

Study Abroad

In accordance with the University's mission statement and goals, Pacific University study abroad programs provide students with a unique opportunity to develop skills and knowledge that will prepare them for the diverse community, nation, and world. Pacific University considers international study important and encourages all students to gain exposure to other cultures, languages, and ways of life.

Study abroad is required for a major in modern languages and international studies, but is open to all students who meet the selection criteria. Pacific University students who participate in a study abroad program can earn a maximum of 31 credits that will count toward their graduation. However, students should consult with their faculty advisor(s) to determine which courses taken abroad can and cannot be used toward their majors or to satisfy other specific University requirements.

Pacific offers access to a wide array of study abroad programs. European study in England, France, Germany, Ireland and Spain, is available. In Japan, Pacific is affiliated with Kansai Gaidai University in Hirakata, just outside of Osaka, Nagoya Gakuin University and Nanzan University, both in Nagoya, Saga University in northern Kyushu and J.F. Oberlin University in Tokyo. In Chile a new exchange program has been developed with the Universidad de Los Andes in Santiago. In Ecuador, Pacific has affiliations with the Universidad de Especialidades Espiritu Santo (UEES) in Guayaquil and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ). Pacific also has a successful exchange partnership with Flinders University in South Australia. Pacific has an agreement with the Oregon University System (OUS) that gives Pacific students access to OUS study abroad programs in China, France and Germany.

Pacific University reserves the right to cancel programs or to make changes in affiliation at any time for reasons of safety, finances, or administrative concerns. Please consult the International Programs office for up-to-date information on all programs.

Eligibility

To be eligible for overseas study students must demonstrate proper personal and academic preparation for the program, be in good academic and financial standing, and have attended Pacific full-time for at least one semester immediately preceding the study abroad semester(s). In general, applicants are expected to have and maintain an overall GPA of 2.75. Students with a GPA below 2.5 at the time of application will have their applications rescinded. A personal essay, letters of recommendation and, under certain circumstances, a personal interview are also required of applicants.

For students fulfilling the requirements of a language major or minor, or the International Studies major, the completion of 202 or equivalent in the appropriate language and a 3.0 GPA average in language classes are required prior to beginning the program. For students pursuing other majors who wish to study in Japan, China (or Taiwan), or countries in which the official language is French, German or Spanish, successful completion of 102 or equivalent in the appropriate language is required. It is understood that in certain cases these minimum requirements will be superseded by program-specific requirements.

Cost

In general, participants on an approved study abroad program will pay costs equal to Pacific University tuition, room and board with the following exceptions: 1) if the tuition component of a study abroad program exceeds \$10,000, the participant will be responsible for paying the tuition balance (in addition to their regular Pacific tuition and fees). 2) Participants in some programs will pay accommodation costs directly to the overseas university or homestay family. In these cases participants are not billed accommodation by Pacific University 3) Participants in some programs will pay for their own meals (self-catering). In these cases participants are not billed board by Pacific University.

The University extends financial aid for approved study abroad programs taking into account both the total expenses associated with a particular program and the demonstrated need of the individual student. The University may also facilitate student access to study abroad programs not affiliated with Pacific, but no financial aid from Pacific will be awarded for such unaffiliated programs.

Application Deadline

Application to study abroad is a three-step process. The first step is a mandatory advising appointment in the Office of International Programs, which must take place during the fall semester preceding the academic year in which students intend to study abroad. The second step requires students to submit an online Intent to Study Abroad Form to the Office of International Programs, also during Fall Semester. The third step is the actual program application, which must be submitted to the Office of International Programs at the beginning of second semester (early February) preceding the academic year in which the study abroad program will be undertaken. Earlier deadlines apply for some programs in Germany and France. Check the International Programs website for up-to-date information. Application forms, current cost data, and informational brochures about all study abroad programs are available in the International Programs Office.

