

WANG CENTER FOR GLOBAL AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGED EDUCATION

STUDY AWAY STUDENT GUIDE



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CULTURE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION

Join the nearly 50 percent of PLU students who study away at least once during their undergraduate education, seeking to broaden their horizons while advancing in their chosen field of study. Choose from a broad selection of pre-approved semester, year, short-term or summer programs and independent research opportunities.

STUDY AWAY VS. STUDY ABROAD

At PLU we use the term study away rather than study abroad because we are committed to providing students with learning opportunities both **globally and locally**. Indeed, the overarching goal of PLU's global education programs is to increase understanding of the growing interconnectedness of our world and the dynamic relationship that exists among our local communities, our state and nation, and the world.

FUNDING

PLU financial aid remains uninterrupted for students participating in PLU Gateway programs and for one Featured program. Students participating in Approved programs receive partial aid based on the cost of their selected program. Additionally, students may apply for scholarships through external organizations, government programs and study away providers.

PLU GLOBAL SCHOLAR AWARD

The Global Scholar Award helps students with documented financial need make study away possible. For PLU Gateway study away programs, students may receive up to \$1,000 to be used for airfare, passport fees, immunizations, and in-country daily expenses. For PLU Faculty-Led J-Term programs, students may receive up to a 20% reduction of the published program fee, not to exceed \$1,000.



Seoul, South Korea (photo by Helen Chung)

DISTINCTION

Pacific Lutheran University

- has been recognized by the Forum on Education Abroad for substantial conformity with the Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad
- is a recipient of the prestigious Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization
- frequently ranks among the top 25 U.S. universities for undergraduate study away participation
- is a top producer of Fulbright scholars and Peace Corps volunteers



Athens, Greece (photo by Joey Grabowski)

INCLUSIVITY

The Wang Center for Global and Community Engaged Education seeks to bring diverse individuals together to learn from one another in off-campus global and local settings and through programming focused on pressing world issues. In addition to strategic and ethical outreach, we aim to provide guidance, support, and resources to foster an inclusive environment for PLU students, faculty and staff members of all backgrounds and identities to reach that goal.

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS

Internships are available in select locations around the globe, providing students the chance to apply their on-campus curriculum in an international professional setting.

SUSTAINABILITY

PLU recognizes the environmental impact of study away and has partnered with [Earth Deeds](#) to provide educational programming that increases students' "carbon-consciousness," including calculating the carbon impact of their travel. PLU has committed funds to "onset" this impact by contributing to meaningful sustainability projects locally and globally.

WANG CENTER RESEARCH GRANTS

Each year, the Global Education Committee awards grants to qualified students, faculty, and student-faculty research teams. Students who have already had a significant amount of cross-cultural experience are encouraged to apply for funding to conduct an independent international research project. The Wang Center Research Grant program encourages new global initiatives, internationalizes the curriculum and fosters student involvement in academic research.

SEMESTER PROGRAMS

Semester and full-year programs are located all over the globe and provide a wide range of academic experiences, including internships, research, language immersion, coursework in English, and cultural exploration.

PLU GATEWAY PROGRAMS

PLU Gateway Programs are aligned with PLU's mission, developed by PLU faculty, and administered by the Wang Center for Global Education. Coursework in Gateway Programs is designed to enhance on-campus curricula. Financial aid remains uninterrupted for participation in one PLU Featured Program.

China - Chengdu (Fall or Full-Year)

Focus on Chinese language, culture, business, history, development and minority cultures. Includes study tours to Tibetan region, Beijing and Xian. No previous Chinese language study required.

England - Oxford (Fall or Spring)

PLU International Honors Program in Oxford, England. Earn IHON credits and study a self-arranged topic with an Oxford professor in individualized tutorials.

Mexico - Oaxaca (Fall)

Spanish language immersion with a focus on culture, development, social change and natural sciences. Includes study tours to Mexico City and rural communities. Four or five semesters of college-level Spanish required; internship available.

Namibia - Windhoek (Spring)

An ideal location for cultural immersion. Education and natural & social science students enroll in coursework at the University of Namibia. Research, internship and practicum options available. English-speaking country.

Norway - Oslo (Fall)

Focus on Norway's approach to conflict mediation, peace building, relationships with developing nations and the role of the media, religion and government institutions in Norwegian society. No previous Norwegian language study is required.

Norway - Bø and Vestfold (Fall, Spring or Full-Year)

Focus on Nordic studies, kinesiology, sustainability, alpine ecology or business. Norwegian language classes are available at all levels, other coursework is taught in English. No previous Norwegian language study is required.

