The Wang Center for Global and Community Engaged 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 both locally and globally.”

The Wang Center offers faculty development and grant opportunities, short- and long-term study away programs, on-campus programming on pressing world issues, and is committed to best practices when engaging with educational partners, both locally and globally.

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ABOUT US

At PLU, global engagement is a high priority, and many students choose to deepen their understanding of our globalized, interconnected world through short-term or semester 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 programs, Featured 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 Study Away 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.

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?

- Challenge Your Perspective
- Strengthen Your Self-Confidence and Independence
- Learn New Things About Your Own Culture
- Build Your Resume
- Learn Another Language
- Develop Communication and Intercultural Skills
- See and Experience a New Culture
- Increase Your Adaptability and Problem-Solving Abilities
- Explore Career Options Through Internships or Service Learning

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 PLU Gateway and Featured programs is the PLU comprehensive fee (tuition, room and board and student fees). Financial aid and scholarships apply.

- **TUITION**
- **HOUSING**
- **EMERGENCY INSURANCE**
- **$750 FLIGHT CREDIT FOR GATEWAY**
- **VISA FEE**
- **MEALS**
- **STUDY TOURS**

NOT INCLUDED

Air travel for Featured and Approved / Personal excursions / Books & supplies / Some Featured and Approved program excursions

* 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

See plu.edu/studyaway/funding to explore study away scholarships!
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.

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 at global.ambassadors@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 ’23 or Spring ’24: March 15, 2023
Applications open in November during International Education Week.

APPLY at studyaway.plu.edu

4. PREPARE
LEARN ABOUT HEALTH AND SAFETY, LOGISTICS AND CULTURAL PREPARATION
• Research your host destination and culture
• Attend all mandatory pre-departure orientations to learn about logistics, prepare for health and safety and cultural transitions
• Apply for a visa (when applicable) with support from the Wang Center (Gateway) or your program provider (Featured)

5. SOJOURN
• While away, take full advantage of the opportunities your program and host culture provide. Challenge your perspective!
• Share stories and photos of your experiences #LutesAway
• Practice sustainable living within the context of your host culture.

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 serve as 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.
**Bø**

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

**SEMESTER OFFERED**
Fall, Spring

**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

**CREDIT**
15-17 credits

**PROGRAM BASE**
Bø, Norway

**HOUSING**
Student residence hall, double room with bathroom

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION**
English

**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 Business, Environmental Studies, Kinesiology, Marketing and Management, Natural Sciences or Norwegian Language and Literature

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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 Xi’an, 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.

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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 for Fall

Credit
12-18 credits

Program Base
Chengdu, China

Housing
International student residence hall, double rooms with bathroom

Language of Instruction
English, Chinese (language courses only)
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.

plu.edu/studyaway
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

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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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

PROGRAM BASE
Oaxaca City, Mexico
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, shared kitchen

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
English
IHON-oxford
International Honors Program

Semester Offered
Fall, Spring

Prerequisites
Open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in good standing; 3.0 minimum GPA
Program designed for IHON students, but some non-IHON students may be admitted on a space-available basis, particularly in Fall semester

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 PLU student house

Language of Instruction
English

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 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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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 Orisha and Shouter Baptist festivals, the Muslim Hosay commemoration, and the world famous Trinidad Carnival

* Experience the traditional fishing village of Castara, Tobago, as it explores new directions in organic gardening, marine research, and sustainable tourism

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TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
Heritage, Cultural Fusion and Sustainability in the Southern Caribbean

SEMESTER OFFERED
Spring (Includes J-Term course)

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 and Tobago

HOUSING
University of the West Indies dormitory, double rooms

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
English
VESTFOLD
Kinesiology in Norway

SEMESTER OFFERED
Fall, Spring

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

CREDIT
15-17 credits

PROGRAM BASE
Vestfold, Norway

HOUSING
Student residence hall, double room with bathroom

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION
English

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’ gym and pool facilities or in the stunning natural setting with numerous outdoor recreation options

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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 multi-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 (Includes J-Term course)

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
STUDY AWAY AT PLU

**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

**INCLUSIVE** programs provide immersion experiences for all students