



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Haenicke Institute for
Global Education

Study Abroad & Global Engagement





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 lifelong 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?**

Quick Facts



- 80+ programs in 30+ countries
- 70% of programs **do not require** learning another language.
- Unique Scholarships & Financial Aid available
- Next Steps: 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)



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
- Attending GEP's 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!

Earn a \$1,000 study abroad scholarship!



Available every Fall and Spring semester!

GIST 3100

Global Studies in the Field

Travel, Networking, and Exclusive Access to Global Businesses.

- 3-Credit Hours
- In-Person Instruction
- Satisfies the WMU Essential Studies Level 2: Exploration and Discovery – Societies and Cultures Category
- Potential Study Abroad Scholarship



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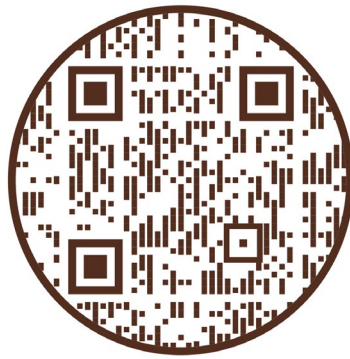
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GIST 3100 : Global Studies in the Field

- Potential to earn a \$1,000 study abroad scholarship
- Hands on global learning
- Develop cross cultural knowledge and understanding of global issues
- Counts towards WMU Essential Studies
- Talk to your academic advisor!



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