

Study Abroad Newsletter

Fall 2017 Issue



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Scottish Highlands

Message from the Director's Perch



As the Texas summer slowly winds down and our students and faculty return to campus to begin the fall semester, we enter an academic year full of new opportunities in the Office of Global Studies and Study Abroad. For the first time in our history, we'll be hosting semester exchange students from Chungnam National University in South Korea and Universidad Veracruzana in Mexico. Meanwhile, new short-term programs for LU students are being finalized to a number of countries including New Zealand, South Africa, and Canada and we'll be introducing the Global Ambassadors Program for returning study abroad students who want to help us spread the word about international opportunities on campus.

The annual Study Abroad Fair will be held on the Dining Hall Lawn from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. on October 11, 2017. Proposals for spring break and summer 2018 programs are due to our Office on the last Friday of September so students can expect the entire menu of programs to be available at the Study Abroad Fair. The fall semester also features International Education Week from November 13-17. This year's activities will include the International Cultural Festival, student and faculty panels, international films, and plenty of other global learning opportunities.

The view from my perch anticipates an exciting semester ahead. I hope you'll join us for the adventure.

Dr. Jeff Palis

Director of Global Studies and Study Abroad





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CARDINALS BEYOND BORDERS

Are you interested in making new friends? Join the Cardinals Beyond Borders program! During the Spring 2017 semester we had almost 60 students from 9 different countries participate. Students have the opportunity to make new friends from different cultures while participating in activities and events hosted by the Office of Study Abroad. All participants are matched up with a buddy or buddies whom they will get to know throughout the program along with all the other participants.

Program Dates: September 13 - November 4, 2017

Program Cost: \$10

Covers all food, activities, and transportation to off campus events

Application Deadline: Friday, Aug. 25, 2017

To apply: Go to www.lamar.edu/studyabroad and look for Cardinals Beyond Borders under Student Information



Student Profiles



Name: Morgan Moss

Major: Speech and Hearing Science

Program: Speech and Hearing Science in Guatemala, Spring 2017

"Our study abroad trip to Guatemala was an eye-opening experience both personally and professionally. We visited the local Audiology clinic, the Shalom Foundation, and conducted hearing screenings at an elementary school. The course focused on community based rehabilitation, and it helped me determine my goals as I begin the Doctor of Audiology program at Lamar University. Once I graduate, I would love to spend a few years traveling to developing countries to conduct humanitarian Audiology projects."

Name: Kyle Edwards

Major: Civil Engineering

Program: Engineering Management in Spain, Summer 2017

"The Engineering Management course revealed a very different and interesting side of engineering than the calculation-intensive norm that I had grown used to. This trip certainly excited my desire to travel even more and to pursue job opportunities in foreign countries, which I think will be pivotal in my personal and professional development."





PLEASE JOIN US AT THE

WELCOME BACK RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 13, 2017
Library 6th Floor | 4:00 - 5:30 PM

The Office of Study Abroad invites all returning study abroad students & faculty to the Welcome Back Reception. You'll be able to reconnect with friends made abroad, share your memories with the Global Lamar community, learn about ways to apply your study abroad experience to your future academic and career goals, and enjoy snacks and refreshments.



There's Always Something New to Learn on Study Abroad

By Taylor Blount

“Why would you go on a study abroad program for Sport Culture and History if you don’t really care all that much about sports?”

If I had a dollar for every time someone asked me that question I would’ve made enough money to pay my whole program fee. Well, maybe that’s an exaggeration, but you get the point. To be honest, it’s a fair question for anyone who knows me. I’m a history major and quite possibly the biggest history nerd you’ll ever meet, but I’m only mildly interested in anything sports related. So again, why did I do Lamar’s Sports History in London program this summer? The shortest and most

