

STUDY AWAY



PIU STUDENT GUIDE



CULTURE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION

Expand your worldview, build confidence, and stand out after graduation. Research shows that studying away can do all this—and more. As a globally focused university, PLU believes these life-changing opportunities should be for all students. That's why we offer a wide range of programs both abroad and in the U.S. at various cost levels, with strong scholarship support. We encourage you to explore the interconnectedness of our world, sharpen your communication and critical thinking skills, and gain a global perspective—all while staying on track to graduate.

Take your education further—across borders, across cultures, across disciplines. Where will PLU take you?

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 off-campus learning opportunities both **globally and locally**. 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, nation, and the world. |

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, the Wang Center aims 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. |

INTERNSHIPS

Many semester programs offer the option of pursuing a credit-bearing internship allowing you to progress toward your academic degree while building valuable employment experience in fields related to your academic, professional, and personal interests. |

FUNDING

You can apply your full financial aid and scholarships toward multiple Gateway semester programs and one Featured semester program. For semester study away, students continue to pay PLU tuition, room and board, and student fees. Each J-Term study away course has a set program fee averaging around \$5,500, which includes airfare. Check out the J-Term program brochures for specific details on what each fee covers, and keep in mind that these program fees are an out-of-pocket, additional expense for students. Plan ahead and start saving early! |

PLU GLOBAL SCHOLAR AWARD

The Global Scholar Award helps students with documented financial need make study away possible on Gateway semester or J-Term programs. For PLU Gateway study away programs, awardees receive \$1,500 to be used for expenses not included in the program fee. For PLU J-Term faculty-led study away programs, awardees receive a 25% reduction of the published program fee. While not eligible for the Global Scholar Award, students on Featured programs often have access to scholarships offered by the program provider or host university. |

PELL GRANT RECIPIENT SCHOLARSHIP

Students who receive a Pell Grant are eligible to apply for the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program. This is a competitive scholarship funded by the US Department of State, with awards of up to \$5,000. Learn more at plu.edu/studyaway/gilman. |

WANG CENTER RESEARCH GRANTS

Each year, grants are awarded to qualified students, faculty, and student-faculty research teams. Students with significant cross-cultural experiences 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. |



"Norway is an amazing country in many ways... but more beautiful are the people and institutions that protect the strong values embedded in the culture."

I had the opportunity to witness firsthand how important ethics, peace, and doing what is right are to the people of Norway. I came to understand that their values are central to how they do and see everything.

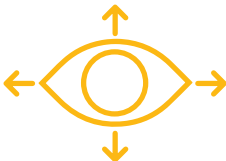
I was able to make friends with people from all different backgrounds and from all over the world, and I was able to navigate in places where I did not speak the language. The reality is that most people want to help you and be there if you only just ask."

-DELANEY MCFARLAND
(Oslo Gateway Program, Fall 2025)

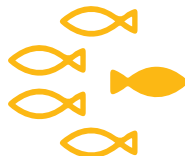


WHY STUDY AWAY?

**CHALLENGE YOUR
PERSPECTIVE**



**STRENGTHEN YOUR
SELF-CONFIDENCE AND
INDEPENDENCE**



**BUILD YOUR
RESUME**



**DEVELOP
COMMUNICATION
AND INTERCULTURAL
SKILLS**



**MAKE LIFE-LONG
FRIENDS AND
GROW A NETWORK
ACROSS THE
GLOBE**



**INCREASE YOUR
ADAPTABILITY AND
PROBLEM-SOLVING
ABILITIES**



**EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS
THROUGH INTERNSHIPS OR
SERVICE LEARNING**



**SEE AND
EXPERIENCE A
NEW CULTURE**



**LEARN ANOTHER
LANGUAGE**



**LEARN NEW
THINGS ABOUT
YOUR OWN
CULTURE**



PLANNING YOUR STUDY AWAY ADVENTURE

The Wang Center supports students throughout the study away process. Here is an overview of what to expect.

EXPLORE

You have many program options! Start at [**plu.edu/studyaway/explore**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/explore) to search for programs by academic discipline (major/minor) and program length, and then schedule a study away advising appointment at [**plu.edu/studyaway/advising**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/advising). There are three program types to explore:

- PLU Gateway Semester
- Featured Semester
- PLU Short-Term

EVALUATE

While you explore program options, go to [**plu.edu/studyaway/explore**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/explore) to learn about what you should consider when choosing which program to apply for, such as academic focus, personal and professional goals, duration, lifestyle, health and wellness needs, identities, location, and cost. In addition to talking with a Study Away Advisor, you can help determine the best program for you by consulting your:

- Academic Advisor(s)
- Student Financial Services Specialist
- Family
- Support Team, which could include the Office of Accessibility and Accommodation, health and/or mental health professionals

APPLY

Submit a well-prepared, professional, and complete application through the Wang Center's online system on or before the deadline. Learn about the application process at [**plu.edu/studyaway/apply**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/apply).

Application Deadlines:

- Fall, Spring, and Summer programs — March 1
- J-Term programs — April 15
- PLU Global Scholar Award — same deadline as the study away program applied for

Semester applications open in September.
J-Term applications open in February.

