Study Abroad Tailored for You & Your Students

FACULTY-LED & CUSTOMIZED PROGRAMS

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80+ Customized programs run each year

65+ Years of leadership in study abroad

29 Cities for your students to call “home”

8+ IES Abroad Customized Programs employees working to support your students

1 Amazing program based on your ideas

0 Worries—IES Abroad has it covered!

INFINITE Possibilities for creating the perfect custom study abroad program for your students
At IES Abroad, we know study abroad. IES Abroad Customized Programs has collaborated on faculty-led and customized study abroad programs for more than 50 years. Visas, housing assignments, researching where to get the best weisswurst in Germany, and, of course, classes—there’s a lot to iron out before your students board their planes. Our experience with all aspects of faculty-led and customized study abroad means we can handle the small stuff and leave the big ideas to you.

Whatever direction you take, you’ll have your pick of added IES Abroad benefits, such as:

• 360-degree support that’s available if and when you need it
• Academics how and where you want them—you teach, we teach, our 100+ partners teach, or all of the above
• Expertise in health and safety—we are leaders of the study abroad field; safety is our highest priority
• An extensive network of internship, service learning, and research partners, to give your students a well-rounded experience abroad

So build your program from options that stretch as far as your imagination and let us lead the way. Whether you need high-level support and services or simply a framework and access to our network, it’s up to you. After all, this is study abroad by design—designed by you.
From your campus to our overseas Centers and partners, we’re here to collaborate on each step of the planning process...or whenever you want our expertise.

Dedicated Customized Programs team members connect with your institution to learn about your needs, explore possibilities abroad, and develop your program with a proactive, step-by-step approach. College Relations Managers visit campus to get to know your staff, faculty, and students then work with IES Abroad Centers to meet your pedagogical and logistical goals.

Once your students are on site, the Center Directors and staff work hard so that your program runs as smoothly as possible. Whether they’re helping you coordinate a field trip or introducing your students to a new culture and surroundings, our overseas staff is always there when and if you need them.

### Customizable Levels of Support

**FRAMEWORK & COLLABORATION** – Build an original program from your ideas and needs or start with IES Abroad’s existing programs, for which we have been awarded the Forum on Education Abroad’s QUIP designation for program quality, assessment, and improvement. Either way, we’ll collaborate with you every step of the way.

**ACADEMIC SERVICES & FACILITIES** – The academic amenities you and your students are comfortable with can be arranged through IES Abroad and/or our partners while you enjoy the benefits of an exciting location abroad. These can include predeparture course information, on-site tutoring, and post-program grade reports, in addition to utilizing the IES Abroad Center or partner university facilities. Centers generally feature classrooms, high-speed Internet or WiFi, printing services, a library, and a student lounge so you can experience the comforts of campus even when away from yours.

**VETTED COURSES & COORDINATION** – In addition to your faculty-taught courses, you’ll have access to IES Abroad course models that meet rigorous standards. Our courses are vetted through our Academic Council, comprised of elected members from our 240+ consortium schools and IES Abroad staff. IES Abroad can also liaise between your institution and our diverse academic partners if local university courses are a desired component.

**FIELD TRIPS & CULTURAL EVENTS** – Local excursions and field trips in and outside of the city enhance learning. From the Great Barrier Reef to the Great Wall, expanding the classroom can happen just about anywhere. We know the ins and outs of our host cities and can arrange trips and cultural events to complement any (or every) aspect of your program.
Setting the Standard for Health & Safety

We realize that studying abroad presents potential risks—big and small. Recent world events have made managing programs and students abroad more complex. Partnering with us allows your faculty to do what they do best—teach and engage with students—while transferring some of the risks to us.

After helping more than 115,000 students study and intern abroad, our deep and diverse experiences make us uniquely qualified to handle a variety of health and safety issues. Not only does our Chicago and Center staff support you and your students, but we’ve built local networks of trained counselors, advisors, and medical professionals to assist us.

IES Abroad provides information about potential risks to your faculty, students, and guests during predeparture and on-site orientation. While students take responsibility for their own health and safety abroad, we assist with health-related needs, such as visiting a doctor or the nearest pharmacy, enrolling them in our international insurance and Travel Tracker location management system, and registering them with the U.S. State Department.

IES Abroad’s Crisis Management Team works 24/7 to track external threats, such as natural disasters and security issues, while communicating timely information to your staff, faculty, and students. In the event of an actual emergency, our Centers have local crisis plans, around-the-clock emergency support, and a Global Crisis Partner to assist in evacuations, if necessary.

A Limitless Network of Possibilities

In addition to the strong IES Abroad infrastructure in each location, take advantage of our extensive, reliable network of partner institutions, employers, and housing providers. Our network is ever expanding to provide you with the best of what’s out there.

LOCAL UNIVERSITY PARTNERS – Whatever your program focuses on, we have partners that will expand your students’ knowledge in their field of study. Students can take courses at nearly 100 international universities, 20 of which have been named to the Top 200 Universities in the World by the QS rating system. On top of courses and lectures, students may participate in research at local universities.

