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STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION MAJORS

BENEFITS OF STUDY ABROAD

- Understand the field of education from an international perspective.
- Expand your cross-cultural communication and problem-solving skills.
- Prepare you to work in an increasingly diverse classroom.
- Broaden your academic horizons.
- Globalize your world views.
- Improve your language skills.
- Enhance your coursework upon return to campus.

By its nature, education takes place in a cultural context. There is much to be gained from understanding the history and traditions of cultures outside your own. Study abroad is one very exciting way to begin to discover new approaches and build your professional skills.

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

Australia

Flinders University (Adelaide)

Flinders University is a flexible, student friendly university with small classes, providing for personalized attention. Students will find a large range of courses at Flinders, and the education department is particularly outstanding. Early Childhood Education courses include: *Child Development, Development, Learning, and Teaching, Psychology and Education, Curriculum Studies, Language and Literature II (6-10), Teaching to Special Needs.* (Sponsors: IFSA-Butler)

Macquarie University (Sydney)

Macquarie is known as "Australia's Innovative University" and serves 16,000 students. Macquarie University's Institute of Early Childhood has an outstanding international reputation. Students may take courses such as: *Child Development: Approaches to Theory and Practices, Curriculum and Play in Early Childhood, Early Childhood Math, Science and Technology, Developmental Difference and Disability, Early Education for Young Children with Disabilities, Early Childhood Management, Family and Communities in a Culturally Diverse Society.* (Sponsors: Australlearn, Arcadia, IFSA-Butler)

University of Wollongong (Wollongong)

Located ninety minutes south Sydney, the University of Wollongong combines a supportive environment with outstanding academics. Students are able to take the following courses in Early Childhood Education and/or in Primary Education: *Child Development and Care I, Learners with Exceptional Needs, Management of Early Childhood Services.* (Sponsor: Australlearn)

Chile and Argentina

SIT: Education and Social Change

Based in the self-declared international educational capital of Santiago, Chile with an extended excursion to Buenos Aires, Argentina as well as Southern Chile, these two nations provide an ideal window upon which to view how educational politics, approaches and strategies influence, and are influenced by, society. Both countries have long been renowned for their high educational levels, sustained governmental engagement in educational policymaking and implementation and solid cadre of committed educators and intellectuals, and albeit they have each pursued different policy approaches towards education in recent decades. Various types of innovative approaches to educational delivery have been the hallmark of both nations' school systems and non-formal instructional networks, ranging the gamut from privatization to popular educational programs of various types. Students can take *Educational Systems and Educational Reforms in Chile and Argentina, Popular Education and Critical Pedagogy, Education and Its Role in Promoting Equity and Social Justice* in addition to an independent study project. (Sponsor: SIT)

Costa Rica

Universidad Nacional de Heredia, Costa Rica

*Instruction in Spanish.

Located in a lovely suburb of San Jose, Universidad Nacional de Heredia (HNA) offers students the opportunity to take integrated courses in a variety of areas. Students may also pair up

with Costa Rican students to volunteer at a local primary school every week. (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

Denmark

University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen

DIS offers an innovative program, taught in English, in which students examine Danish approaches to child development and education. This program is particularly suited for students in education, child development, and psychology, and combines theory with a supervised practicum. Students relate the concepts discussed in the classroom during their fieldwork in daycare centers, early education institutions or after school programs. Education students may take *Children in a Multicultural Context: Danish Theory and Practice, Children with Special Needs: Danish Theory and Practice, Psychology of Happiness* as well as others.

Dominican Republic

The goals of the program are to help students solidify their Spanish language skills and gain a deeper understanding of the society, culture, economics, and politics of the Dominican Republic and the Caribbean region, with a particular emphasis on the Hispanic Caribbean. These goals are achieved through intensive language coursework, social science area studies, literature and history coursework, sports and arts programs, and immersion into Dominican life. Community service or teaching English as a second language are for-credit opportunities, and there are not for-credit community service options as well. The CIEE Study Center in Santiago, established in 1987, has a dual focus that enables students to achieve advanced Spanish language skills while studying various aspects of the Hispanic Caribbean Basin area. The program is designed for students who have taken two years of college-level Spanish and would like to pursue training in advanced conversation and grammar while taking courses in culture, economics, gender studies, history, literature, or politics and society, most of which have a focus on the Caribbean region. In addition, this program offers unique for-credit opportunities in community service. (Sponsor: CIEE)

