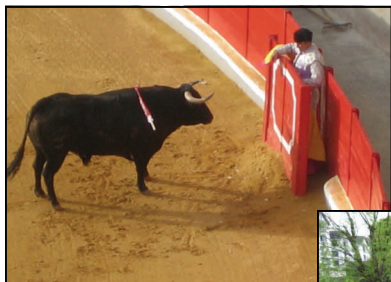


Study Abroad at Texas Tech

Spain



China



Italy



Mexico



Kenya



A Guide for Academic Departments & Advisors

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Dear TTU Advisors,

The Study Abroad experience is one of the most rewarding aspects of any college career. Over the years, thousands of Texas Tech students have benefited from living and studying abroad, improving their language skills and learning firsthand about foreign cultures. We endeavor to continue that tradition and expand participation as much as possible. Regularly, students return from overseas and affirm the multitude of ways their life has been changed. Furthermore, they contribute to their college campus and community by offering unique perspectives and creating an internationalized atmosphere, which in turn benefits everyone.

We have assembled this booklet as a resource for you during meetings with students to better direct them regarding the study abroad process. Please take the time to read all of the enclosed materials carefully. We encourage you to keep this booklet handy for future reference.

Texas Tech offers a wide selection of approved programs for students to consider. The commonality, however, amongst these choices is the emphasis on host culture immersion. We believe that intimately experiencing another culture can provide an invaluable complement to an individual's study in the United States. Indeed, that contrast often leads to a level of maturity not easily achievable in the familiar surroundings of home. TTU affiliated programs offer a variety of intellectual challenges, but equally important, they offer a cultural experience that can give special meaning and depth to the more academic understanding of the language and civilization of the host country.

In deciding to study abroad, students should be aware and prepared to accept that educational philosophies overseas differ substantially from those dominant at U.S. colleges and universities. These differences are discussed during pre-departure orientations at TTU and often again when students arrive at their study site. Living and studying abroad is a cumulative experience; it includes the linguistic, academic and cultural differences students encounter as they adjust to life in another country.

We hope that you will join us by encouraging students to study abroad. YOU are our front lines in the effort to inform and remind students of their international opportunities. Please do contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Study Abroad Staff



OVERVIEW & MISSION

The Study Abroad office in the Office of International Affairs (OIA) located in the International Cultural Center (ICC) is committed to providing study abroad opportunities for a wide range of students and contributing to the academic life on campus. Working closely with faculty and the administration, the Study Abroad office directly coordinates and administers over 25 faculty-led programs, two TTU centers, and has approved hundreds of external programs. Guidance is provided to students seeking an overseas experience, whether on a TTU sponsored program or by another institution or organization.

These major goals dominate the mission of study abroad at Texas Tech:

Academic Integration – students are encouraged to pursue courses meeting degree (major, minor, and general) requirements and, as feasible, to enroll in foreign universities rather than programs only for U.S. students or other foreign students.

Diversity of Opportunity – students in nearly all disciplines may study abroad, not only those in the humanities and social sciences, and are encouraged to study in lesser-developed or non-Western countries as well as the traditional destinations in Western Europe.

Affordability – reasonable costs are crucial to widening access to students studying abroad; the Study Abroad office is especially committed to the development of reciprocal exchanges that fit basic expenses at home-campus levels.



TOP REASONS TO LIVE AND STUDY ABROAD

- 1.** You can see the world and earn academic credit - when you study abroad, your credits will transfer back to Texas Tech and count towards your degree. You can take courses towards your major or minor, or explore a new area of study.
- 2.** Your résumé will thank you - did you know that less than 1% of U.S. university students study abroad? Your study abroad experience will set you apart from others as you apply for graduate, law, or medical school or apply for a job. The skills you gain while living abroad will give you an advantage in just about any career field.
- 3.** You will *live* in another culture, not just observe it - from Japan to Germany, and Argentina to Australia you can learn about the traditions, culture and society of another country in a way that tourists never experience.
- 4.** You will meet people from different backgrounds - you can make new friends from your host country and from other parts of the U.S., all brought together by the bonds of common experience.
- 5.** You will improve your foreign language skills - put your language studies into action! Learn a language by living it, not by reading about it in a textbook. Of course, you don't have to speak another language to study abroad. The majority of TTU study abroad programs offer the opportunity to take all classes in English.
- 6.** It will change your life - studying abroad is a unique opportunity for personal growth that will change the way you see the world.
- 7.** You will learn things about yourself and your country - you'll gain a more informed perspective on world affairs and the role of the United States in the world.
- 8.** You will gain invaluable life skills - increased self-confidence, independence, self-sufficiency, patience, adaptability, cross-cultural communications skills, and a willingness to take on new challenges are all examples of the many personal benefits of studying abroad.
- 9.** You will never have another classroom setting like it - studying abroad is likely to be very different from what you are used to doing as a student. You may become familiar with an entirely new academic system and have the chance to take courses not offered on your home campus.

