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STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES IN ARCHITECTURE

BENEFITS OF STUDY ABROAD

- Gain field experience in different perspectives of public administration in a different country
- Learn international perspectives in public administration
- Expand your cross-cultural communication and problem-solving skills
- Prepare you to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Globalize your world view
- Improve your language skills

There is much to be gained from understanding the history and cultural traditions of geographic regions outside your own to build your understanding of political analysis. Study abroad is an exciting way to discover new approaches to the study of public policy and build your professional skills. You can study in your major, pick up a second language, complete research on a special topic of your choice related to public administration, do an internship while overseas, or find one program with a combination of these components. Spend a minimester, the summer, a semester or an academic year abroad to enhance your cross-cultural skills, language ability, or professional experience.

STEPS TO STUDY ABROAD

Attend an Information Session or Consult the Web. Information sessions are held regularly. You may attend a brief, one-hour session or consult the website listed below to learn more about study abroad.

Research, Research, Research Investigate potential study abroad locations based on your interest and personal goals for an international experience. Do you want to improve your second language skills? Are you looking for a guided experience or are you more independent? Do you want to be with lots of other students from the U.S. or would you like to be “one of the crowd” with host country students?

Requirements UTSA requires a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above. You should generally have at least sophomore status at the time of application. Check language requirements for non-English speaking countries.

Consult the Study Abroad Library. Check out the resources at the Office of International Programs (MB 1.210) for more information on program details, costs, and other information.

Consult your Advisor. Speak with your academic advisor to determine whether credits from your desired program will transfer back to UTSA. You will need to gather descriptions of courses in which you are interested in taking while abroad and meet with your advisor. He/she will help you determine if you will be able to receive credit for the experience.

Apply! Complete the necessary application(s) for UTSA and your chosen program. You must submit your documents and pay required fees by the established deadlines.

Attend Pre-Departure Orientation. All outgoing students must attend the Pre-Departure Orientation given by the Office of International Programs. You will be given the date and time well in advance and must make plans to attend. If you cannot attend, you must contact your Study Abroad Advisor and make arrangements.

Scholarships and Financial Aid The University of Texas at San Antonio offers scholarships to students studying abroad. These scholarships range from \$300 to \$3,600 per student. Application forms are available in the Office of International Programs. Many students are surprised to learn that their existing financial aid, including their federal aid, is frequently transferable to studying abroad. UTSA allows students to use all federal, state and institutional aid for study abroad programs. Generally, federal financial aid requires that you earn academic credit toward your degree program while you are abroad in order for the experience to be eligible for aid. So volunteer programs, for example, are less likely to be eligible for aid. If you already receive financial aid and have already completed your FAFSA form for the academic year in which you intend to study abroad, you won't need to submit another one. However, if you've never submitted a FAFSA form before, you should leave yourself plenty of time to do so.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

**International Education Fund and Study Abroad application at UTSA.*

Spring-Oct. 15 Summer-Feb. 15 Fall-Mar. 15

Affiliate Programs

Argentina

The University of Belgrano

The University of Belgrano is private institution which was founded in 1964 to provide high-quality education, promote research, and foster the social and cultural development of the community. Open to students with advanced or superior levels of Spanish language proficiency, the University of Belgrano offers a variety of courses on architecture including *Compression and the Influence of Art, Structural Design 1-3, Urban Planning, Regional Planning, Interior Design, Preservation of Heritage, Rehabilitation and Retraining and History of Architecture 1-3*. (Sponsor: ISA)

Chile

Universidad de Chile

This institution similar in origin to the oldest and best-known Latin American state universities was formally constituted in 1842. The university allows U.S. students to continue their studies in a thought-provoking and quintessentially Chilean university. Students can take *Urban Planning, Forms and Space, and Cultural Anthropology*. (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

Costa Rica

Inter-American University of Costa Rica

Founded in 1985, the Inter-American University of Costa Rica is one of the most highly regarded universities in Costa Rica. A number of Costa Rican students come to the UICR to study English. As a result, language acquisition is an important component of the university's educational goals. Open to students at all levels of Spanish language proficiency, students can enroll in subjects focused on architecture and urbanism. (Sponsor: ISA)

Veritas University

Veritas University was founded in 1975 as a college of the Universidad Autónoma de Centroamérica, the first private university in Costa Rica. Shortly thereafter, Veritas University became an independent university and has since grown to become one of the most highly recognized private universities in the Latin American community. The school offers a complete range of subjects and a great variety of cultural, artistic and athletic activities. This program is designed for students of all language levels who wish to become more comfortable with the Spanish language and acquire knowledge of Costa Rican culture and history. Available courses in architecture include *History of Latin American Architecture* and *Tropical Architecture and Design*. (Sponsor: CEA)