CHINESE

Pacific's program in China is run as a cooperative program with the Oregon University System's Academic Exchange Program. The program is based at Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU), which is the only international university in China with its main task set at teaching the Chinese language and culture to foreign students. BLCU has a full-time teaching staff of more than 800. BLCU is located in the Haidian district in northwest Beijing, an area that is home to most of the universities in Beijing including Peking University, the Central University for Nationalities, and Tsinghua University. BLCU offers an intensive Chinese language program. Participants typically live in student dorms on campus, in either single or double rooms. Many students live in the dorms with non-English speaking roommates, where Chinese becomes the common language of communication. Meals are available at several student cafeterias on campus, and there are many ethnic restaurants in the surrounding area.

ENGLISH

Australia

Students participating in Pacific's Australia program attend Flinders University in the coastal city of Adelaide, the capital of South Australia. With a population of 1.1 million, Adelaide is a major Australian city with a multicultural population, outstanding natural environment and thriving arts scene. Flinders University is a comprehensive medium-sized university with a total enrollment of 15,000. The campus is one of Australia's most beautiful, set amidst natural bushland with spectacular views of Adelaide and the surrounding coastline. Course offerings at Flinders are spread across 4 faculties, and 20 schools and departments, thus assuring Pacific students a wide range of academic options. Students will integrate fully into the campus, enrolling in 3-4 classes up to a maximum of 18 Flinders units. Housing is provided in Deirdre Jordan Village, a student apartment complex located only 5 minutes walk from the main campus.

Ireland

The University of Limerick is an internationally-focused university with an enrollment of over 11,000 students. It is especially known for its innovation in education and excellence in research. The University is situated on a riverside campus of over 131 hectares with the River Shannon as a unifying focal point. Students may choose from a full range of classes at the University in the following Faculties: College of Humanities, College of Business, College of Engineering and Science, and College of Education. Students will be fully integrated into the academic structure of the university and will be able to enroll in classes in all areas, subject to meeting class prerequisites and availability. Housing will be provided in residence halls close to campus. Limerick is a thriving modern city, the fourth largest in Ireland. It is the capital of Ireland's Mid West Region. It has a long history that can be traced back more than a thousand years. Within a day's excursion are the counties of Galway, Clare, Cork, Tipperary and Kerry. Shannon International Airport, only 16 miles from Limerick, provides daily access to a wide range of international destinations.

England

St. Mary's University College, in the West London suburb of Strawberry Hill, has an enrollment of 2,500 students and offers classes in a variety of fields including media arts, exercise science, English literature, creative writing, sociology, business, drama and many more. St. Mary's picturesque 30-acre campus includes the 18th century estate and mansion of the British author Sir Horace Walpole. The College is a short walk from Twickenham High Street (a shopping district) and Richmond Park, while London's museums, concert halls, theatres, galleries and nightlife are only 30 minutes away by train. Participants will integrate fully into the life of the college as they take classes with British students. They will be housed in homestays located a short distance from the campus or in residence halls.

York St. John University, founded in 1841 and with a current enrollment of approximately 5,000, is located in a setting of unparalleled attractiveness, only a 5-minute walk from the bustling center, and in the shadow of York Minster Cathedral and the medieval city walls. Northern England's spiritual capital for 2000 years, York has played a key role in British history under the Romans, Saxons and Vikings. York is a compact riverside city offering stunning attractions ranging from York Minster, the largest Gothic cathedral in Northern Europe, to the tangle of picturesque medieval streets for which the city is famed. York is centrally located only two hours by train from London and Edinburgh respectively and, with nearby Leeds Airport well connected to the continent by discount airlines, also offers inexpensive access to Europe's major cities. Participants integrate fully into campus life as they take classes with British students, and live in residence halls.

FRENCH

The program at the University of Avignon provides two academic options: full integration or intensive French-language coursework through the Centre Universitaire d'Etudes Françaises d'Avignon (CUEFA). Students will be accommodated in a homestay in which they will be provided with most meals. The University of Avignon, with a total enrolment of almost 8,000 students, is comprised of four faculties: Sciences; Applied Languages; Law, Politics and Economics; and Humanities. A UNESCO World Heritage Site and European City of Culture in 2000 Avignon is a vibrant town of 100,000 in the southern French region of Provence. A walled city, it is comprised of a labyrinth of medieval squares and cobblestone streets. While housing is guaranteed, participants are responsible for paying accommodation (homestay) fees directly to the host family.