And last, but not least . . .

- 10.** You will have lots of FUN— meet new people, try new foods and travel to exciting places! At the end of your summer, semester or year abroad, you will come home with myriad stories to share about your wonderful experiences abroad.

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United Kingdom	Lilly
Ireland	↓
France	↓
The Netherlands	↓
Belgium	↓
Greece	↓
Czech Republic	↓
Germany	↓

ADVISING RESPONSIBILITIES

ALL OTHER REGIONS	Ryan
Central America	↓
South America	↓
Caribbean	↓
Asia	↓
Africa	↓
Middle East	↓

HOW TO STUDY ABROAD

Start
Here

Attend an information session and visit appropriate study abroad counselor

Choose a TTU Faculty-Led or Center Program

Choose an Affiliated or Reciprocal Exchange program

Meet with Academic Major Advisor in College

Begin online application and, if necessary, affiliated or exchange application

If needed, see **Financial Aid** to discuss applying funds to study abroad term

Begin Study Abroad Competitive **Scholarship Application**

Complete Pre-Decision Phase of application and receive notification of acceptance

Complete Post-Decision Phase including Emergency & Liability Paperwork

Attend Pre-Departure Orientation

GO ABROAD!!!

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- 1) All students must be **at least a sophomore** (by two semesters, not hours) and 18 years or older
- 2) All students must have a **minimum GPA of 2.5**
- 3) Be in **good standing** with TTU
- 4) All students must **meet with their academic advisor** to determine the best time to study abroad and discuss appropriate course selections.

Given the above requirements, all currently enrolled Texas Tech students have the option of participating in a study abroad program. It is essential that each student meet with their academic major advisor and a study abroad advisor to discuss the many considerations in the decision. Since many students will see you first, it will help if you are generally familiar with the process and requirements.

If a student expresses interest in studying abroad, please direct them first to the Study Abroad office in the International Cultural Center (ICC) for an information session. No appointment is necessary. Each student can simply come to the ICC at 4 pm any weekday Monday through Friday. The session will inform students about available programs, how to apply, financial aid and scholarships, and other practical information. These sessions are mandatory for all students wanting to study abroad. Students interested in the TTU Center in Seville, Spain may meet directly with Donna Wright. After the info session, students may schedule an appointment to meet with a study abroad advisor for more personal and in-depth discussion.

The Study Abroad website (www.studyabroad.ttu.edu) has been designed to be a comprehensive source of information for all constituencies (students, parents, faculty and advisors).

APPLICATION PROCESS

The study abroad application for all programs is now online. Once each student begins an application, he or she will be able to view a checklist which lists progress toward acceptance. While most requirements can be fulfilled online, the few material hardcopy forms can be downloaded, signed and delivered to the Study Abroad office. Depending on their selected program, students will be charged an application fee or non-refundable deposit, which will be billed to their student account. Once accepted, students will shift to the post-decision phase which includes the Emergency & Liability Paperwork and pre-departure orientation required by TTU.

Students attending one of the TTU Centers will pay a non-refundable deposit in order to be accepted into the program, and will also be billed an OIA fee of \$75. Students participating in a faculty-led program will be billed an OIA fee of \$50. Students in affiliated or reciprocal programs will be billed a non-refundable application fee of \$350.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS

From culinary classes in Italy to conflict resolution in South Africa, and from language study at one of the TTU Centers to Engineering in Australia, Texas Tech has more than 400 programs stretching across the continents students can participate in. However, there are four broad categories which organize these offerings...

- **TTU Centers (Seville, Spain & Quedlinburg, Germany) - Semester term only**

TTU Centers are programs in which the university obtains facilities and establishes a presence in that locality. A resident director is on site to administer the program, and TTU faculty teach classes to students at the location. Students are registered directly at TTU in the courses they will take while abroad and receive TTU credit and grades for the coursework they complete. Non-TTU students may participate by going through TTU admissions or through a consortium agreement. The Centers offer primarily language immersion programs. Students may complete their entire language requirement of take intermediate/advanced language classes.

- **Faculty-Led Programs — Summer only**

Faculty-led programs are those established by faculty in their area(s) of expertise to teach students in an environment outside the United States. Faculty design the program in consultation with the Study Abroad office, recruit students for the program, accompany the students abroad, administer the program abroad, and, in most cases, teach the students. Students register directly at TTU in the courses they will take while abroad and receive TTU credit and grades for the course work they complete. Most programs take place during the summer and are 3–12 weeks in duration.

