

WANG CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION

GATEWAY AND FEATURED STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS

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Gain the **knowledge and experience** required to thrive in a complex world

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ABOUT US

The Wang Center for Global Education was established in 2002 thanks to the vision of donors Peter ('60) and Grace Wang. Working collaboratively with academic units and disciplines of Pacific Lutheran University, the Wang Center supports faculty, students and staff with resources that advance PLU's distinction and vision for global education of "educating to achieve a just, healthy, sustainable and peaceful world." The Wang Center offers faculty development and grant opportunities, short- and long-term study away programs, on-campus programming on pressing world issues, and a commitment to best practices when engaging with educational partners, both locally and globally.

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PLU GATEWAY AND FEATURED STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS

At PLU, global engagement is a high priority, and many students choose to deepen their understanding of our globalized, interconnected world through short-term, semester, or year-long study away. In fact, over the last 15 years, PLU students have studied away in over 80 countries. For students seeking a semester-long opportunity, PLU offers seven signature Gateway semester programs, Featured semester programs in over 20 locations across the globe, and a range of Approved programs. Whether you are seeking the right fit for your academic program or the perfect internship to prepare for your future career, PLU semester programs have plenty to offer!

Studying away for a semester requires planning and preparation. As you begin your study away journey, you can access the support and guidance of the Wang Center advisor/Wang Center staff, faculty advisors, Gateway Program Directors, Student Financial Services Specialists, and partner institutions to select a program that meets your academic, professional, and personal goals.

ALIGNED with PLU mission

INTEGRATED with curriculum and university systems

RESPONSIVE to academic, professional and personal goals and needs

ACCESSIBLE to students of all financial backgrounds

SUSTAINABLE travel through educational carbon mitigation practices

INCLUSIVE programs provide immersion experiences for all students

EXAMINE GLOBAL ISSUES

Engage with interconnected global issues related to human diversity, social justice and the fragility of our planet as they impact specific communities, regions and nations both abroad and at home.

