

Study Abroad & Global Learning



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Global Engagement Program (GEP)

Prepare for a globalized world on campus, in the classroom, and abroad!

Earn study abroad scholarships and other awards by:

- Attending **dozens of free global events** throughout the year
- Connecting with WMU's **1,200 International Students** at weekly Global Socials
- **Enrolling in courses** with a global component – over 80 to choose from
- **Studying abroad**
- **Conducting international research**
- **Applying to national programs** like Fulbright, Gilman, and Boren
- And more!

Global Engagement Program Structure

Students can track their progress any time in ExperienceWMU

Status	Requirements	Scholarship & Rewards
Global Bronco	Attend 6 GEP -related events + Meet 2 Global Bronco Requirements	\$500 for studying abroad or GEP core course (repeatable but not stackable)
Global Explorer	Complete 1 core course & 1 GEP-approved course (most double-dip towards graduation)	\$1000 for studying abroad (repeatable but not stackable)
Global Citizen	Meet 2 Global Citizen Requirements	Letter of recommendation & paid internship opportunities



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What is Study Abroad?

- Gain **major, minor, or essential studies credits** while living and learning outside the United States.
- Programs **vary in length** from one week to a full academic year.
- Travel **with WMU instructors** and students **or go solo**.
- Plan as **early** as possible!
- Students can study abroad **more than once**.
- Lots of **unique scholarships** exist just **for studying abroad**.



Why Study Abroad?

- **Grow as an individual**
 - Gain the life long benefits of improved self-confidence, critical thinking skills, creativity, and more
- **Succeed professionally**
 - Impress employers with skills you can't get in a classroom alone.
- **Excel academically**
 - Graduate on time with a higher GPA than your peers.
- **What's missing?**

Study Abroad Quick Facts

- 80+ programs in 30+ countries
- Unique Scholarships & Financial Aid available
- 70% of programs **do not require** learning another language.
- Attend an "Information Session" to get started!



Affordability & Cost



- Program costs vary by:
 - Number of credits
 - Type of program
 - Destination cost of living
- Standard financial aid (FAFSA) applies in most cases
- Unique Scholarships
 - Study Abroad Office
 - Pell Grant
 - WMU College/Department
 - National scholarships
 - Community foundations

Housing & Stay



Where do I stay?

- WMU/Host University organizes housing (in many cases)
- Housing is almost always included.
- Short-term programs:
 - Hotels, hostels, dorms, rentals
- Long-term programs:
 - Dorms, rentals, homestays (rare)

Andreas | Spain



"Am I in pain? No because I'm in Spain! Studying Abroad in Spain has been one of the most amazing experiences of my life. Studying abroad allows you to learn about other cultures through classes while also being able to use that knowledge firsthand and experience what life is really like in a certain country.

If the opportunity presents itself to study abroad, take it, you will not regret it."

- Andreas

Thomas | Dominican Republic



"It was such a humbling and positive experience that has allowed me to build bonds with people from an entire different country. My favorite part right now is that I am still close with the fellow Broncos who studied abroad with me as well. **I've built life lasting relationships that I'll cherish forever.**"

-Thomas

Kelly | Italy



"Studying abroad has always been one of my goals while attending college. I'm so glad that I decided to study book arts in Italy this summer **because the trip is far from anything I've experienced before.** To be able to not only see iconic art in person, but also gain access to studios with historic equipment is a dream."

- Kelly



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