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## STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES IN PUBLIC POLICY

### BENEFITS OF STUDY ABROAD

- Gain field experience in different aspects 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**

#### **Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina (Buenos Aires)**

One of the finest and largest private universities in Argentina, Pontificia Universidad Católica is located in Puerto Madero, an architecturally-acclaimed U.S. \$2.5 billion urban-renewal project in the old port of Buenos Aires, which includes movie theaters, luxury restaurants, several world-class hotels and headquarters of many multinational corporations. Since its foundation in 1958, UCA has been a pioneer in many fields and attracted leading scholars in each academic discipline to its faculty. For the Spanish program, students must have studied one year of college level Spanish prior to entering. For the English program, students must take Spanish during orientation and the semester, but all other courses are in English. Under the Latin American Studies program taught in Spanish, students may enroll in *International Law and Argentine Commercial Legislation* as a public policy course. (Sponsor: AIFS)

### **Australia**

#### **Bond University (Gold Coast)**

As Australia's first private, non-profit university, Bond is ideally suited for study abroad students. Created in the tradition of the world's leading academic institutions, Bond has a strong component of international students who hail from some 80 countries worldwide. Bond University has achieved remarkable distinction both nationally and internationally. It has earned a formidable reputation of Business, Technology and Sustainable Development, Law, Health Sciences and Medicine, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Students can take a number of course under *Commercial/ Corporate Law, Criminal Justice/ Criminology*, and other specializations. Please contact AustrLearn regarding specific course information. (Sponsor: AustrLearn)

#### **University of Melbourne (Melbourne)**

##### *Identity and Public Policy in a Multicultural Policy*

Discover how the identity, history, and development of Australia—the world's smallest continent and largest island—have been greatly influenced by its remoteness, as well as by its own vast interior distances. Geographically a part of Asia, politically a part of the British Commonwealth, Australia is a microcosm of world traditions. Sweeping changes in the economy, labor relations, media influence, and the role of the state in defining and delivering “fair go” policies have led to concerns of a population increasingly polarized along economic lines. SIT offers *Public Policy and Social Justice* and as a practicum module of the seminar, students engage in short-term participatory activities with a wide array of social welfare and advocacy organizations. (Sponsor: SIT)

### **Costa Rica**

#### **Latin American University of Science & Technology (San Jose)**

The Latin American University of Science and Technology was founded in 1987. By requiring local students to take an internationally standardized admissions exam, the university has been able uphold its commitment to academics by recruiting the brightest students in Costa Rica. With a current enrollment of approximately 3,500 Costa Ricans and 100 international students

each semester, students are able to take advantage of the most modern facilities. The university campus is conveniently located downtown San Jose and provides students with the opportunity for authentic immersion in an academic setting with Costa Ricans. Students with advanced skills in the Spanish language are allowed to enroll in law courses with Costa Ricans. Public policy courses that are available for enrollment are *Introduction to Law & Theory of the State*. (Sponsor: ISA)

### **Cyprus**

#### **University of Nicosia (Nicosia)**

The University of Nicosia provides the academic curriculum, faculty and facilities for this program. Classes are taught at the University of Nicosia's main campus in Nicosia and students receive a University of Nicosia transcript upon successful completion of their coursework. The University of Nicosia is a well-known international institution and the largest university in Cyprus with over 5,000 students (including 1,000 international degree-seeking students) enrolled at three campuses in the three largest cities in Cyprus. The University of Nicosia is accredited at the bachelor's and master's level and has particular strengths in business, international relations, engineering, computer science and some areas of the social sciences. Please refer to program website for a complete list of courses offered under public policy. (Sponsor: GLS)

### **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. Students wanting to participate in public policy courses may enroll in the *European Culture & History* or *European Politics & History* program. (Sponsor: DIS)

### **England**

#### **University of Leeds (Leeds)**

As an API student at the University of Leeds (UL), you will choose from a wide range of undergraduate courses open to British and international students. With more than 33,000 undergraduate students, UL is one of the most popular universities in the U.K. In addition to students from the U.K., UL welcomes more than 5,000 international students each year. Leeds is not only the United Kingdom's fastest-growing city; it is on numerous cultural and environmental lists as 'the place to be'. Courses may include: *Introduction to Criminal Justice, Introduction to the Law of Obligations, Crime and Criminal Justice, Understanding Crime, Principles of Criminal Law, Introduction to Comparative European Legal Systems, Crime and Social Exclusion, Crime Prevention and Community Safety, Victims, Crime and Victimology, Human Rights I*. (Sponsor: API)

#### **University of Sussex (Brighton)**

Receiving its Royal Charter in 1961, the University of Sussex was part of the new university movement of the 1960's. Founded with innovation in teaching and strength in research in mind, the

university now is in the top 50 European universities and in the top 20 universities in the UK. The Sussex Faculty boasts of two Nobel Prize Winners, 15 Fellows of the Royal Society and 6 Fellows of the British Academy. The university's strong focus on interdisciplinary study gives students access to quality faculty in all schools and helps them achieve a well rounded education. *Visit the CEA website for a full listing of courses offered regarding public policy.* (Sponsor: CEA)

## France

### University of Grenoble (Grenoble)

The Centre Universitaire d'Etudes Française intensive French language course is designed for students who wish to begin, improve or perfect their knowledge of the French language. With this course the CUEF offers 6 levels of language learning from breakthrough to mastery in accordance with the Council of Europe. Students participating in the program may take a maximum of 15 credits for regular courses plus 3 credits of French language. All students must take French language unless they are native speakers. Students may take *Introduction to International Business Law*. (Sponsor: AIFS)