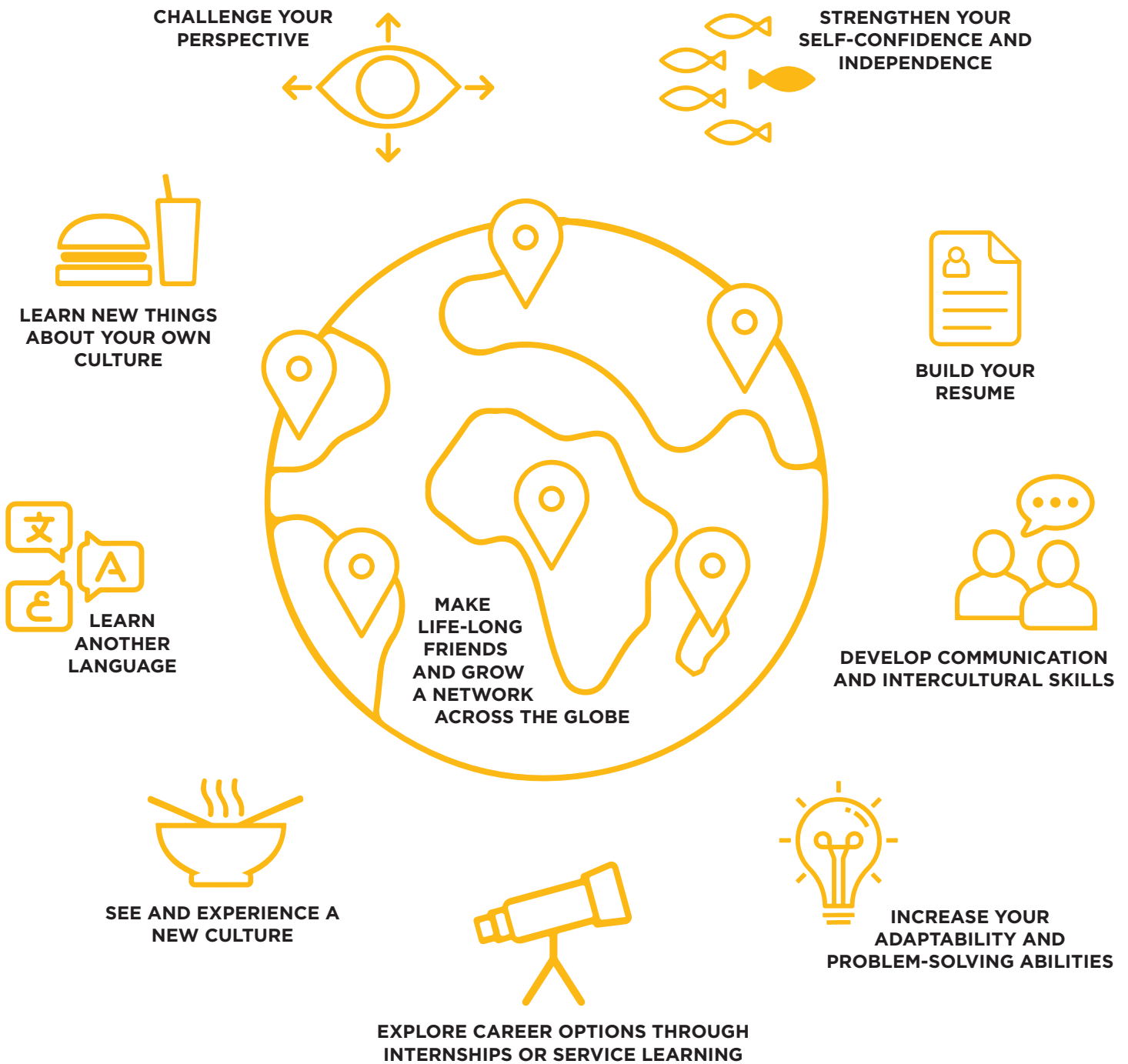
ACQUIRE SKILLS TO LIVE, LEARN AND WORK IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Develop the cross-cultural and language skills to navigate diverse and interdependent communities in a range of fields and professions. Engage with community, nonprofit and government leaders through homestays or student housing abroad, study tours and opportunities to engage in independent research, an internship or a service-learning project.

INTEGRATE ACADEMIC, CAREER AND PERSONAL GOALS

Expand the knowledge, skills and contacts made during your study away experience in your Senior Capstone project, Wang Center Research Grant application, local internship opportunities, in your Peace Corps, Fulbright and graduate school applications, or in seeking meaningful employment opportunities upon graduation.

WHY STUDY AWAY?



HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health, safety and well being of PLU students, staff and faculty participating in Wang Center programs is our primary concern. PLU and the Wang Center are committed to maximizing safety at each program site, making every effort to ensure that participants have the resources and information they need for a safe and successful global education experience.



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

The cost for all PLU Gateway and Featured programs is the PLU comprehensive fee, and all financial aid and scholarships apply.*



TUITION



HOUSING



MEALS



EMERGENCY INSURANCE



VISA FEE**



STUDY TOURS***



CARBON ONSET

NOT INCLUDED

Air travel / Personal excursions / Books & supplies / Some Featured program excursions

* Students can participate in ONE Featured program with all of their financial aid

** Gateway programs cover full visa fee, Featured up to \$300 of visa fee

*** Tours vary by program; see website or contact the advisor for details

There are study away scholarships available! See plu.edu/studyaway/funding to learn more.



GATEWAY & FEATURED SEMESTER PROGRAMS

Gateway study away programs are uniquely designed and administered in partnership with PLU faculty. Featured Programs, administered by partner institutions, align with our mission and typically have a long history of PLU student participation and ties to PLU.