- **Reciprocal Exchange Programs — Semester or Academic Year**

TTU has partnered with universities throughout the world in a reciprocal exchange agreement. In these programs, a TTU student and host country student can pay tuition and fees (and sometimes room and board) at their home institution and then exchange places. A balance in the numbers of students and credit hours exchanged must be maintained. Student participants are registered in general studies while abroad. When the Study Abroad office receives the students' transcripts, TTU course equivalents are identified by the appropriate academic department and the students receive credit and grades for the coursework they have completed abroad. Grades for these courses are calculated into the student's GPA.

- **Affiliated Studies Programs — Summer, Semester or Academic Year**

Affiliated programs are those for which TTU has an agreement with a foreign institution or organization and students pay tuition and fees directly to that foreign institution or organization. Participating students are placed into a non-tuition bearing registration which maintains their eligibility for financial aid, scholarships, and ensures continuous enrollment at TTU during the program dates. Each student receives credit and a grade for the completed course, which is then transferred back to TTU. While the course credit is listed on the student's transcript as a TTU course equivalent, the grade is not calculated into the student's GPA. Credit for degree requirements is determined by the appropriate department for each course. TTU students who receive national/international scholarships such as, but not limited to, Fulbright and Rotary will be registered in affiliated studies during their participation in the program.

LANGUAGE STUDY

Many destinations offer programs for students wishing to study a foreign language. There remains no better way to learn a language than to be fully immersed in that linguistic culture. However, the majority of TTU study abroad programs offer the opportunity to take all classes in English.

MAJOR WORLD LANGUAGES

Beginning to Advanced Offered

Arabic	Korean
Chinese	Latin
French	Portuguese
German	Russian
Greek	Spanish
Italian	Turkish
Japanese	

INTENSIVE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

A selection of programs are structured so that students can receive enough course credit to complete their core language requirement in a summer or semester. There is the added benefit of progressing consecutively from one proficiency level to another without interruption and therefore the possibility of long-term fluency. See the following page for more details.

HOST FAMILIES

Most students have the option of living with a host family for the ultimate immersion experience. Families usually have long histories of welcoming American students into their homes and domestic lifestyles. Local culture begins and ends with private spaces and consequently students have the opportunity to gain intimate views of their place. However, students should not be apprehensive that they will lose independence or individuality. Host families are generous, patient and provide physical and social room for their host students to flourish. Most returned students will immediately admit that their relationship with their host parents was the most satisfying (and long-lasting) part of living abroad.

INDIGENOUS AND NATIVE LANGUAGES

Some students may be interested in languages only spoken in certain regions and provincial areas. A small handful of examples include Swahili in Eastern Africa, Afrikaans and Zulu in South Africa, Quechua in Peru and Hindi in South Asia. Many program providers integrate elementary study of these languages into their overall curriculum.

INTENSIVE LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

The following is a list of Study Abroad Intensive Language Programs in which students can fulfill their entire core language requirement. National scholarships are now available for students who plan to study non-traditional non-Western critical security languages such as Arabic, Chinese and Russian. More details and links to each program are available on our website.

Arabic

American University in Cairo (AUC) - Cairo, Egypt

University of Minnesota - Fez, Morocco

Chinese

Alliance for Global Education Fudan University - Shanghai, China

French

American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) - Grenoble, France

International Studies Abroad (ISA) -Paris, France

German

Texas Tech Center in Quedlinburg, Germany

Italian

Lorenzo de' Medici School of Italian Language and Culture

Russian

GRINT—University of Arizona Russian Abroad in Moscow and St. Petersburg

Spanish

Texas Tech Center in Seville, Spain

American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) University of Granada - Spain

International Studies Abroad (ISA) - Spain & Latin America

Universidad Internacional - Cuernavaca, Mexico



FACTORS IN PROGRAM SELECTION

Students should definitely consider the many decision factors that go into selecting a good program FIT. Although independent research can definitely be helpful, a small degree of reflection can result in a significantly improved experience abroad. Indeed, study abroad is as much about personal identity as successful course completion; participants often say they learned as much, if not more, about themselves as their host country and institution. Below are a few parameters to ponder when narrowing down the myriad possibilities.

DESTINATION

Arguably, the most important consideration is WHERE a student desires to study. Since they will be living in one locality for an extended period of time, it should be a place in which he or she will feel comfortable and able to express him or herself. SCALE, or the size of locality, is also a salient factor and ranges from a large metropolis to a small rural town. Students often assume they KNOW and are familiar with the place before departing, but realize upon arrival that their preconceptions were misinformed or based on stereotypes.

SUBJECT OF STUDY

Whether registering for Intermediate Spanish, Italian Baking, Wildlife Management, or International Marketing, appropriate course selection is certainly another important consideration.

TO NAME ONLY A FEW...

