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STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES IN INTERIOR DESIGN

BENEFITS OF STUDY ABROAD

- 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

Study abroad is an exciting way to discover new approaches to the study of interior design 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 interior design, do an internship while overseas, or find one program with a combination of these components. Spend a mini-mester, 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 30 credit hours 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

Denmark

Danish Institute for Study Abroad (Copenhagen)

Established in 1959, DIS is known among sending universities and former students to be intensive, demanding, and rewarding. DIS' unique academic environment, with courses including study tours and a focus on hands-on learning, has been developed over the last half century. The curriculum is challenging, and in many ways different from established university traditions in both the United States and Europe. DIS offers a comprehensive study abroad program, including unique housing opportunities and many highly appreciated program elements not normally available through study abroad. At DIS, you may select any combination of courses that you wish, as long as you meet the course prerequisites. See program provider for list of full courses. (Sponsor: DIS)

Scotland

Glasgow School of Art

Glasgow is an ideal city for art students. Its medieval origins date from the formation of its unique cathedral in the 12th century and its world-class university is predated only by Oxford, Cambridge and St. Andrews. Glasgow is home to several superb art collections, chief among them the Burrell Collection at Kelvingrove, which attracts more tourists than any site in Britain outside of London. See program provider for class details. (Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

England

American Intercontinental University (London)

When you choose London as your study abroad destination, you'll be joining students from all over the globe to share a unique learning experience and an exciting cultural immersion into the heart of one of the world's great capital cities. Boasting a historic tradition of art and literature, a bustling commercial center, and a diverse population, London offers something for everyone. The campus of AIU London is centrally located between Hyde and Regents parks and near some of London's finest museums, galleries, palaces, churches and theaters. AIU provides guaranteed housing in Central London or you may choose to make your own living arrangements. Students may consider taking *Lighting Design*, *Hospitality Design*, and *Computer-aided Design*. Consult the program provider for many other courses in this field of study. (Sponsor: AIU)

Italy

Florence University of the Arts

Founded in 1995, Study Abroad Italy (SAI) offers US and international students the finest English-speaking programs available in Italy, with a wide choice of curriculum. There are no language requirements to attend any of SAI's programs. Because our focus is entirely on Italy, SAI is considered the most comprehensive organization for Italy study abroad programs. We enroll more students for study abroad in Italy than any other US office. Available interior design courses include *3D Computer Design and Rendering*, *Introduction to Interior Design*, *Intermediate Interior Design*, *Introduction to Lighting*, *Restaurant Design & Planning and Technical Drawing* and *CAD*. (Sponsor: Study Abroad Italy)

Australia

University of Canberra (New South Wales)

The University of Canberra is a large, multi-disciplinary institution offering courses in over 100 disciplines ranging from architecture and design to medical laboratory science and computer engineering. Situated in the national capital of Australia, Canberra is a safe, clean, well-planned city with a population of approximately 300,000. Canberra is about 3.5 hours drive from Sydney or can be reached by regular air, coach and rail services. Students have the option of taking *Furniture Design*, *Practice Management*, *Design Research Methods*, and *Contemporary Issues in Design* as well as many others. (Sponsor: AustraLearn)

Griffith University (Brisbane)

Griffith University can best be characterized as offering you incredible diversity as a study abroad destination. With five campuses spread from the arts and music precinct of the Southbank in Brisbane, to the forested suburban campuses of Nathan and Mt Gravatt, and finally to the modern Gold Coast Campus, Griffith offers campus environments to suit your own tastes and interests. The diversity of campus locations is matched by the range of courses available to you. World-class music and fine arts are available on the Southbank. See program provider for list of full courses. (Sponsor: Arcadia)

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/abroad>

AUI

<http://www.aiuniv.edu/>

AustraLearn

<http://www.australearn.org/>

DIS

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

IFSA-Butler

<http://www.ifsabutler.org/>

Study Abroad Italy

<http://www.studyabroaditaly.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 International Programs Office. A majority of the information provided in this brochure is taken verbatim from the websites and catalogues of various program providers. We give full credit to each agency that provides accessible material for the general public.