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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

Heritage, Cultural Fusion and Sustainability in the Southern Caribbean



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Gain an in-depth understanding of Trinbagonian culture through a required set of three PLU-designed courses taught by local professors, local experts and US professors
- ★ Examine key issues such as post-colonialism, globalization, diversity, equity, social justice, gender and environmental sustainability in a rich, ethnically diverse culture
- ★ Study at University of the West Indies, a major research institution in the Caribbean, and engage with local students
- ★ Engage with the rich cultural, environmental, religious and artistic diversity of Trinidad & Tobago through a series of study tours and lectures that facilitate student participation in Trinidad's expressions of the Hindu spring festival of Phagwa, the West African Orish and Shouter Baptist festivals, the Muslim Hosay commemoration, and the world famous Trinidad Carnival
- ★ Experience the traditional fishing village of Charlotteville, Tobago, as it explores new directions in organic gardening, marine research, and sustainable tourism

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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO



SEMESTER OFFERED

Spring (*Note: program begins in January)

PREREQUISITES

Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing; 2.7 minimum GPA (3.0 preferred)

DURATION

January to May, 20 weeks

CREDIT

19-21 credits

PROGRAM BASE

St. Augustine, Trinidad & Tobago

HOUSING

University of the West Indies dormitory, double rooms

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

OAXACA

Development, Culture, Environment
and Social Change in Mexico



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Explore Mexican history, development, society and environment through an interdisciplinary view of Ancient, Modern, and Contemporary Mexico
- ★ Learn about U.S.-Mexico relations and gain an in-depth perspective of Mexican immigration to — and the hispanization of — the United States
- ★ Experience approaches to, and strategies for, social change, and the value placed on these processes by diverse groups in the Oaxaca region and across Mexico
- ★ Integrate academic knowledge and intercultural skills in an internship with a local nonprofit organization focused on an issue related to your academic, personal or professional goals
- ★ Build knowledge of pressing issues facing Mexico today through extended study tours to Mexico City and the states of Puebla and Morelos
- ★ Increase Spanish proficiency to advanced, advanced plus or superior through a complete immersion program

SEMESTER OFFERED

Fall

PREREQUISITES

Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing; 3.0 minimum GPA; 4-5 semesters of college-level Spanish or the equivalent