The program in Paris, offered through International Studies Abroad (ISA) provides students with the option of studying French language and culture with other international students at the Sorbonne or the Catholic University of Paris. Superior-level students at the Catholic University of Paris can choose to take up to two integrated courses with French students. Housing is provided in residence halls or homestays.

The OUS yearlong program in Lyon offers students a chance to explore France's second largest city. The program begins with an intensive language program and then continues at the Centre International d'Etudes Françaises with the opportunity to take selected regular courses at four different universities in Lyon. Advanced students who pass a qualifying exam may also opt to take all of their courses in the French universities that participate in the program. There is a wide variety of housing options, ranging from homestays with families, to sharing apartments with French students, to staying in university dormitories. This program is for the full academic year only.

The OUS program in Poitiers exposes students to life in a small French city of 100,000 residents. This program also begins with homestays with French families and an intensive language program. Most students then continue with courses in the Department of French for Foreign Students of the University of Poitiers as well as regular University courses if their language skills are sufficiently advanced. As at Lyon, a wide variety of living arrangements, including homestays with French families, boarding houses, and University dormitories, are available.

The University of Minnesota's program in Montpellier, France offers a comprehensive academic and cultural experience at the intermediate and advanced language levels at the Université Paul Valéry. Montpellier is located in southern France, ten miles away from the Mediterranean. Classes are held at the Université Paul Valéry and are taught by faculty from the University. Housing options vary and include homestays, dormitory or apartment living.

GERMAN

An exchange partnership between Pacific University and Otto-Friedrich Universität in Bamberg enables students to study in one of the most beautiful medieval towns in Germany. Situated on the banks of the Regnitz River in the region of Upper Franconia in Bavaria, Bamberg is a compact, stunning town of narrow medieval streets, churches, palaces and a striking 12th-century cathedral. In 1993, reflecting the rich and diverse architecture spawned by its long history as an imperial and religious center, Bamberg was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded in 1647, Otto-Friedrich-Universität consists of five faculties: Information Systems and Applied Computer Science; Social Sciences, Economics and Business Administration; Humanities and Cultural Studies; Human Science and Education; and Catholic Theology. The most recent ranking by the CHE-Ranking Agency (Centre for Higher Education Development) placed the German Department at the Universität Bamberg in the highest tier of German universities for its individualized attention to students and its faculty. The university offers a wide range of

excellent support services. Participants will be accommodated in student residences throughout Bamberg. While housing is guaranteed students will be responsible for paying their housing costs on-site in Bamberg.

The OUS program in the state of Baden-Württemberg, the German sister state to Oregon, begins (for students on the year-long program) with a four-week program of intensive German. This is followed by study in regular German university courses at any one of nine different universities, each with its own distinctive academic emphasis. These are located in the cities of Stuttgart, Tübingen, Konstanz, Hohenheim, Ulm, Freiburg, Heidelberg, Mannheim, and Karlsruhe. In addition, students with special interests in education, music, and art may enroll at three more specialized institutions in Ludwigsburg and Stuttgart, although an audition and/or portfolio may be required for admission to the music and art schools.

Students may also study in Germany on the year-long program offered at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich through Lewis & Clark College. Outstanding features of the program include an intensive 4-week pre-semester, a wide range of courses offered by the Lewis & Clark center and the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, and the support of the resident director. Students also have the opportunity to participate in an internship during their spring holidays.

JAPANESE

Pacific University enjoys a sister school relationship with five Japanese universities that allow Pacific students to enroll in their study abroad programs in Japan for either a semester or a full year.

