PARENT GUIDE TO STUDY ABROAD

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WHY SHOULD MY CHILD STUDY ABROAD?

Studying abroad can provide your child with an excellent opportunity to study at another university in the U.S., a U.S. territory, or at more than 40 countries abroad for a summer, a semester, or a year. Your child will have the chance to experience life in another region and gain exposure to a culture different from that of Louisiana. If your child wishes to learn a foreign language, studying abroad is one of the best ways to become fully fluent.

Academic Programs Abroad acts as the administrative office at LSU to administer study abroad programs. The International Exchange Coordinator works with students wishing to go abroad to another country. The National Student Exchange Coordinator works with students wishing to study elsewhere in North America. The LSU Summer Abroad Program Coordinator works with students wishing to enroll in LSU summer courses on LSU faculty-led summer programs abroad.



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National Student Exchange sites are located in 49 states, the U.S. territories, or Canada



International Exchange sites are located in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, & the Americas



LSU Summer Abroad
Program sites
are located in
more than twelve
different countries



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Your child will need at least a 2.5 GPA for National Student Exchange and LSU summer programs. International exchange programs require a GPA of 2.75 or a 3.0. Most students study abroad during either their sophomore or their junior year. If your child wishes to study in a country where he or she will enroll in courses taught in a foreign language, four to six semesters of the language are required prior to departure.

LOCATION

Your child will have the opportunity to choose from nearly 200 schools in North America and more than 150 schools overseas. Your child is not required to speak a foreign language to study abroad. LSU offers an equal number of sites for both English language instruction and foreign language instruction so that all majors may participate.

EXPECTED COST

If your child chooses to study abroad on an LSU study abroad program, program costs vary by program. Summer abroad program participants pay LSU summer tuition rates, the program fee, and associated travel expenses. Semester and year-long study abroad participants pay LSU tuition (in most cases), room & board fees (either to LSU or to the host school), as well as associated travel costs.

FINANCIAL AID

TOPS and most scholarships may be applied to semester and year-long study abroad program costs. LSU also offers several study abroad scholarships for study abroad participants. Summer abroad program participants can be awarded \$1,000, while semester and year-long programs can be awarded \$2,000 and \$3,000 respectively.

COURSEWORK ABROAD

Your child will take a full course load equivalent to what he or she would take here at LSU. All courses are pre-approved, making course transfer a simple process upon return to campus. Coordinators at LSU and at the host school will assist your child with registration and course selection. LSU summer abroad programs are comprised of LSU courses which eliminates the need for course transfer.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To find out more, please contact our office by telephone at (225) 578-6801 or by e-mail at studyabroad@lsu.edu. Parents are always cordially invited to make an appointment to visit our office in 106 Hatcher Hall!

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