ARCHITECTURE



MUSIC



CULINARY ARTS



COMMUNICATION



AGRICULTURE



FACTORS IN PROGRAM SELECTION

LANGUAGE

The one traditional reason for studying abroad is of course to immerse oneself in a foreign language. TTU offers programs catering to all proficiency levels, from those seeking to begin their language study to those wishing to continue advanced studies towards becoming bilingual. However, language study is NOT a prerequisite and content courses in English are widely available.

MAJOR DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Study abroad is often viewed as an extracurricular activity, but in fact can be fully embedded into a student's chosen discipline. Career paths are increasingly international in focus and therefore students will be more competitive and attractive to employers. This is especially the case within professional fields such as Business, Health Sciences, Engineering, and Agriculture.

MINOR or DOUBLE-MAJOR

Many students can also work towards completing their minor or double major in a semester or academic year. With planning, a term abroad can be thoroughly integrated with other degree requirements. In one semester abroad a student can complete 12 to 15 credit hours, which could all be applied to either goal.

CORE CURRICULUM

Students can also fulfill any remaining core courses abroad. The multicultural requirement in most cases is fulfilled by studying abroad. The Humanities and Visual & Performing Arts requirements are especially good requirements to complete while experiencing another culture. Introductory Natural Sciences and Technology courses can also be found in certain destinations.

RESEARCH

An increasing array of students are curious about how and where they can conduct research abroad. This is an excellent way of merging their practicum requirements and gaining international experience.

INTERNSHIPS

Many students also find internships either for professional experience or to complete a degree requirement. The most popular destinations for English speakers are Australia and New Zealand, England. If a student has advanced foreign language skills, they may be able to intern elsewhere.

ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

Students participating in TTU Study Abroad programs are **required** to meet with an academic advisor to discuss courses to be completed on their chosen program. The catalogs and websites of each program list the courses available for students to select. If syllabi are required, Study Abroad staff can assist in requesting that documentation from providers and partners.

ADVISOR FORMS

The credit pre-approval form (**page 15**) serves as a *tentative* approval for each student's plan of study. A TTU equivalent course will be identified by the appropriate academic department. For example, an Art History course will be signed off by the Art department and Politics of the European Union by the Political Science department. The student's major and college advisor will sign at the bottom of the form. Lastly, if the student is in his/her last 30 hours at TTU, he/she must get the approval to study abroad from the college Dean. If information on specific courses is unavailable, general topics and levels of study should be listed. If possible, students should include more courses than they plan to take as some courses may be unavailable by the start of the program. This document does **NOT** constitute a guaranteed contract of courses equivalencies, but a guide or provisional agreement between the student and advisor. Coursework completed abroad will be evaluated by the academic units granting equivalent credit upon the student's return to campus. A course equivalency form (**page 16**) will be sent to the department to indicate the amount of credit granted and grades to be posted.

ACADEMIC CONSIDERATIONS

It is important to remember that students will be studying in a foreign country, which may have a strikingly different educational organization and set of practices than the United States. When considering a study abroad program each student should therefore select courses at the same level as host country university students with similar backgrounds and preparation. Students should also be aware that teaching and assessment methods are likely to be considerably different from what they are accustomed to in the U.S. and at Texas Tech.

Common differences experienced include:

- Large 3-hour lectures with small discussion groups known as tutorials
- More independent reading and work
- Evaluation of performance on a whole body of work or one final comprehensive examination

TTU expects students to complete all course requirements and final examinations as defined by their programs or sponsoring institutions. Furthermore, students are expected to meet all academic requirements and abide by the policies of the host university or program sponsor in addition to Texas Tech academic policies as outlined in the TTU Student Catalogue. Students will be required to transfer back a minimum of 12 credit hours for undergraduates and 9 credit hours for graduates for semester programs.



Student Name: _____ R Number _____

Study Abroad Institution: _____ Term & Year _____

FOR COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENT ADVISORS ACADEMIC USE ONLY – STUDENTS ARE NOT TO FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION!

PRE-APPROVAL OF STUDY ABROAD CREDIT					
Study Abroad Course Number & Title	TTU Course Equivalent (for advisors only)	Class appears on SHATATR (for advisors only)	New Class - seems close to TTU requirements (for advisors only)	Not positive what this class will come back as (for advisors only)	Departmental Signature & Date

Academic Advisor: The student named above has met with me to discuss the chosen study abroad program and how his/her classes will fit his/her degree requirements.

Advisor's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

College Advisor: The student named above is in good academic standing, is not on academic probation, and has met with me to discuss how his/her classes will fit his/her degree requirements.

Advisor's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Associate Dean: Signature needed only if the student is within **30 hours** of completing their degree program. I am aware that this student is going to be studying abroad and they have the permission of the college to be abroad during _____ semester.