Trinidad & Tobago - St. Augustine (Spring)

Learn about the integrative value of the arts in a richly diverse society, the economic and environmental challenges of development, and the commitment to the dignity of all peoples. Students from all disciplines are welcome; English-speaking nation; internship available.

PLU FEATURED PROGRAMS

PLU Featured Programs are aligned with PLU's mission, faculty-approved and offered in partnership with organizations and institutions throughout the world. Financial aid remains uninterrupted for participation in one PLU Featured Program.

Aberdeen, Scotland (U. of Aberdeen)

Aix-en-Provence, France (IAU)

Athens, Greece (CYA)

Belgrade, Serbia (SIT)

Berlin, Germany (IES Abroad)

Granada, Spain (ILACA)

Kigali, Rwanda (SIT)

Hobart, Australia (U. of Tasmania)

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (SIT)

Jaipur, India (SIT)

Kathmandu, Nepal (SIT)

Kerambitan, Bali, Indonesia (SIT)

London, England (GEO)

Milan, Italy (IES Abroad)

Monteverde, Costa Rica (CIEE)

New Delhi, India (SIT)

Rabat, Morocco (SIT)

Seoul, South Korea (CIEE)

Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (SIT)

Vienna, Austria (IES Abroad)

Wellington, New Zealand (Victoria U.)

APPROVED PROGRAMS

Approved programs are offered by 3rd party providers and are recommended for students that are unable to find an academically suitable program among PLU Gateway and Featured options. Students participating in an Approved program will receive adjusted financial aid based on the cost of the program.



Bahamas (photo by Aiden Tardiff)

SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

Short-term programs provide an opportunity for off-campus study lasting eight weeks or less during the summer, J-Term or spring break. Academic content, locations, and duration vary from year to year.

J-Term 2022 Offerings

J-Term study away courses are intensive academic experiences that are initiated, organized, and carried out by members of the PLU faculty. Program offerings change each year.

International

Austria, Czech Republic, Germany

Music Centers of the World MUSI 101 / MUSI 395

Bahamas

Tropical Marine Biology BIOL 369

England

IHON-Oxford J-Term Program IHON 250SA

England

Psychology of Expertise: London as a Case Study PSYC 483

Greece

Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean RELI 215

Mexico

Religion and Culture: Religious Diversity in Southern Mexico RELI 230

Namibia

Comparative Education EDUC 385

Northern Ireland

Public Memory and Social Identity in Northern Ireland SOCI 387 / ENGL 387

Rwanda

Genocide Memorialization and the Future of Rwanda HGST 387 / SOCW 387

Tobago

Social, Educational, and Health Services in Tobago SOCW 325

Uruguay

Intensive Spanish and Culture in Uruguay HISP 201, 202, 301 or 401

Add-on option: Tango in Uruguay PHED 276

Domestic

Neah Bay, Washington

Makah Culture Past and Present ANTH 192, ANTH 491

Please check the Wang Center website for prerequisites and alternative credit options.

Summer

For summer programs, please see the Wang Center website. Many of the Approved Program providers offer study away opportunities during the summer.

STUDY AWAY PLANNING

The Wang Center supports students during exploration, pre-departure, while they are away, and when they return.

EXPLORE

Students have many programs from which to choose. These resources help narrow the search:

- **Study Away Fairs** – *occur twice a year*
- **Study Away 101 Sessions** – *provide a basic overview of program types*
- **Wang Center Advisor** – *semester program advising*
- **PLU faculty course leaders** – *short-term program advising*
- **Wang Center website** – *plu.edu/studyaway*
- **Global Ambassadors** – *peer advising with study away alumni*

EVALUATE

Considering academic focus, personal and professional goals, duration, lifestyle, access to health and wellness, identities, location, and cost, students can help determine the best fit by discussing study away plans with their:

- Academic and Study Away Advisors
- Student Financial Services Specialist
- Family
- Support Team, which may include health professionals

APPLY

Submit well-prepared, professional and complete applications through the Wang Center's online system on or before the deadline.

Application Deadlines:

- Wang Center Research Grants – March 1
- Fall, Spring, Full-Year and Summer programs – March 15
- J-Term 2022 programs – April 15
- PLU Global Scholar Award – same deadline as the study away program applied for

PREPARE

All study away students are required to participate in Wang Center and program-specific pre-departure orientations and other online preparation. These orientations cover basic health and safety, logistics and essential cultural and personal preparation.

SOJOURN

Students challenge their perspective of the world and themselves by maximizing immersion in host communities. While away, the Wang Center provides ongoing support to students and is available in the case of an emergency.

REFLECT

Upon return, the Wang Center hosts Study Away Alumni Events and encourages students to submit entries to the annual Photo and Video Contest as a way to share their stories. Study Away Alumni are invited to apply for the leadership position of Wang Center Global Ambassador.



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