France

University Stendahl, Grenoble

* Summer Only

* Instruction in French

API offers comprehensive study abroad programs at the fully accredited University Stendahl, Grenoble 3, established in 1389. All courses at the University Stendahl, Grenoble 3 are taught in French by native instructors. Intensive Language and Language & Culture programs are offered. This program offers students the chance to experience the city of Grenoble, situated in the French Alps, a town of natural beauty and a wealth of art, history and culture. In most cases, students will live with host families. Students will be offered several cultural excursions as well as social activities in which to participate. This program is for those wishing to continue their studies in didactics and pedagogy of French as a second language. It is designed for French teachers at the high school level. *Courses are taught at the post-graduate level.* (Sponsor: API)

China

University of Hong Kong

The University of Hong Kong is the oldest tertiary university in Hong Kong and consistently ranks as one of the leading comprehensive universities in Asia. HKU seeks to capitalize on its strengths as an English-medium, comprehensive, and

research-led university. A wide range of courses are available depending on degree concentration in the education field.

(Sponsor: AsiaLearn)

South Korea

Korea University

Korea University is one of the largest, most selective, and historic universities in Korea, providing a top-quality educational experience for its students since 1905. Korea University offers a variety of courses in all professional fields and over 35% are taught in English. The College of Education at Korea University is dedicated to training future educators and developing human resource experts. A wide range of concentrations are offered, including: physical education, home economics education, mathematics education, Korean language education, English language education, geography education, history education, computer science education, and teacher education.

(Sponsors: AsiaLearn)

Spain

University of Seville

If you are ready to undertake the challenge of studying within the University of Seville alongside Spanish students in their degree program; if you have had at least three years of college-level Spanish language studies; if you have an overall GPA of 3.0, a Spanish language GPA of 3.0, and a strong desire to participate in the Spanish university system as Spaniards do - then this program is right for you. Students majoring in education or psychology may find some interesting classes in this area of studies. Some of the concentrations include special education, pre-school education, elementary education, music education, physical education and bilingual education. Courses offered for Education majors include: *New Technologies Applied to Education, Psychology of Personalities, Sociology of Education, Education for Diversity and Equality, Multicultural Education.* (Sponsor: CIEE)

University of Leeds

One of the largest universities in the U.K., the University of Leeds offers its students a large range of courses and a reputation for excellent teaching and research. Leeds is also known as a welcoming, friendly university, in part, thanks to its strong departmental traditions. Early Childhood Education courses include: *The Child as Learner, Early Childhood Education, Young Children with Special Needs, Mathematics in Education, Music in Education, Children, Families and Cultural Diversity: Philosophical Perspectives, Primary Science I: Teaching and Learning.* (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Please check with your academic adviser on the applicability of these experiences to your degree program.

AustraLearn Internship in Australia

AustraLearn offers three internship programs in Australia: Professional Development for Academic Credit internship during the summer or a semester, Custom-Designed Internships from 4-52 weeks, and the AustraLearn Teacher Practicum program for 10 weeks. Each offers placements in primary and secondary schools, supervision, and academic credit. See the AustraLearn website for more information about placement duration, program details and location in Australia. (Sponsor: AustraLearn)

CIEE Teach Abroad, China/ Thailand

This affordable opportunity places you in the heart of Asia with immersion in the community, where you will experience ancient and rapidly changing societies in China or Thailand. CIEE will place those with a bachelor's degree (in any field) as an English teacher in a Chinese or Thai school for 5 or 10 months. As a teacher you will be paid a local salary and receive free furnished accommodations in exchange for full-time work. You will receive support from local teachers and CIEE contacts.

(Sponsor: CIEE)

World Teach-Teach Abroad Program

As a World Teach volunteer teacher, you will witness firsthand the challenges and rewards of education in a developing country. You will share the skills and knowledge gained through your education and life experience with students who have not had the same advantages, and you will make a concrete and lasting difference in their lives. World Teach offers volunteers the opportunity to teach year or summer programs in a variety of locations including: Chile, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guyana, Marshall Islands, Namibia, Pohnpei, Poland and South Africa. (Sponsor: World Teach)

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.

Asialearn

www.asialearn.org

Australearn

www.australearn.org

Arcadia

www.arcadia.edu/cea

IFSA-Butler

www.ifsa-butler.org

CIEE

www.ciee.org

DIS

www.dis.dk

SIT

<http://www.sit.edu>

World Teach

worldteach.org/index.html

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 International Programs Office.