DURATION

Mid-August to mid-December, 17 weeks divided into three sessions

CREDIT

16-17 credits

PROGRAM BASE

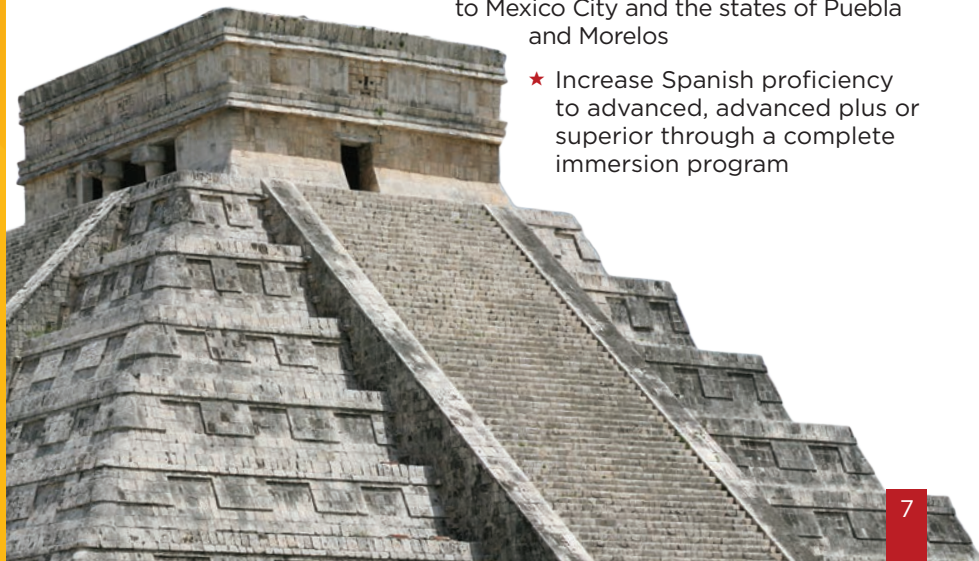
Oaxaca City, Mexico

HOUSING

Homestay

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Spanish



CHENGDU

Continuity and Change in an Emerging World Power



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Study at Sichuan University, one of China's most prestigious universities, with students from all over China and the world
- ★ Develop your Chinese language abilities with courses available at all levels
- ★ Engage with local communities through study tours to rural farms, local villages and nearby monuments
- ★ Deepen your understanding of the various cultures of China through study tours to the Forbidden City, the Great Wall in Beijing, and Xian, whose famous Terracotta Warriors and Wild Goose Pagoda are reminders of China's prominence in the world as the eastern terminus of the Silk Road
- ★ Experience Tibetan culture with a week-long study tour exploring Buddhist temples and shrines, contrasting with China's ethnic Han majority

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SEMESTER OFFERED

Fall, Academic Year

PREREQUISITES

Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing; 2.7 minimum GPA (3.0 preferred)

DURATION

August to December for Fall; August to May or July for Academic Year

CREDIT

12-18 credits

PROGRAM BASE

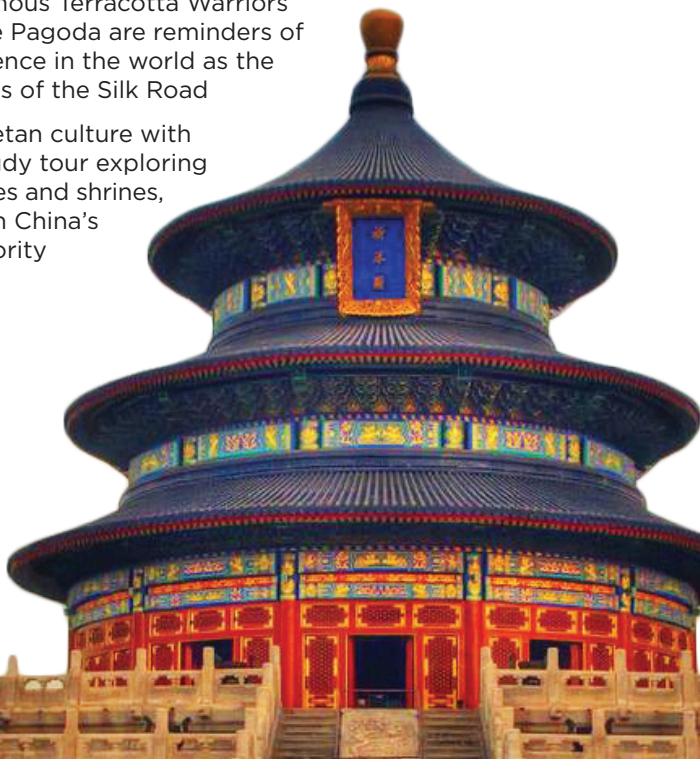
Chengdu, China

HOUSING

International student residence hall, double rooms with bathroom and shower

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English, Chinese (language courses only)



WINDHOEK

Cultural Immersion for Education,
Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Study at the premier University of Namibia alongside students from Namibia and countries across Africa and the globe
- ★ Engage in a practicum in a local school and complete a robust set of courses aligned with PLU's program requirements (Education students)
- ★ Learn about this young democratic country with a focus on a historical perspective of Namibia from colonization to democracy
- ★ Engage with indigenous people, cultures, and the country's unique geography on study tours, through rural homestays in the villages of northern Namibia and visits to Namibia's renowned national parks and game reserves
- ★ Create your own batik art in a 3-day workshop in Windhoek
- ★ Engage with the local community through an internship or volunteer work with community organizations
- ★ Spend January enrolled in a context-setting, intensive course on non-Western history taught by a local Namibia historian