## Hungary

### Corvinus University of Budapest (Budapest)

As a student with Academic Programs International (API) in Budapest, you will attend courses offered at the International Studies Center (ISC) of the Corvinus University of Budapest. All students are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to take a Hungarian language course each semester. Students will automatically be placed into a beginning level class. Language courses are taught in Hungarian; all other courses are taught in English. The courses are with other American and international students. Most courses are worth 3 semester credit hours, and semester credits are indicated in parentheses after the course title. Students will earn 12-18 credits per semester. **Note: The course selection is subject to change and enrollment in specific courses can only be guaranteed upon formal registration at the university.** Courses may include: *Introduction to Public Sector Management, the Region from "Unitarian" to "Regional", Politics and Policy in the EU; Hungary, European Integration and European Security, and Comparative Government and Politics: A European Perspective.* (Sponsor: API)

## Ireland

### National University of Ireland (Galway)

National University of Ireland, Galway was founded in 1849 as one of three non-denominational Queen's Colleges. It went on to become one of the constituent colleges of the National University of Ireland and by 1997 was reconstituted as NUI Galway following the Universities Act. Since its foundation the University has experienced significant and continuous growth and gone on to become one of the most prestigious teaching and research institutions in Ireland. *Visit the CEA website for a full listing of courses offered regarding public policy.* (Sponsor: CEA)

## 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. This integration of classroom and international fieldwork

allows Semester at Sea to create a learning environment unmatched on a traditional land campus. Courses available to students for Public Policy include: *Comparative Politics, Foreign Policies in a Changing World Government/Politics of the Middle East, International Law and Problems of World Order, Modern Diplomacy, and World Politics.* (Sponsor: Semester at Sea)

## Netherlands

### The Hague University (The Hague)

The Hague program offers students the opportunity to enroll in a variety of disciplines at The Hague University's School of European Studies. You will find The Hague is a crossroad of cultures with well over thirty nationalities represented, making your study abroad experience truly diverse. Courses available to students are taught in English and are in the areas of Language Communication Management, Business Management, Culture and Society, and Law and Politics. Students are required to take a Dutch culture course for the first six weeks of the semester. Available Public Policy courses are *European Public Policy, European Regional Policy, Global Development Policy,* and many more. (Sponsor: USAC)

## New Zealand

### Waikato University (Hamilton)

The University of Waikato is a government funded and internationally recognized Research University that offers high quality education to students of all nationalities. The city is flat and easy to get around, and offers a significantly lower cost of living than Auckland. Courses may include: *Playing Politics: Conflict, Cooperation and Choice, People and Policy, Political Systems Around the World, Policy Issues: International Perspectives, Social Policy and Social Issues Economics of Public Policy, Economics of Human Resources and Public Policy, Economics, Law and Policy, The Politics of Maori and Other Indigenous Peoples, European Integration.* (Sponsor: AustraLearn)

## Scotland

### University of Stirling (Stirling)

The Stirling program offers students the opportunity to enroll in a wide range of courses in a variety of disciplines at the University of Stirling, one of the top-rated academic institutions in Scotland. Courses available to students are in subjects such as Aquatic Science, Biology, Business and Marketing, Criminology, Economics, English Studies, Environmental Science, Film and Media History, Journalism, Political Science, Psychology, Tourism, Scottish Studies, Sociology and Sports Studies. *Evolution and Development of Management, Markets and Resources, and Partnership Working* may be taken under the Public Management and Administration course subject. (Sponsor: USAC)

## South Africa

### SIT Program in Durban

#### *Reconciliation and Development*

Investigate issues of inequality; poverty; and racial, ethnic, and gender-based discrimination in South Africa. When Nelson Mandela cast his vote in Durban in 1994, South Africa's system of legislated apartheid receded into history. However, the country continues to struggle with discrimination and poverty. Students explore reconciliation and development through lectures, discussion, field-based activities, and excursions to rural KwaZulu-Natal and Cape Town.

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## Spain

### **Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona)**

The Pompeu Fabra University was established by the Catalanian Parliament in 1990 and has quickly become one of the city's most respected universities. From its beginnings, this young academic institution has emphasized two main objectives: to train professionals and citizens who are responsible and committed to civic values, and contribute towards the development of research. In this advanced level program, all classes are taught in Spanish and API students will take at least one class with local students. Students have the option of taking one of the following law courses with Spanish students: *Filosofía Del Derecho, Instituciones Jurídicas Comparadas, Derecho Internacional Público, and Nacionalidad, Extranjería & Ciudadanía Europea*. (Sponsor: API)

### **The University of Salamanca (Salamanca)**

The University of Salamanca, founded in 1218, is the oldest university in Spain. Acknowledged by Pope Alexander IV to be one of the four great universities in the world, it stands in the company of the universities of Bologna, Oxford, and Paris. Students may enroll in the Facultad de Derecho and take *Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo, Derecho Internacional Privado, Derecho, Internacional Público, Derecho Mercantil, or Derecho penal*. (Sponsor: API)

## **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.

### **AustraLearn**

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

### **API**

<http://www.academicintl.com/>

### **CEA**

<http://www.gowithcea.com>

### **GLS**

<http://www.globalsemesters.com>

### **ISA**

<http://www.studiesabroad.com>

### **Semester at Sea**

<http://www.semesteratsea.com>

### **SIT**

<http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/>

### **USAC**

<http://www.usac.unr.edu>

## **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.