INTERNSHIP & SERVICE LEARNING PARTNERS – Our professional network consists of 500+ vetted and trusted employers who provide students with substantive work experiences. For programs with a service learning component, we arrange volunteer opportunities from our network of NGOs, not-for-profits, and other organizations that focus on community health, women’s advocacy, at-risk youth, and other social issues unique to the program location.

HOUSING PARTNERS – We typically offer three types of housing: residence halls (within and outside of university housing systems), apartments, or homestays with local residents. Every housing partner is vetted and inspected for safety and comfort by on-site IES Abroad staff to create an enjoyable stay for you and your students. We also arrange private housing for faculty and guests within or near student accommodations.
WHEREVER YOU WANT TO GO...

Past Program Examples

- **EDUCATION IN QUITO, ECUADOR (SUMMER TERM)**
  University of California, San Diego, Department of Education Studies

- **SOUTH AFRICA: PAST & PRESENT IN CAPE TOWN (MAY TERM)**
  University of Arkansas, Department of History

- **FOREIGN MUSIC IN LONDON, ENGLAND (SPRING TRIMESTER)**
  Dartmouth College, Department of Music
...go with IES Abroad! Imagine your program in one (or more) of our 29 locations worldwide and explore just a few of the programs we’ve collaborated on in the past. Wherever your destination or whatever your academic focus, together, we can make it happen.

CULTURE & COMMUNICATION IN SIENA, ITALY (SUMMER TERM)
University of Missouri-Columbia, Department of Communication

HIGH SCHOOL INTENSIVE LANGUAGE IMMERSION IN GRANADA, SPAIN (SUMMER TERM)
Middlebury Interactive Languages

APPROACHES TO MENTAL HEALTH IN TOKYO, JAPAN (JANUARY TERM)
Austin College, Department of Psychology
To design your program, we’ll meet and ask you to consider:

- What is the academic focus of the program?
- How does the location serve or enhance the program goals?
- What courses, lectures, field trips, business visits, and other resources are needed?
- What type of accommodations should IES Abroad locate for students and faculty?
- What is your estimated per-student cost?

After we’ve discussed your ideas and requirements, we share a proposal outlining your ideal program for your review. The proposal outlines:

- Program dates
- Predeparture guidance offered for staff, faculty, and students
- Program components including: academics, travel logistics, accommodations, orientation, field trips, and other on-site support
- IES Abroad policies, participant guidelines, and pricing
Once the proposal is approved, we focus on the details involved in preparing your students for their experience abroad. We help you:

- Promote the program to students with our Marketing Toolkit of flyers, social media, and presentation templates. If requested, we can craft and present a predeparture orientation online or on campus.
- Simplify predeparture preparation with the use of our student portal, online forms, and web resources, including form instructions and submission follow-up.
- Provide necessary documents to students in need of a student visa.
- Moderate communication between your faculty and IES Abroad Center staff.

When you and your students arrive at your program location, a local IES Abroad program coordinator will be there to manage the details of your program by:

- Orienting students to the local environment.
- Ensuring the academic quality of local resources.
- Being prepared for and responding to emergencies.
- Handling student issues and concerns.
- Serving as an intercultural facilitator.

We continue to provide assistance and guidance after your students have returned to campus. After your program has ended, we:

- Distribute evaluations, share results with your school contacts, and debrief with you.
- Offer suggestions for re-entry workshops and activities.
- Send you grade reports or transcripts for our academic coursework taught by IES Abroad faculty.
VALUE ADDED BY IES ABROAD

- Predeparture support, visa resources, and readily available online guides
- Industry-leading health, safety, and crisis management resources and support, and comprehensive international health insurance
- Existing on-the-ground support during the planning and execution of all programs, including arrival and on-site orientation
- Proprietary Marketing Toolkit to aid in student recruitment

NEXT STEPS

DEFINE TERM
Year long, semester-long, summer session, January term, May term, short-term

EXPLORE LOCATION(S)
Select a city in or near an IES Abroad location or multi-city destinations

DESIGN CURRICULUM
Create your own or choose from IES Abroad or partner institution courses. Opt to include service learning, internships, or research opportunities.

ENHANCE YOUR PROGRAM
Supplement curriculum with guest lectures, language partners, and business visits

DISCOVER YOUR HOST COUNTRY
Design new or join existing IES Abroad course-related excursions, field trips, and cultural events

PLAN LOGISTICS
Confirm student and faculty housing, transportation needs, course times, and program dates
Occidental faculty, students, and International Program Office staff have enjoyed a fantastic collaboration with IES Abroad Customized Programs. We are grateful for the shared commitment to academic quality, seamless administrative procedures, and thorough, caring student services. We use partners by college policy and choose IES Abroad due to our positive experiences. Thank you, IES Abroad!

– Robin Craggs | Executive Director – International Programs | Occidental College
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