Czech Republic

Charles University

Founded in the mid-14th century, Charles University is one of the oldest universities in the world and holds the prestigious title of the leading university in all of Eastern Europe, according to Academic Ranking of World Universities. Students may enroll in a variety of courses offered in English through the program at Charles University like history, art, architecture, cinema, economics, politics, and the Czech language. (Sponsor: ISA)

England

University of Nottingham

The University of Nottingham is one of Britain's most popular universities and has an international reputation for teaching and research. Nottingham offers high-quality facilities and a range of student services, including a welcome program at the beginning of each semester and comprehensive support through the International Office. Courses readily available for architecture majors are *Design and Technology, Architectural Studies, Urban Design Theory, Service Design 2*, and *Architectural and Environmental Design*. (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

University of Westminster

The University of Westminster has a long tradition of innovation and provides opportunities at the forefront of development in the arts, media, communications, business, science, and social science. Students can pick from array of architecture courses such as *Urban Design, Community Involvement, Conservation and Urban Design, Culture, Space and Perception, Environmental Policy and Management, International Urban Policy, Introduction to Housing Management, Local and Strategic Planning, Neighborhood Management*, and many more. (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

France

Paris Center for Critical Studies

The Contemporary French Studies (CFS) program, which began in 1999, offers strong French language instruction and a broad range of English and French taught courses about contemporary France. The program accommodates students at many levels from low-intermediate to advanced French, and with varying majors. Those in the humanities and social sciences perform appropriate-level work in their fields, while students in other majors can also participate fully in the program, fulfilling elective requirements, improving language skills, and learning about France. Advanced students are encouraged to take all classes in French, including one or more classes at the University of Paris. (Sponsor: CIEE)

Germany

Humboldt Universität zu Berlin (Summer)

Founded in 1810 by Wilhelm von Humboldt, the world-renowned Humboldt Universität zu Berlin is the oldest of the three Berlin universities. The university was founded under the ideal of providing a well-rounded, humanist education to its students. With a special emphasis on the humanities, the university offers a total of 170 subjects and 130 courses of study. The university continues to improve its offerings by adding new courses of study, degrees and academic structures each semester. This program is designed for students at all levels of German language proficiency who are dedicated to acquiring and developing their German language skills. (Sponsor: CEA)

Mexico

University of Guanajuato

The University of Guanajuato was founded in 1732 and became a public college in 1828. After three centuries of institutional development, the university now has an enrollment of approximately 30,000 students and offers over 50 academic degrees. Students applying for this program are required to take a placement exam upon arrival to determine Spanish language proficiency. Exam results may determine eligibility for course enrollment. Students interested in taking architecture courses may want to contact ISA for requirements. (Sponsor: ISA)

Peru

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

Situated on a large, 100-acre campus in Lima, the university offers outstanding academics in a beautiful setting composed of modern buildings, picturesque gardens, and even archaeological excavations. Students pursuing an architectural major may consider taking *Population and Territory*, *Architectural Drawing*, *Peruvian Ethnography*, *Structures*, and *Colonial Peruvian Architecture*. (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

Russia

St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University

St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University (SPbSPU) is one of Russia's oldest and most prestigious universities, founded in 1899 as Saint-Petersburg Polytechnic Institute by an official decree of Tsar Nicholas II. Today it is rated among the top two technical universities in Russia. SPbSPU is one of the country's leading institutions of higher education and research, with 21 faculties, 115 departments, and a teaching staff of 2,700 professors. This program offers students the opportunity to acquire and/or improve their Russian language skills while receiving an introduction to over 1,000 years of Russian culture through a range of lectures and study visits. Contact CEA programs for information on specific architecture courses. (Sponsor: CEA)

Scotland

University of Edinburgh

The University of Edinburgh, founded in 1583, is one of the largest universities in the U.K. and has an international reputation for academic excellence. Available architecture courses are *Technology and Environment*, *Architectural Design Theory*, *Architectural History (1A, 1B, 2A, 2B)*, *Karl Friedrich Schinkel*, *Scottish Country House (1600-1800)*, *Palladio and Palladianism*, & *Theory and Historiography of Architecture*. (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

PROGRAM SPONSOR CONTACT INFO

Affiliated Study Abroad Programs are coordinated and managed by outside organizations and companies. Program costs are set by each program provider and vary with the length of program, location and cost of living. Programs are generally available for the summer, fall or spring semester or academic year.

CEA

<http://www.gowithcea.com>

CIEE

<http://www.ciee.org>

IFSA-Butler

<http://www.ifsa-butler.org/>

ISA

<http://www.studiesabroad.com>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Please note your study abroad options are not limited by the programs listed here. For more information on additional study abroad opportunities such as intensive language programs and/or internships in your field please contact the Office of International Programs.