Associate Dean's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____ *Updated on 6/30/09*



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Office of International Affairs

CREDIT FOR TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN AN AFFILIATED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE UNIVERSITY HAS SIGNED AGREEMENTS

Student Name R Number participated in the affiliated program at **Affiliated Institution** during **Term & Year**.

During the exchange the student took the following courses:

Foreign university course _____
Credit hours _____ Foreign university grade/mark _____
Texas Tech University course _____
Texas Tech University number _____, grade _____.

Foreign university course _____
Credit hours _____ Foreign university grade/mark _____
Texas Tech University course _____
Texas Tech University number _____, grade _____.

Foreign university course _____
Credit hours _____ Foreign university grade/mark _____
Texas Tech University course _____
Texas Tech University number _____, grade _____.

Foreign university course _____
Credit hours _____ Foreign university grade/mark _____
Texas Tech University course _____
Texas Tech University number _____, grade _____.

I have reviewed the official records and other material submitted by the above named student and recommend that he/she be given credit as I have noted above.

Faculty member's name _____
(Please print or type.)

Faculty member's signature _____
Date _____

Return this form to: Office of International Affairs, MS 5004

CREDIT EVALUATION UPON RETURN

Evaluation Requirements for Study Abroad Participants

Texas Tech students are required to complete an online study abroad evaluation upon completion of their program before transfer credit will be awarded and placed on their official transcript. Students will be emailed upon their return with the updated link and timeline for completion.

Coursework

Students are required to save all syllabi, course descriptions, projects, and course materials from their term abroad. If necessary for credit approval, these documents will be forwarded to the academic department for examination.

Transfer Credit

Students on **affiliated** programs will receive transfer credit for courses that have received course approval by the appropriate academic advisor or department. Courses will be awarded transfer credit if a grade “C” or better has been earned and will not be factored into their overall GPA.

Students on **reciprocal** exchange programs will receive credit and the GPA received at the host university will be calculated in their GPA here at TTU.

It should be emphasized that credit does not automatically transfer back to TTU. Students must have acquired pre-approval from the academic department where the course would normally be taught at TTU before leaving the U.S. Once students return the department that granted pre-approval will review their syllabi and transcript to verify that the courses meet TTU standards.

Grades

Institutions overseas use varying grade constructs. Students should investigate the grading system used at their specific university or overseas program. It is also important (just as at home) that they monitor their progress and maintain a “C” or better in all courses.

It is also important to mention that grading is much stricter abroad and students may find that a 4.0 or A grades are not given as frequently. Students must understand that grading is also part of a different academic cultural experience.

Students with questions about a grade should address those issues while at the host university or program.

Transcripts

Students must request that an official transcript be sent directly to the Credit Coordinator in the Study Abroad Office. Hand carried transcripts will not be accepted. It can take 4-8 weeks for a transcript to be sent to TTU after the completion of a Study Abroad program. Transcripts are evaluated by the appropriate departments and are then sent to the Registrar’s Office to post grades and credit to the student’s academic record. Therefore, study abroad during a student’s last semester at TTU is ONLY possible in faculty-led or TTU Center programs.

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

All students participating in TTU approved programs can apply their financial aid and many scholarships to the cost of their Study Abroad program. Once the student has successfully applied, the Study Abroad office sends a budget to the Financial Aid office. That budget is used to update a student's cost of attendance for the appropriate term.

If the student is planning to receive financial aid for their study abroad program, they **MUST** ensure that they have completed the application process at least 5 weeks in advance of the program start date. Each student can visit the Office of Financial Aid between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm to make sure financial aid is complete and ready for dispersal for the term abroad. Consult with the Study Abroad office to determine the advisor in the Financial Aid office students should meet. It is advised to visit the Office of Financial Aid instead of calling, the phone calls go to a central calling bank and the student may not get to discuss their financial option on the phone. Study Abroad advisors also provide the official budget for all study abroad programs.

STUDY ABROAD COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIP (SACS)

The Study Abroad Competitive Scholarship is a scholarship derived from a \$4 International Education Fee collected by each student each semester they are registered here at TTU. This scholarship fund is for domestic students studying in a TTU approved study abroad program and International students seeking a degree from TTU. For more details, deadlines, and information on the application process please see our web site (www.studyabroad.ttu.edu—click financial aid and scholarships) or visit with a Study Abroad counselor. Awards vary according to the length of the program, but will not cover the entire program cost.

Students that have received SACS monies will have to transfer 12 hours or more of Undergraduate or 9 hours or more of Graduate credit hours upon returning from a semester long program. Failure to transfer the minimum number of hours may result in a whole or partial repayment of the scholarship amount received.

STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES (West Hall Room 301)

In order to receive refunds of financial aid and scholarships, it is **MANDATORY** to set up direct deposit with **Higher One** before leaving for your program. Otherwise, funds may not be received until after returning home!!

Refunds are issued by the Office of Student Business Services-Higher One process **not** the Office of International Affairs

It is very important that Higher One has the correct refund address. Most money is not released until after students leave the U.S.; therefore students must ensure they have provided a permanent refund address or set up a direct deposit through Higher One to their bank account. If not, the money will be sent to the last local address provided. Addresses can be changed by contacting Higher One directly or on the web. Furthermore, many study abroad programs will make provisions to accept payments of financial aid and scholarships. Students will need to contact the program provider directly to find out what forms are needed in order to certify financial awards.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD (Not Comprehensive)

WORK & TEACH ABROAD

CIEE (Council for International Educational Exchange)— Work overseas and/or teach English abroad in Chile, China, South Korea, Spain, or Thailand

World Teach— Since its 1986 inception, WorldTeach has placed thousands of volunteer educators in communities throughout Asia, Latin America, Africa, Eastern Europe and the Pacific.

BUNAC (British Universities North America Club) offers eligible applicants aged 18 and over, a unique opportunity to spend extended time living, working and travelling overseas.

JET Programme— Recent graduates can teach English in Japan while promoting cross-cultural exchange. Placements occur in local governments, boards of education and elementary, junior and senior high schools throughout Japan in every locality.

VOLUNTEER

Peace Corps — The U.S. government agency sends thousands of American citizens to promote peace, contribute to economic and social development, and bring that knowledge home. Volunteers commit to 2 years service, receive a living stipend and readjustment allotment upon completion of service.

Peace Corps Masters international (PCMI)— Texas Tech University now partners with the Peace Corps to offer students the option of combining their volunteer service with earning a Masters degree in either Education or Agriculture. Interested students can learn more on the Study Abroad website.

ISA Experiential Learning Abroad Program (ELAP)- International Studies Abroad offers volunteer placements throughout Latin America for students and recent graduates

CONDUCT RESEARCH

Fulbright— The Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards approximately 1,450 grants annually, and offers future American leaders an unparalleled opportunity to study, conduct research, and teach in other countries. Fulbright full grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident coverage and full or partial tuition.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold, at minimum, a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant. The Fulbright U.S. Student Program does not require applicants to be currently enrolled in a college or university.

For more information, interested individuals should visit the Fulbright U.S. Student Program website at www.us.fulbrightonline.org. Students currently enrolled at Texas Tech University should contact Fulbright Program Advisor (FPA) Jane Bell.

EVENTS & PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

STUDY ABROAD FAIR

We host a Study Abroad fair at the beginning of each fall and spring semester in the Croslin Room of the Main Library. Look for reminders on campus and in Tech Announce for exact dates and times.

Preceding the Fall Fair, the Study Abroad office hosts academic advisors and program representatives to an informational breakfast.

ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

In the spring of each academic year the International Cultural Center hosts a photo competition to exhibit many photos taken abroad by students. The submission deadline is usually in mid January. The best images will be selected by a panel of judges and comprise an art exhibit that starts in March displayed in the ICC galleries.

RED RAIDER ORIENTATION

Study Abroad staff members give presentations to new students and family members during the regularly scheduled summer orientation dates.

CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

Study Abroad staff schedule classroom visits each semester to further inform students of their opportunities abroad. Please let us know if there are specific classes in your department that we should visit.

SEVILLE NIGHT

Seville Night is an evening event hosted by Donna Wright, the coordinator of the TTU Center in Seville, Spain.

FACEBOOK

Any TTU student can now join our Facebook Fan Page to connect with other students, share stories and photos, and hear about upcoming events. Simply search for Study Abroad at Texas Tech at

<http://www.facebook.com>

The Facebook logo, consisting of the word "facebook" in white lowercase letters on a blue rectangular background.

TWITTER

Anybody can follow our Twitter page for updates on what's happening!

<http://twitter.com/ttustudyabroad>

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FACULTY LED PROGRAMS (summer 2009 only)

OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS					
PROGRAM TITLE	COURSE TAUGHT	FACULTY MEMBER	LOCALITY		
Agriculture and Sustainability	AGED 4301	Lawyer	Various, Costa Rica		
Field School in Maya Archaeology	ANTH 4642, 4000, 5501	Houk	La Milpa, Belize		
French in Montpellier		Bains	Montpellier, France		
Landscape Architecture	LARC 4001, 5001	Klein	Yucatan, Mexico		
Mexico Field Course	SPAN	Corbett & Zamora	San Luis Potosi, Mexico		
Music, Folklore & Tradition in Irish Cultural Hist	MUHL	Smith	Dublin, Ireland		
Russian Abroad		Qualin	Moscow, Russia		
Studies in Southeast Asia	HIST	Maxner & Milam	Hanoi, Vietnam		
Summer II in Mexico		Stratton	San Luis Potosi, Mexico		
The Arts in Prague	VPA 5300, THA 4000	Donahue	Prague, Czech Republic		
Tropical Marine Biology	BIOL 3303	McGinley	Ambergris Caye, Belize		
TTU Center Quedlinburg - Summer in Germany	GERM 3305, 3306	Selker	Quedlinburg, Germany		
TTU Center Quedlinburg - Summer Music	MUSI 7000	Hollins	Quedlinburg, Germany		
TTU Center Seville - Summer I	SPAN 2607, 4343, 4346	Stratton	Seville, Spain		
TTU Center Seville - Summer II	SPAN 1607	Stratton	Seville, Spain		
OPEN ONLY TO MAJORS					
Architecture Design Studio	ARCH 4601	Buelinckx & Neiman	Brussels, Belgium		
Architecture Design Studio	ARCH 4601	Hill & Torres Macdonald	Montreal, Canada		
Architecture Design Studio	ARCH 4601	Rex	Montreal, Canada		
Architecture Design Studio	ARCH 4601	Ellis & Vernoooy	Paris, France		
Architecture Design Studio	ARCH 4601	Peters & Gomez	Seville, Spain		
Architecture Design Studio	ARCH 4601	Driskill	Managua, Nicaragua		
College of Engineering Summer in Seville	ME 2322, 2324	Oler	Seville, Spain		
	PHIL 2350	Webb			
	ART 1309	Elko			
Education - Bilingual Education for Teachers	EDBL 3310, 3320, 5210, 5320	Pratt	Santiago, DR		
Education in the Dominican Republic	EDLL 5350, 5344, 7000	Button & Johnson	Santiago, DR		
TTU Business - Prague	ACCT 3307/5311, 5324		Prague, Czech Republic		
TTU Business - Norway	MKT 4358, 4375		Honfoss, Norway		
TTU Business - TTU Seville	ISQS 3344		Seville, Spain		
Summer Law Institute		Ramirez	Guanajuato, Mexico		
International Engineering	ENGR 3301	Wyrick	Nantes, France		
Honors College			London & Paris		

Partner University	Country	English Courses Offered?
La Trobe University	Australia	Yes
Karl Franzens University Graz	Austria	Yes
The University of Antwerp	Belgium	Yes
Universidade de São Paulo	Brazil	No
Universidade Federal de Pernambuco	Brazil	No
Universidade Federal do Para	Brazil	No
Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sol	Brazil	No
University of Brasilia	Brazil	No
Lanzhou University	China	No
Czech Technical University	Czech Republic	Yes
Masaryk University	Czech Republic	Yes
University of Aarhus	Denmark	Yes
University of Tartu	Estonia	Yes
Helsinki School of Economics	Finland	Yes
University of Helsinki	Finland	Yes
Paris X University Nanterre	France	No
Sup de Co	France	No
Université des Sciences et Technologies de Lille	France	Yes
Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3	France	Yes
University of Limoges	France	Yes
Université Louis Pasteur (Strasbourg I)	France	No
Université Marc Bloch (Strasbourg II)	France	No
Université Robert Schuman (Strasbourg III)	France	Yes
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität	Germany	Yes
Ruhr-Universität Bochum	Germany	No
Technical University of Munich	Germany	Yes
Universität Leipzig	Germany	Yes
University of Reutlingen	Germany	Yes
University of Iceland	Iceland	Yes
University College Cork	Ireland	Yes
Università di Bologna	Italy	No
Vilnius University	Lithuania	Yes
University of Malta	Malta	Yes
Anahuac University	Mexico	No
Universidad de las Américas	Mexico	Yes
University of Bergen	Norway	Yes
Buskerud University College	Norway	Yes
Norwegian University of Science and Technology	Norway	Yes
Universidade de Coimbra	Portugal	Yes
Alexandru Ioan Cuza University	Romania	No

Partner University	Country	English Courses Offered?
University of Comenius, Bratislava	Slovakia	Yes
Univerza Ljubljana	Slovenia	Yes
University of Ulsan	South Korea	Yes
Complutense University	Spain	No
Pablo Olavide University	Spain	No
University of Seville	Spain	No
Lund University	Sweden	Yes
University of Basel	Switzerland	Yes
The Hague University	The Netherlands	Yes
University of Utrecht	The Netherlands	Yes
Utrecht School of the Arts	The Netherlands	Yes
Middle East Technical University	Turkey	Yes
Yeditepe University	Turkey	Yes
Manchester Metropolitan University	United Kingdom	Yes
Royal College of Agriculture	United Kingdom	Yes
University of Nottingham	United Kingdom	Yes
University of Teesside	United Kingdom	Yes

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

International Exchange Students come to Texas Tech from partner universities around the world. Students apply for the Texas Tech Exchange Program through their university's International Office.

