Message from the Vice Provost

Higher education today is situated in a globalized economy. In this ever-changing environment, study abroad is being called upon to prepare citizens and leaders to live and work in a globalized society. Included in this group of future leaders are the many students of ASU, a generation encouraged to gain global experiences and competencies. Studying abroad is a strategic, engaged way to accomplish this goal.

The Study Abroad Office aids student development through international experiences for lifelong global engagement and impact. We seek to develop a menu of comprehensive international activities and programs of the highest quality that provide every student with meaningful opportunities for academic and personal growth. We strive to ensure that study abroad programs are cost-effective, safe and accessible to all students, and we offer the expertise and infrastructure necessary to support ASU’s global reach.

A design aspiration of ASU as a New American University (newamericanuniversity.asu.edu) is to engage globally, and through study abroad we support faculty who advance a curriculum that scales local solutions for global impact, fosters local and international student experiences, and builds diverse partnerships. We are committed to increasing the number of ASU students going abroad as more Sun Devils make the decision to internationalize their degree program.

We appreciate the support from our partners and look forward to the new year.

Frederick C. Corey
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education

Study Abroad Office

The Arizona State University Study Abroad Office is committed to enriching the academic experience at ASU by affording students the opportunity to develop the intercultural competencies, transnational understanding and leadership skills required to face global challenges. In cooperation with academic and service units, faculty and staff, we provide comprehensive support services for the development, implementation and coordination of academically sound, credit-bearing programs abroad that are accessible to our students across all disciplines.

We administer programs in more than 55 countries, totaling more than 250 different programs. Students may study abroad during the summer term, fall semester, spring semester or full academic year. Participants can expand upon a current course of study, focus on learning a foreign language, fulfill major course requirements or experiment with various elective requirements.

Study Abroad Enrollment Summary

The data in this report represent students who studied abroad during a term between fall 2012 and summer 2013. This data set is requested by the Institute for International Education for its annual Open Doors report, which collects statistics pertaining to outbound and inbound students participating in international education programs at institutions of higher education in the United States. The annual report is published each November with data from the previous academic year. Within this data set, “undesignated” refers to data that is unavailable at the time of reporting.

A summary of study abroad at ASU for academic year 2012–2013:
• Students participated in 197 study abroad programs in 56 countries.
• Forty-eight percent of students received funding such as scholarships, grants, loans, work-study, etc., for their study abroad experience.
• The ethnic diversity of students participating in study abroad programs is similar to that of the larger ASU student population.
• Student participation in nontraditional study abroad locations, such as Asia, Africa and the Middle East, is continually increasing.

Total Participation of Outbound Students by Academic Year

Participation by Academic Year

Participation by Ethnicity

Enrollment Summary

Graduates

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Participation by Students with Reported Disabilities
During the 2012–2013 academic year, 22 students who were registered with the ASU Disability Resource Center went abroad on an ASU study abroad program. This number does not include students with disabilities who were not registered with the center.

Participation by Pell Grant Recipients and Obama Scholars
During the 2012–2013 academic year, 372 study abroad students were Pell Grant recipients. Sixty-three of these students were also Obama Scholars, a program that promotes equal access to education for all Arizonans.
Participation by Destination

Top 6 destinations
1. Spain
2. United Kingdom
3. China
4. Australia
5. Argentina
6. France

“Studying abroad gave me a greater understanding and appreciation for my own culture, and changed my worldview by making me more open-minded and willing to step out of my comfort zone.”
–Savannah Kralovec, Costa Rica

“Through my study abroad program, I have laid the foundation for what I hope to be a challenging and rewarding career in audiology.”
–Laura Chenier, Malawi

“Being abroad enhanced my education and career goals because I now have a greater outlook on the world and would love to make a difference around the world, not just in the United States.”
–Brittany Butters, Japan

Advising Prospective Study Abroad Students

ASU believes that studying abroad prepares undergraduate and graduate students to be effective global citizens. Studying abroad prepares graduates for today’s workforce and adds value to our students’ education by allowing them to earn ASU credit abroad that will be applied to their major, minor or elective requirements. Studying abroad also increases intercultural competencies and communication skills and provides students access to innovative knowledge and technologies. When speaking to ASU students about studying abroad, here are some important and helpful tips that the ASU Study Abroad Office and international education researchers have identified.

1. Early Planning
Talk with students about studying abroad starting their freshman year. Include it in your school’s or college’s new student orientation and discuss it when speaking about a student’s academic plan at ASU and how it relates to their major map.

2. Earning ASU Credit
ASU credit and grades are granted for all study abroad programs administered by the ASU Study Abroad Office, however credit is granted in two different ways. During faculty-directed programs, students travel and learn overseas with ASU faculty members. Students enroll directly in the courses.

Alternatively, partnership and exchange program participants earn credit through a course equivalency process. Previous courses that have been approved through a course equivalency process are listed on the Study Abroad Office website. Students may submit any course for equivalency consideration.

3. Funding Opportunities
Financial aid and many ASU scholarships can be applied toward ASU-sponsored study abroad programs. Specifically, Pell Grant recipients may be eligible for specific study abroad scholarships, Obama Scholars may use their scholarship to study abroad for one semester, and most ASU merit-based scholarships can be applied for a semester or academic year study abroad program. Community-based funding is another often overlooked type of funding. Resources on how to obtain this kind of funding are available at https://studyabroad.asu.edu/?go=finance.

4. Careers and Graduate School
Students who study abroad have the opportunity to develop a global perspective in their field of study, gain a sense of direction and purpose for their future career, and begin to build a network of professional contacts around the world. Potential employers and graduate schools value the skills students gain abroad, such as critical thinking, problem solving, flexibility, adaptability, confidence and other intercultural competencies.

5. Internships, Research, Service Learning and Work Abroad
Some study abroad programs combine course work with internship placements that students can complete for academic credit. Programs in certain locations may also include undergraduate and graduate research opportunities. Other programs incorporate service learning opportunities that allow students to continue education outside the classroom by volunteering at a local community organization. Additionally, students who are concerned about not receiving an income while abroad may be able to work while studying abroad. However, opportunities may be limited due to visa restrictions. Encourage students to research this aspect of the experience before going abroad.

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