester Abroad Programs are designed for students who are unable to commit themselves to the educational and cultural immersion of a full year abroad but still wish to have a significant international experience. Semester Abroad Programs offer a wide range of course-work appropriate to a variety of majors, the opportunity to study in English as well as undertake foreign language study and, frequently, coursework in a foreign language. Semester programs are an excellent way to introduce oneself to a new culture as well as deepen area study interests. In addition to the following programs, the Freeman School of Business offers international programs limited to Business students. For more information contact the Center for International Study, 116 Newcomb Hall.

Argentina:

Students study for a semester or a year at The Universidad de Buenos Aires and the Facultad Latinamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO). To participate, students must have the equivalent of 6 semesters of Spanish, and a background in Latin American studies or the social sciences and a 2.75 minimum GPA. Courses offered include Spanish language, international relations, economics, history, literature, sociology, communications, political science and education. All courses are taught in Spanish.

Brazil:

Students study for one or two semesters at the Universidade de Sao Paulo or the Universidade Federal de Bahia. Courses include Portuguese language, Brazilian studies, anthropology, art, biological, geological and physical sciences, economics, history, and mathematics, among others. Requirements include a 2.75 cumulative GPA and two years of college-level Portuguese or Spanish or one year of each. Program support is provided by CIEE. Tulane faculty program advisor, Professor Christopher Dunn, Department of Spanish and Portuguese.

Czech Republic:

Students may study for one or two semesters at Charles University in the beautiful city of Prague. Courses include history, literature, culture, politics, economics, Czech language, theater, film, religion and music. Courses are taught in English except the

Study at Kansai Gaidai University in English, except for language courses. A wide variety of courses are available and prior knowledge of Japanese is not a prerequisite. Program advisor, Professor Yutaka Horiba, Department of Economics.

Poland:

Study in English at the Warsaw School of Economics (WSE) courses in history, literature, culture, social sciences, business, Polish language and religion. Students must have 6 semester hours in history or social sciences and a 2.75 minimum GPA.

Taiwan:

Learn Mandarin and Literary Chinese as a second language through the Chinese Language and Culture Program at the Mandarin Training Center, National Taiwan Normal University, Taipei. Tulane students enroll in the summer program and the first quarter session, and attend classes from the second week in July to the end of November. Program advisor, Professor S. T. Hsieh, Electrical Engineering.

United Kingdom-London and Cambridge:

Students of Political Economy, Political Science, and Economics can pursue upperdivision undergraduate work in economics, politics, and European studies in the INSTEP program (Institute of Economic and Political Studies, London and Cambridge) administered by Tulane's Murphy Institute of Political Economy. Course offerings vary between INSTEP's London and Cambridge campuses. Internships are available at both centers. Contact the program advisor, Professor Judith Schafer, The Murphy Institute.

United Kingdom-London:

A semester in the heart of London at Regent's College is offered Fall or Spring semesters with courses available in the liberal arts, including music and theatre. Classes and housing will be on or near the college's campus in Regent's Park in central London. Courses are taught by British and American faculty. Internships may also be available with early application.

Application Procedure for Semester Abroad Programs

Students should consider undertaking a Semester Abroad Program as early as in the Spring of their sophomore year. Applicants' files should be complete no later than October 1 or March. 1 of the semester prior to the semester abroad, with the exception of INSTEP (see program specific information). All applicants for a Tulane Semester Abroad Program must have a minimum grade point average of 2.75 (except for Japan and Ghana where the minimum GPA is 3.00). Students who successfully complete a Tulane study abroad semester or year program will be awarded Tulane grades and credits. Students on academic, disciplinary, or Honor Board probation may apply for Tulane's Semester Abroad Programs but are not eligible to participate until their records are re-evaluated.

Students may use Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, Parents Plus Loans, or other non-Tulane funding for Tulane Semester Abroad Programs. Tulane institutional aid and faculty/staff tuition waivers are not applicable to Semester Abroad Programs.

SUMMER ABROAD OPTIONS

Summer Abroad Programs vary in length, costs, and details, more specific information on each of the Summer Abroad Programs can be obtained through the program contacts listed below. Locations and courses that have been offered recently:

Barcelona, Paris, and Nice:

Seven-week program in Architecture. Open to upper level undergraduate as well as graduate students enrolled in an Architecture program. For more information, contact Peggy Messina, School of Architecture.

Cuba-Havana:

Cuban studies, Afro-Cuban culture and history, historic preservation, environment, Spanish language, the Cuban public health system, and the Cuban social work system. For more information, contact Debbie Ramil, Cuban and Carribean Studies Institute.

France-Paris:

Art, Social Sciences and French. Contact the Summer School-Summer Abroad Programs office, University College.

Guatemala:

Three separate specialized programs are offered in or near Antigua. Tropical architecture practicum and coursework, contact Donald del Cid, School of Architecture. Keqchikel language, course, and field experience, contact Judith Maxwell, Anthropology. In addition, the Center for International Health and Development in Tulane's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine offers a special public health oriented course.

Mexico-Guadalajara:

Courses are offered in both Spanish and English in the following disciplines: Spanish, history, political science, communication, and Latin American studies. For more information, contact Debbie Ramil, Cuban and Carribean Studies Institute.

United Kingdom–Cambridge or London:

Political economy offered at the Institute of Economic and Political Studies (INSTEP). Internships may be available. Contact Professor Judith Schafer, The Murphy Institute of Political Economy.

West Indies-Antigua and other locations:

Subjects may include Gender, Development, and Communication in the Caribbean; Communication and Culture in the Caribbean, and Carribean Art and Culture. Contact Debbie Ramil, Cuban and Carribean Studies Institute.

INTERNSHIPS

Latin America: A flexible six-week, semester, or year internship in rural Mexico, Ecuador, or Cuba is offered through the Community Development Internship Program (CDIP). The program is especially attractive to individuals who want to improve their Spanish skills, and prepare for a career or further study in community development. Project assignments are available in the areas of agriculture, animal husbandry, and micro-enterprise, among others. In order to qualify, students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and have completed at least three semesters of Spanish or have the equivalent level. Application must be made at least two weeks in advance of desired date of starting program. Contact Debbie Ramil, Cuban and Carribean Studies Institute.

International:

Additional internship possibilities can be found through information provided in the Career Services Center, the Center for International Studies, and the Murphy Institute.