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SEMESTER OFFERED

Spring (*Note program begins in January)

PREREQUISITES

Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing; 2.7 minimum GPA (3.0 preferred)

DURATION

January to May, 20 weeks

CREDIT

17-18 credits

PROGRAM BASE

Windhoek, Namibia

HOUSING

University of Namibia on-campus housing complex, double rooms

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English



IHON-OXFORD

International Honors Program



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Experience the “Oxford tutorial” — weekly one-on-one sessions with Oxford faculty and graduate students, aimed at bringing forth the students’ own powers of judgment, thought, and argumentation
- ★ Learn to “read” the United Kingdom through the disciplinary lens of the semester’s Site Director — a PLU-IHON faculty member who will teach a place-based 200-level seminar and lead you on study tours in London, Manchester and other sites
- ★ Apply what you’re reading and learning to your own experiences in the 4-credit, discussion-based “Living and Learning in Oxford” course, also led by the PLU Site Director
- ★ Become an Associate Member of an Oxford college with dining and other privileges in the college
- ★ Take part in induction into the world-renowned Bodleian research library, including more than 20 Oxford branches, where you have full research access and reading privileges
- ★ Complete two of your 200-level IHON seminars — one in the form of an interdisciplinary tutorial with Oxford faculty and graduate students, the other with the PLU Site Director

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SEMESTER OFFERED

Fall or Spring

PREREQUISITES

Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing; 3.0 minimum GPA

DURATION

Mid-August to December for Fall, February to mid-June for Spring

CREDIT

16 credits

PROGRAM BASE

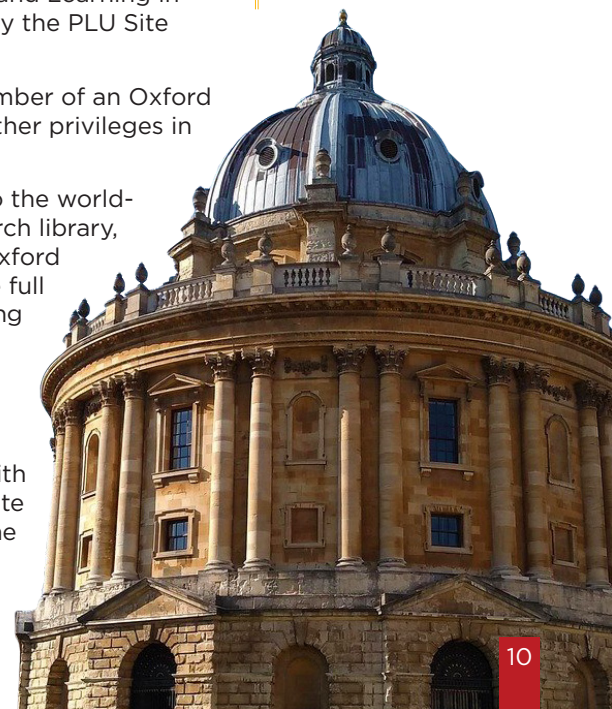
Oxford, England

HOUSING

Private room within shared student house (IHON students only)

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English





OSLO

Peace and Conflict Studies

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Challenge the perception of the “sameness” of Western societies by experiencing the rapidly changing Norwegian culture and society and Norway’s active engagement in defining and redefining its roles internationally and within its borders
- ★ Examine the Norwegian approach to contemporary issues in a central location with engaged faculty whose specialties include Peace and Conflict Studies, African Studies, International Relations, Middle East Studies, Political Theory and more
- ★ Study in English alongside Norwegians majoring in Peace & Conflict and International Studies
- ★ Immerse yourself in Norwegian culture, history, geography, society, and politics with the “Norway—An Introduction” course (not for credit) that includes excursions in and around Oslo

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SEMESTER OFFERED

Fall

PREREQUISITES

Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing; 2.7 minimum GPA (3.0 preferred)