Nagoya Gakuin University is located in the heart of Nagoya City and offers a vibrant campus atmosphere. Nanzan University, also in Nagoya City, offers a rigorous and highly-regarded Japanese Studies program. Kansai Gaidai University is located in Hirakata near Osaka and half an hour train ride from Kyoto and Nara, the cultural and religious centers of traditional Japan, and offers a comprehensive Asian Studies program. Saga University, in Saga City, offers a year-long program, and is unique because of its wide-ranging course offerings in the sciences. J.F. Oberlin University, Pacific's newest partner, provides students with the opportunity to study in Tokyo, Japan's vibrant capital city. All programs offer Japanese language classes and courses, taught in English, on the history and culture of Japan. Depending on the school, students may live either in residence halls or in a home stay with a Japanese family.

SPANISH

Chile

Students may study for a semester or academic year at the University of Los Andes in Santiago. Founded in 1989, the Universidad de los Andes is a private university located on a spectacular campus in the foothills of the Andes in the northern part of Santiago. With an enrollment of 5,000 UANDES consists of the following schools: Law, Nursing and Education, Communication, Engineering, Business and Economics, Philosophy, Psychology, Dentistry and Medicine. This is a fully integrated program, requiring Pacific students to enroll in regular classes with Chilean students that are taught in Spanish. Therefore it should only be considered by students who have completed a 300-level Spanish-language sequence at a minimum. All exchange students are required to enroll in the Spanish for Foreigners class, and typically they take 3-4 additional classes. Most students will take classes in the social sciences and humanities, though all undergraduate classes for which students possess the necessary prerequisites are available. Pacific undergraduate students will be required to participate in the University of Los Andes Homestay Program. Homestay families have been pre-screened and offer a variety of options. Prices range from \$300-800 monthly, with variations explained mostly by differences in location and meal arrangements. Students will be able to select their homestay family about a month prior to departure, and will be responsible for paying the costs directly to the family. Thus outbound students will be charged Pacific tuition and fees, but they will pay room and board fees directly on-site.

Ecuador

In Fall 2008 a new exchange program was launched with the Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ). USFQ is the only institution in Ecuador with a liberal arts-based curriculum and also has the country's largest international exchange program. At the USFQ main campus in the suburbs of Quito Pacific, Spanish-language students take fully integrated classes while living with local families. At the USFQ satellite campus on the Galapagos Islands Pacific students have a unique opportunity to spend a semester experiencing the islands and studying in one of three programs: Evolution, Ecology and Conservation in the Galapagos; People, Politics and the Environment; or Marine Ecology, subject to prerequisites and program availability. The semester-long programs each consist of five intensive 3-credit courses, all taught in three-week modules. Students on the Galapagos program live with local families in the town of San Cristobal.

Pacific has an exchange agreement with the Universidad Especialidades Espiritu Santo (UEES) in Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city, principal port, and main commercial center. UEES offers semester-length programs in fall and spring for Pacific students. The program features homestays with carefully selected Ecuadorian families, a series of excursions in and out of Guayaquil, including trips to the Andean highlands, the Amazon basin and the Galapagos. The academic program includes service-learning with a local school or social service agency, intensive Spanish and course work in Latin American history, geography, economics, and literature.

Spain

Yearlong or semester programs are available through Academic Programs International (API) at the University of Salamanca, University of Seville and the University of Cadiz. The programs in Salamanca and Seville allow students to combine language courses with other humanities and social science classes taught in Spanish to international students. Students at an advanced level of Spanish language proficiency also have the option of taking integrated classes with Spanish students. The program in Cadiz is fully integrative and is suitable only for advanced students. All programs begin with a week-long orientation program in Madrid. Students are housed with Spanish host families or in residencias. A wide variety of local and in-country excursions are included in the program.

Winter Term and Short-Term Programs

Various exciting credit-earning overseas study programs are also available during Pacific's winter term and following spring semester. These programs are faculty-led and vary from year to year. Recent program destinations have included Belize, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, India, Spain, Austria, England, Ghana, Japan, . For a schedule of upcoming Winter Term programs, visit the International Programs web site.