logical answer is because I needed the course credit that was being offered and this program let me earn that credit in London over a two week period instead of during a regular summer or full semester in Beaumont. But it goes a little beyond that really. Sure, studying abroad is about traveling to cool places and earning course credits in unconventional ways, but it’s also about getting out of your comfort zone and experiencing new things. The National Football Museum in Manchester certainly wasn’t anywhere near the top of my list of things to see in the UK, but my goal after graduation is to work in museums, so having the NFM’s Collections Manager sit down with our group and talk about what she does was invaluable. After all, the work Collections Departments do is pretty much the same regardless of a museum’s focus. We also got to see things that weren’t sports related and were instead important parts of British culture and heritage. We toured Hampton Court Palace (one of Henry VIII’s palaces), the Tower of London, we saw the Rosetta Stone and the Elgin Marbles at the British Museum, and after a lecture in Leicester over the effects of Cold War politics on international sporting events, we toured the city’s Richard III Visitor’s Center and saw where King Richard III’s body was discovered recently after his burial location was lost for over 500 years. Our group had a mixture of students who were there for the sports and who were there for the history and we all had a great time and learned a lot at the locations we visited. Even though the history and culture of sports isn’t one of my preferred topics to study, I had an amazing time on our program in London because I was experiencing new things with some really wonderful people, while making important connections between my love of history and my potential career in museums.



NEW PROGRAM

Spanish in Sevilla

MAY 15 - JUNE 10, 2018



SPAN 2300

SPAN 4370

3 OR 6 CREDITS

Courses open to all levels

PROGRAM FEE

\$3,000 + Airfare + Tuition

Includes: Accommodations, ground transportation, some meals, excursions, a Flamenco show, a Spanish cooking class, & international health insurance.

Study Spanish in Sevilla, the capital of Spain's Andalucía region, and take language courses while living with local families. Students will experience a rich array of cultural activities, including a Flamenco show and a Spanish cooking lesson, as well as excursions to Madrid, Córdoba, Itálica, and Granada. This is a program designed to help you enhance your language skills and prepare for today's global workforce, while also learning about art and folklore of Andalucía - the land of enchantment.

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2017 STUDY ABROAD PHOTO & VIDEO CONTEST

Amateurs and pros alike, we want to see your awesome photos & videos! It's all about creativity. Any students who studied abroad during AY 16-17 can submit entries in either or both contests. You can show us all the amazing things you did!

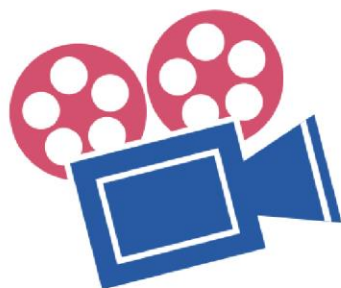
Video Contest

Submit a 2-4 minute video in mp4 format via usb stick to the Office of Study Abroad. There are no categories and it's all about creativity!

Photo Contest

Submit up to 5 photos total for the contest, though we always like receiving more! To enter, email your entries to bcrossley@lamar.edu. The photos must fall into one of the categories below:

- Best Overall Photo
- Best Selfie/Photo of Self
- School Spirit Abroad



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Office of Global Studies & Study Abroad

Deadline for Submissions is September 1, 2017



Upcoming Events

August

25th [Cardinals Beyond Borders](#)

Application Deadline

28th Start of the Fall Semester

Come visit the Office of Study Abroad between classes!

30th Involvement Fair

Find out about all of the great opportunities for students at Lamar, including study abroad!
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Rec Center

September

1st Photo & Video Contest Deadline

4th [Global Ambassadors Program](#)

Deadline

13th Welcome Back Reception

All students who studied abroad in the 2016-2017 academic year are invited to attend.
4 p.m. Library 6th floor

15th Study Abroad Fee Grant Deadline

for Fall 2017 programs.

27th Homecoming Planning Meeting

Anyone who would like to help us plan for the homecoming parade can join the meeting. 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. in Wimberly 215

29th Deadline for Faculty to submit Study Abroad Program Proposals

October

3rd RedTALK – Gaining Global Competence

Learn about how studying and interning abroad can help you gain valuable experience.
2 p.m. in Library room 702

3rd [Gilman International Scholarship](#) Deadline

Spring 2018 and Summer 2018 programs (early applications)

11th Fall Study Abroad Fair

Find out about our exciting Spring Break, Semester Exchange, and Summer Study Abroad Programs offered for 2017-18!
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Dining Hall Lawn

November

4th Homecoming

Come out and support Global Lamar at the Homecoming parade!

10th International Cultural Festival

14th International Education Week

Exploring the Canal: Student and Faculty Research from Study Abroad in Panama

15th International Education Week

Cardinals Return Home: Hear from LU Honors students about their experiences abroad.

15th International Film Night

Contact Us

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Wimberly 215
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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