All students coming to Texas Tech through a reciprocal exchange agreement apply directly to the Office of International Affairs which coordinates reciprocal exchange programs. Applications should NOT be sent to the Admissions Office. Once the application is received by the OIA, the exchange coordinator sends it to the department in which the student wants to study to verify course availability. After acceptance, the OIA will provide student information and ask advisors in the chosen departments to register the students in their classes.

Upon departmental approval, the OIA issues the paperwork necessary to obtain a J-1 visa from the U.S. Department of State. The visa documents will be sent directly to the student's home address and students will also receive information on housing, immunizations required by TTU, and insurance requirements. OIA recommends that students live on campus for the first semester at Texas Tech, but students do have the option of living off campus. Students choosing the off-campus option will be responsible for finding their own housing.

ARRIVAL ORIENTATION

Students are expected to arrive one week before the start of classes for a mandatory orientation. The multiday orientation includes a campus tour during which students will obtain a Texas Tech student ID card, tour the library, recreation center, and Wellness Center. Study Abroad staff also help students go shopping for items necessary for their housing.

Orientation also includes presentations about immigration status, safety on campus, and cultural and academic adjustments. There is time for students to visit with the department in which they will be studying to finalize class selection and registration. Students are invited to a Welcome Reception at the residence of the Chancellor of Texas Tech, as well as a dinner hosted by the Study Abroad office, and can meet with other domestic and international students at that time. Other activities are planned for students throughout the term they are at Texas Tech. Students who will be employed on campus are eligible to get a U.S. Social Security Card. Off-campus employment is not permitted.

EXPERIENCING AMERICA

Please recognize that exchange students are progressing through the very same adjustment process that American students experience abroad. That will likely be the entire range of cultural reactions, including the negative feelings of depression, loneliness and isolation. These students are suddenly living in a new environment with contrasting traditions, values, and behaviors. Please be patient and assist these students during their integration into Texas Tech and U.S. culture.

ACQUIRING OR RENEWING A U.S. PASSPORT

Passports are required for all students studying abroad. Processing time for passports is approximately 4 weeks. Expedited service for an additional fee returns your passport in 2 - 3 weeks. The Texas Tech passport application acceptance office, located in the International Cultural Center can process your paperwork and take the required photos.

Passport requirements include:

1. Proof of citizenship - either a certified copy of your birth certificate (no photocopies accepted), naturalization papers, or a previous passport
2. Photo ID - driver's license preferred
3. 2 passport photos
4. Completed application - pick up at the ICC or download from the State Dept website at <http://travel.state.gov/passport>



Effective February 1, 2008 fees are:

Passport and expediting fees MUST be paid with check or money order.

- Passport - \$75
- Expedited service - additional \$60

Processing fee and photos may be paid with cash, check or money order.

Credit and debit cards will NOT be accepted. This is a separate payment from the cost of the passport.

- Processing fee - \$25
- Photos - \$6

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 am - 1 pm

Tuesday and Thursday 1 pm - 6pm

For more information, call 742-2974

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can a SENIOR study abroad?

A graduating senior in his/her LAST semester can ONLY study abroad on a faculty-led or Center programs as students are registered in TTU catalog courses. Consequently, there will be no credit transfer process to slow or hinder graduation plans.

2. Is it expensive to study abroad?

It does not have to be. Programs range in cost based on various factors including length, location, housing, and other expenditures. Study Abroad advisors can help narrow down the possibilities to the most affordable option.

3. When can I apply?

Students can apply the semester before they plan to study abroad.

4. If I study abroad will I graduate on time?

You should. If students meet with their academic advisors to determine the best time to study abroad and confirm that all courses will fit into their degree plan, then graduation should remain on schedule.

5. Am I academically eligible to study abroad?

Students are considered academically eligible to study abroad if they have the GPA required for the program (as well as any program-specific prerequisite classes) and have favorable references.

6. Do I have to speak a foreign language?

Not usually. Most programs allow you to take courses in English, either in English-speaking countries or in specially-designed programs in other countries.

7. How long can I study abroad?

TTU has options as short as 2 weeks to as long as a year. We encourage students, if financially possible, to study abroad for a longer term (semester or year) because many participants report they wish they had chosen a longer term, one in which they could more intimately experience the culture. Students may also participate in more than one Study Abroad program.

8. Where will I live?

Housing options vary by program. Typically students choose between home stays with local families, campus dormitories, or shared apartments.