DURATION

August to December

CREDIT

16 credits

PROGRAM BASE

Oslo, Norway

HOUSING

Student housing, single room with bathroom and shower, shared kitchen

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English





Nordic Studies, Business, Natural Sciences, Environmental Studies & Kinesiology



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Engage in an active campus community at the University of Southeastern Norway and experience the local natural landscape as an extension of classroom learning
- ★ Live and learn in an environment that challenges cultural assumptions and helps you to see your discipline and the world through a Norwegian lens
- ★ Explore Telemark, a region known as “Norway in miniature” and known for its rich cultural tradition and outdoor life
- ★ Focus on Environmental Studies, Natural Sciences, Marketing and Management, Business, Kinesiology, or Norwegian Language and Literature

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SEMESTER OFFERED

Fall, Spring, Academic Year

PREREQUISITES

Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing; 2.7 minimum GPA (3.0 preferred)

DURATION

August to December for Fall, January to June for Spring, August to June for Academic Year

CREDIT

15-17 credits

PROGRAM BASE

Bø, Norway

HOUSING

Student residence hall, double room with bathroom and shower

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English



VESTFOLD

Kinesiology in Norway



SEMESTER OFFERED

Fall, Spring, Academic Year

PREREQUISITES

Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing; 2.7 minimum GPA (3.0 preferred)

DURATION

August to December for Fall, January to June for Spring, August to June for Academic Year

CREDIT

15-17 credits

PROGRAM BASE

Vestfold, Norway

HOUSING

Student residence hall, double room with bathroom and shower

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Engage in an active campus community at the University of Southeastern Norway and experience the local natural landscape as an extension of classroom learning
- ★ Focus on Kinesiology in the Exercise and Health Management program
- ★ Examine the Norwegian health system and work life and social laws regulating health and sick leave through project management development and apprenticeship
- ★ Live and learn in an environment that challenges cultural assumptions and helps you to see your discipline and the world through a Norwegian lens
- ★ Put theoretical components into practice at the Vestfold campus' stunning gym and pool facilities or in the stunning natural setting with numerous outdoor recreation options



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. EXPLORE

PLU offers a wide range of study away options to meet the needs of students across academic disciplines. Challenge yourself to live and learn outside of your comfort zone for a semester or year.

DISCOVER YOUR OPTIONS

- Browse programs at plu.edu/studyaway
- Attend the Study Away Fair
- Sign up to learn about upcoming events at plu.edu/studyaway/interested

2. EVALUATE

NARROW YOUR OPTIONS BY CONSIDERING

- Fit with academic program & location
- Fit with personal and professional goals
- Availability of service learning and internship opportunities

UTILIZE CAMPUS RESOURCES

- Talk with Student Global Ambassadors (sojourn@plu.edu)
- Meet with the Study Away Advisor
- Meet the Gateway Program Director
- Discuss your plans with your Academic Advisor
- Complete your FAFSA (financial aid, gift aid & scholarships apply toward program costs)
- Check out student stories at plu.edu/studyaway/student-stories

3. APPLY

SEMESTER STUDY AWAY APPLICATION INCLUDES

- Short essays
- Faculty Recommendation Form
- Professional Recommendation Form (Gateway)
- Non-refundable \$50 Application Fee
- Advising appointment plu.edu/studyaway/advising

APPLY FOR FUNDING

Visit plu.edu/studyaway/funding for a list of scholarships

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall '21, Spring '22 or Full Year: **March 15**

APPLY at studyaway.plu.edu

4. PREPARE

LEARN ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY, LOGISTICS AND CULTURAL PREPARATION

- Research your host destination and culture
- Learn about logistics, prepare for health and safety and cultural transitions
- Attend the mandatory general pre-departure orientation and any program specific orientations
- Apply for a visa with support from the Wang Center (Gateway) or program provider (Featured)

5. SOJOURN

- While away, take full advantage of the opportunities your program and host culture provide. Challenge your perspective!
- Participate in Wang Center's carbon consciousness program. PLU recognizes the privilege of study away and has committed to mitigate your air travel carbon footprint through sustainable onsetting projects.
- Share stories and photos of your experiences *#LutesAway*

6. REFLECT

REFLECT, CLARIFY AND INTEGRATE YOUR EXPERIENCES INTO YOUR PLU CAREER AND BEYOND

Join **Wang Center Returner Events** to explore how you can integrate your study away experience with your academic, professional, and personal goals.

