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STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES FOR BIOLOGY MAJORS

BENEFITS OF STUDY ABROAD

- Learn international perspectives in biology
- 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 biology, medical practices, and cultural traditions of geographic regions outside your own. Study abroad is an exciting way to discover new approaches to the study of biology and build your professional skills.

Hundreds of study abroad programs are available to you. You can study in your major, pick up a second language, study the history and culture of a region, complete research on a special topic of your choice, 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

Africa

Tropical Conservation in Equatorial Guinea

Located on Bioko Island, 20 miles off the coast of Equatorial Guinea and home to Africa's greatest concentration of endangered primates, this conservation biology program combines extensive field study and coursework. Field opportunities include conducting a monkey census and surveying native flora and fauna. Coursework includes Biological Research Methods, Conservation Biology, Natural Resource Economics and Statistics for Conservation Biology. Instruction is in English. (Sponsor: Arcadia)

Argentina

University of Belgrano

The University of Belgrano is a private institution which was founded in 1964 to provide high-quality education, promote research, and foster the social and cultural development of the community. Those focused on the biology field may take *Biological Chemistry* or *Ethno Biology*. (Sponsor: ISA)

University of Buenos Aires

Attend this prestigious Latin American university to take regular course work along side Argentinean students for a semester or academic year. Course work is available in biochemistry, ecology, genetics, physiology, botany, and molecular biology. All courses are in Spanish; at least 2 years of college-level Spanish required. (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

Australia

Tropical Reef Ecology and Management, Townsville

An intensive, four-week program that focuses on the study of Tropical Island and reef ecology and the strategies used to manage these ecosystems. The course emphasizes field-study and includes snorkeling expeditions throughout the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area. (Sponsor: Arcadia)

Australia

AustraLearn works with a number of colleges and universities that have a wide array of courses that are able to accommodate most biology majors and their courses. (Sponsor: AustraLearn)

Chile

Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso

Founded in 1928, the Pontifical Catholic University of Valparaiso is one of the most prestigious institutions of the Chilean higher educational system. With an enrollment of over 13,000 students, PUCV has academic facilities in both Valparaiso and Vina del Mar, with its main educational complex located on the northern edge of Valparaiso. Students may take *Cellular Biology & Microbiology*. (Sponsor: ISA)

Costa Rica

Ecology of the Rain Forest in Costa Rica

This summer or semester program offers courses in tropical biology and conservation taught by biologists from Costa Rica, the US, and Europe. Based at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, students spend considerable time on field trips to other regions and ecosystems throughout the country. Courses are taught in English. (Sponsor: CIEE)

Universidad de Costa Rica

This program allows students to directly enroll in classes at the University of Costa Rica for a semester or academic year, while providing a well-structured introduction to the country, its culture, and history. You will get to know Costa Rica by living with local families and participating in numerous orientation activities and field trips. Courses are available in biology and other sciences, along with liberal arts, social work, business, and engineering. All courses are taught in Spanish; at least 2 years prior language study required. (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

Cyprus

Intercollege- Nicosia, Cyprus

This unique program allows nursing students to learn about how nursing and health-care delivery are impacted by various social, political and economic factors. The program combines 6 credits of college-level coursework in nursing management and European culture with visits to senior administrators at local hospitals, clinics and government agencies and great weekend excursions in Cyprus. Cyprus has a reasonably well-developed, social-oriented healthcare sector and is an interesting country to explore the tradeoffs between public and private provisioning of healthcare, on a manageable and accessible scale. (Sponsor: Global Learning Semesters)

Denmark

University of Copenhagen

EAP students in Denmark have a unique opportunity to study in English at one of the great universities of Europe. The University of Copenhagen is a large and multifaceted three-campus institution with enrollments of about 34,000 students. Teaching and research activities are conducted in numerous departments and institutes, which are organized in six faculties (schools): Health Sciences, Humanities, Law, Science, Social Sciences, and Theology. In addition, the Human Biology Program at the Panum Institute is world-renowned for medicine and biomedical research. (Sponsor: DIS)

Ireland

University College Cork

University College Cork offers the best of traditional scholarship and cutting-edge technology in a beautiful, friendly city. Cork offers a wide range of courses in the biological sciences, engineering, business, humanities and social sciences. Internships are available in the Freshwater Ecology Laboratory, Department of Zoology and Animal Ecology, and the Faculty of Science. (Sponsor: Arcadia, IFSA-Butler)

New Zealand

University of Otago, Dunedin

Ideal for students interested in great academics and outdoor adventure, the University of Otago offers courses in sciences, physical education, liberal arts, music, and theology. Otago is strong in biological sciences and offers several field-based courses. (Sponsor: Arcadia, AustraLearn, IFSA-Butler)

Multi- Country Semester at Sea

Semester at Sea adds a global semester to your undergraduate experience. The shipboard curriculum will give you insights into various cultures and societies and teach you to analyze those you observe and encounter. The courses examine global crisis issues—the environment, population, foreign policy

relationships, economics—in the context of the nations you visit. The ship truly becomes a campus in which you study in a traditional setting, while the world is transformed into an academic laboratory. This integration of classroom and international fieldwork allows Semester at Sea to create a learning environment unmatched on a traditional land campus. Courses in Biology available to students include: *Environmental Biology*, *Global Ecology*, *Marine Biology*, and *The Natural World*.
(Sponsor: Semester at Sea)

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.

Arcadia

<http://www.arcadia.edu/cea>

AustraLearn

<http://www.australearn.org>

Boston University

<http://www.bu.edu/abroad/>

CEA

<http://www.gowithcea.com>

CIEE

<http://www.ciee.org>

DIS

<http://www.dis.dk/>

Global Learning Semesters

<http://www.globalsemesters.com/index.html>

IFSA-Butler

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

Semester at Sea

<http://www.semesteratsea.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.