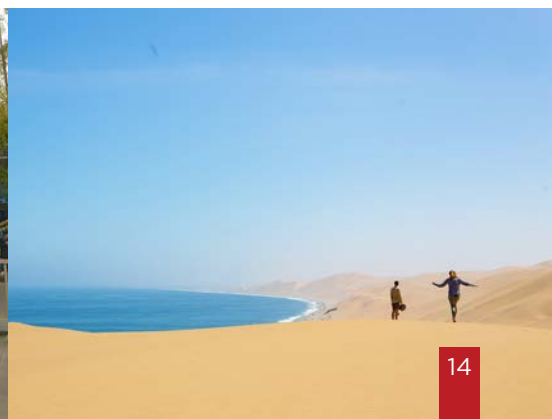
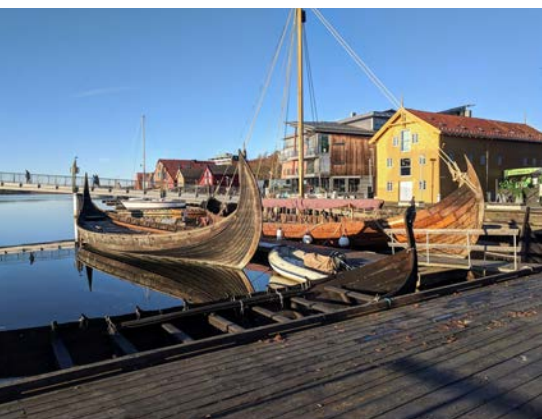
Apply to be a **Wang Center Global Ambassador** and promote global education on campus.

Develop an international independent research project and apply for **Wang Center Research Grant** funding.

Consider enrolling in PLU's **Peace Corps Prep Certificate Program** to get a head start on preparing to serve in the non-profit sector at home or abroad.

Look into opportunities to get involved with service learning in the local community here in Parkland.

Talk with **Alumni & Student Connections** about local internships, the post-PLU career search process, Peace Corps, Fulbright, graduate school or post-graduate volunteer or teach abroad programs.





SUSTAINABLE STUDY AWAY

PLU is renowned for its global education programs and high participation in study away. While global education is a strong PLU value, so is care for our planet. We are thus faced with a challenge to honor both of these values.

The Wang Center for Global Education and the PLU Sustainability Committee, in partnership with environmental organization Earth Deeds, offer an educational program for study away air mile carbon mitigation. To reduce the negative effects of air travel, a portion of student fees go toward addressing the social cost of carbon through “onsetting”, a funding mechanism for sustainability projects on campus and at our study away program sites across the globe.



COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY

The Wang Center for Global Education values the ethnicities, socioeconomic backgrounds, physical abilities, genders and sexual identities of PLU faculty, staff and students. We aim to provide support, guidance and resources so that all community members are aware of and have equal access to the benefits of study away and other global opportunities.

The Wang Center is a member of Diversity Abroad, the leading organization advancing diversity and inclusive policies and practices in the field of international education and cultural exchange. Diversity Abroad's mission is to create equitable access to the benefits of global education by empowering educators, engaging stakeholders, and connecting diverse students to resources and opportunity.



RECOGNITION FROM THE FORUM ON EDUCATION ABROAD

In 2019, PLU earned recognition for meeting the Forum on Education Abroad's Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad, becoming one of only 22 U.S. universities to achieve this level of accreditation. The Forum is recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission as the Standards Development Organization for Education Abroad.

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