Apply for Funding: Visit [**plu.edu/studyaway/funding**](https://plu.edu/studyaway/funding) for a list of scholarships.

PREPARE

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

SOJOURN

You will challenge your perspective of the world and yourself by maximizing immersion in host communities. While you are away, the Wang Center is here to support you through it all and is available in case of an emergency.

REFLECT

Upon your return, the Wang Center encourages you to submit entries to the annual Photo and Video Contest as a meaningful way to showcase your journey, tell your story, and reflect on your time away. You are also invited to apply for the Wang Center Global Ambassador leadership role.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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



TUITION



HOUSING



VISA FEE*



STUDY TOURS**



MEALS



NOT INCLUDED

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



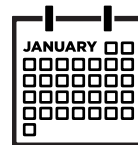
**EMERGENCY
INSURANCE**

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

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

***Flight Credit Policy Updates (Effective Fall 2027)

- First-time Gateway program participants receive a \$750 flight credit.
- Norway Gateway Exception: In lieu of a flight credit, students enrolled in Norway Gateway programs will automatically receive a \$2,500 Scandinavia Initiative Travel Grant to help fund their air travel.

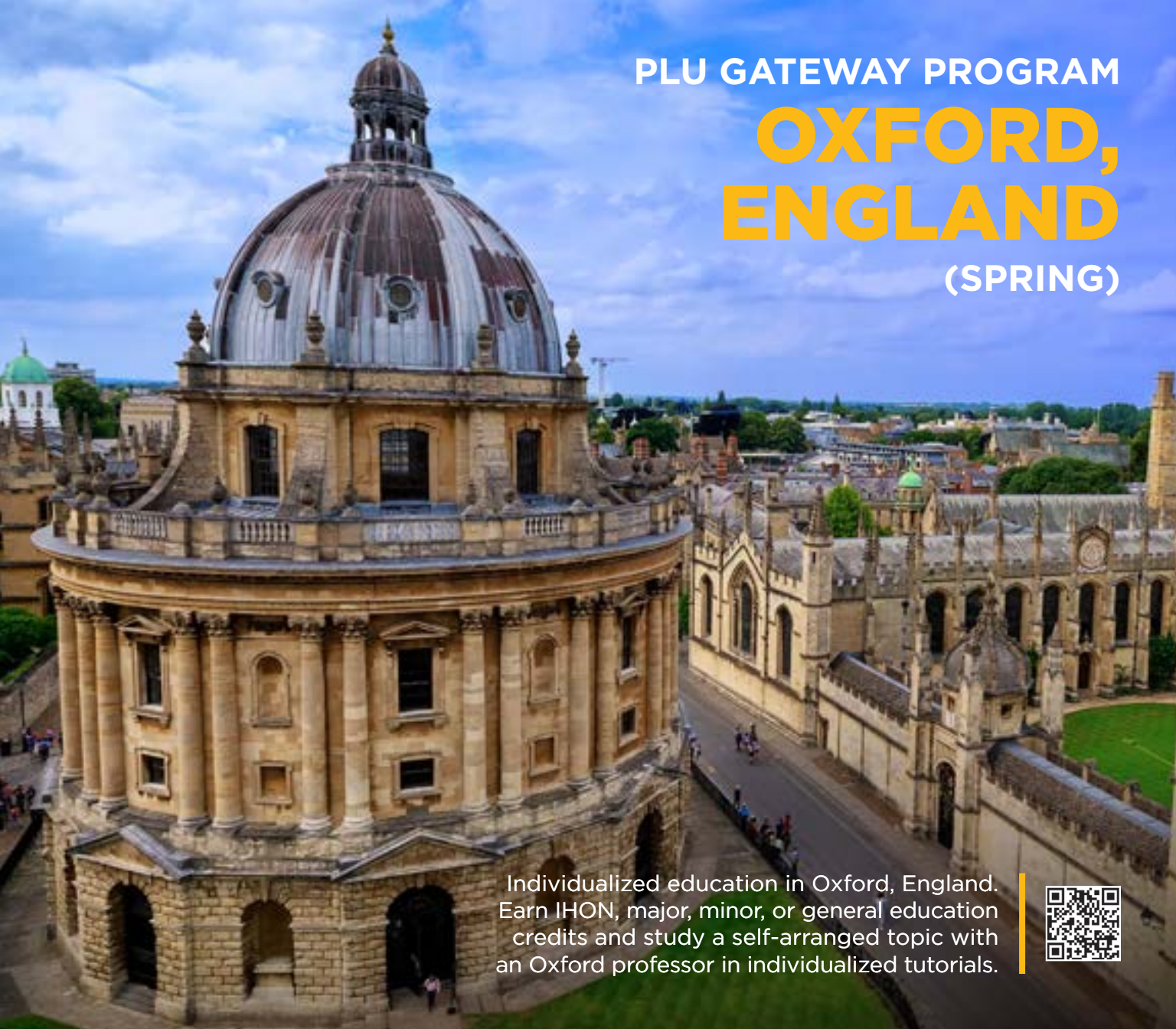


The cost for **PLU J-Term programs** varies by program. The J-Term program fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Lodging
- Instruction
- Program activities
- Program-related ground transportation
- Some meals, and
- Emergency medical insurance

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





PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM

OXFORD, ENGLAND

(SPRING)

Individualized education in Oxford, England. Earn IHON, major, minor, or general education credits and study a self-arranged topic with an Oxford professor in individualized tutorials.





PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM **OAXACA, MEXICO** (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 included.





An ideal location for cultural immersion. Students across the humanities (such as anthropology, history, and literature), education, natural science, and social science enroll in coursework at the University of Namibia. Research, internship, and practicum options available. English-speaking country.

PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA
(SPRING)



PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM **OSLO, NORWAY** (FALL)

Focus on Norway's approach to conflict mediation, peace building, and relationships with developing nations. Using lenses of political science and psychology, explore the role of media, religion, and government institutions in Norwegian society and beyond. Research opportunities in psychology are also offered. No previous Norwegian language study required. Accepted students receive a \$2,500 Scandinavia Initiative Travel Grant.





Focus on business, biology, kinesiology, Nordic studies, and sustainability. Norwegian language classes are available at all levels, other coursework is taught in English. No previous Norwegian language study required. Accepted students receive a \$2,500 Scandinavia Initiative Travel Grant.

PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM

**BØ OR VESTFOLD,
NORWAY**

(FALL OR SPRING)

PLU GATEWAY PROGRAM

ST. AUGUSTINE, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

(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 country; internship available.

FEATURED SEMESTER 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 and scholarships remain uninterrupted for participation in one Featured Program. |

Aberdeen, Scotland (U. of Aberdeen)
Aix-en-Provence, France (IAU)
Athens, Greece (CYA)~
Belgrade, Serbia (SIT)~
Florence, Italy (IAU)
Granada, Spain (ILACA)
Hobart, Australia (U. of Tasmania)
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam (SIT)~

Kathmandu, Nepal (SIT)~
Kerambitan, Bali, Indonesia (SIT)~
London, England (GEO)~
Monteverde, Costa Rica (CIEE)~
New Delhi, India (SIT)~
Rabat, Morocco (SIT)~
Seoul, South Korea (CIEE)
Shanghai, China (CIEE)

Vienna, Austria (IES Abroad)~
Wellington, New Zealand
(Victoria U.)
Washington D.C., USA (LCWS)*

**Domestic Featured Program
~Low placement probability*

Additional semester program options may be available by petition process. Contact the Wang Center for information.



SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS

Short-term programs provide an opportunity for off-campus study lasting eight weeks or less during J-Term, Spring Break, or Summer. |

J-TERM 2027 STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS

J-Term study away courses are intensive academic experiences that are initiated, organized, and carried out by PLU faculty. Program offerings change each year. Programs listed below are being offered in January of 2027. Programs available for J-Term 2028 will be published in January of 2027. |

INTERNATIONAL

Bahamas

BIOL 363: Tropical Marine Ecology

China

CHSP 287: Scripts and Artifacts: Learning Chinese Writing Through Museums and Archaeological Sites

Czechia, Germany, Hungary, Poland

ENGL 397: Gender, Memory, and the Holocaust in Prague, Berlin, Budapest, and Krakow

England

ARTD 383/IHON 260: The Arts and Society: How Museums Make Meaning

France

FREN 288/388: Pocket Paris | Paris Poche

Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland

ENGL 387: Memory, Identity, and Conflict in Northern Ireland

Tobago

SOCW 325: Social, Health, and Educational Services in Tobago

Uruguay

HISP 201/202/331/403: Intensive Spanish and Culture in Uruguay
FTWL 276: Tango in Uruguay (1 credit add-on option)

SPECIAL SHORT-TERM PROGRAM OFFERING

Italy

MUSI 387: Music and the Cultural Heritage of Italy
Spring 2027 course on campus with 14 days of travel in early June.

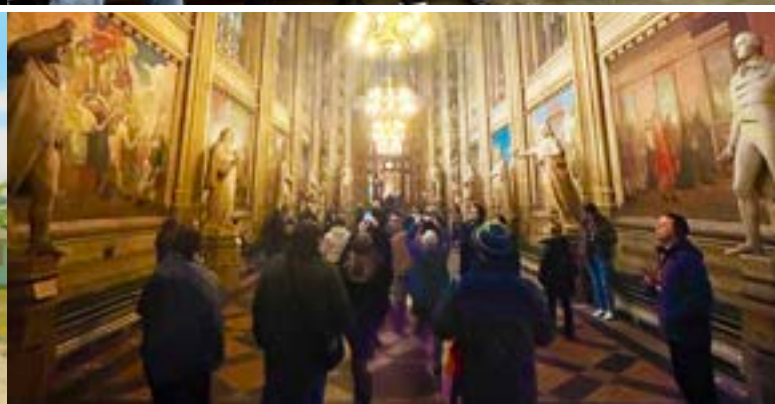


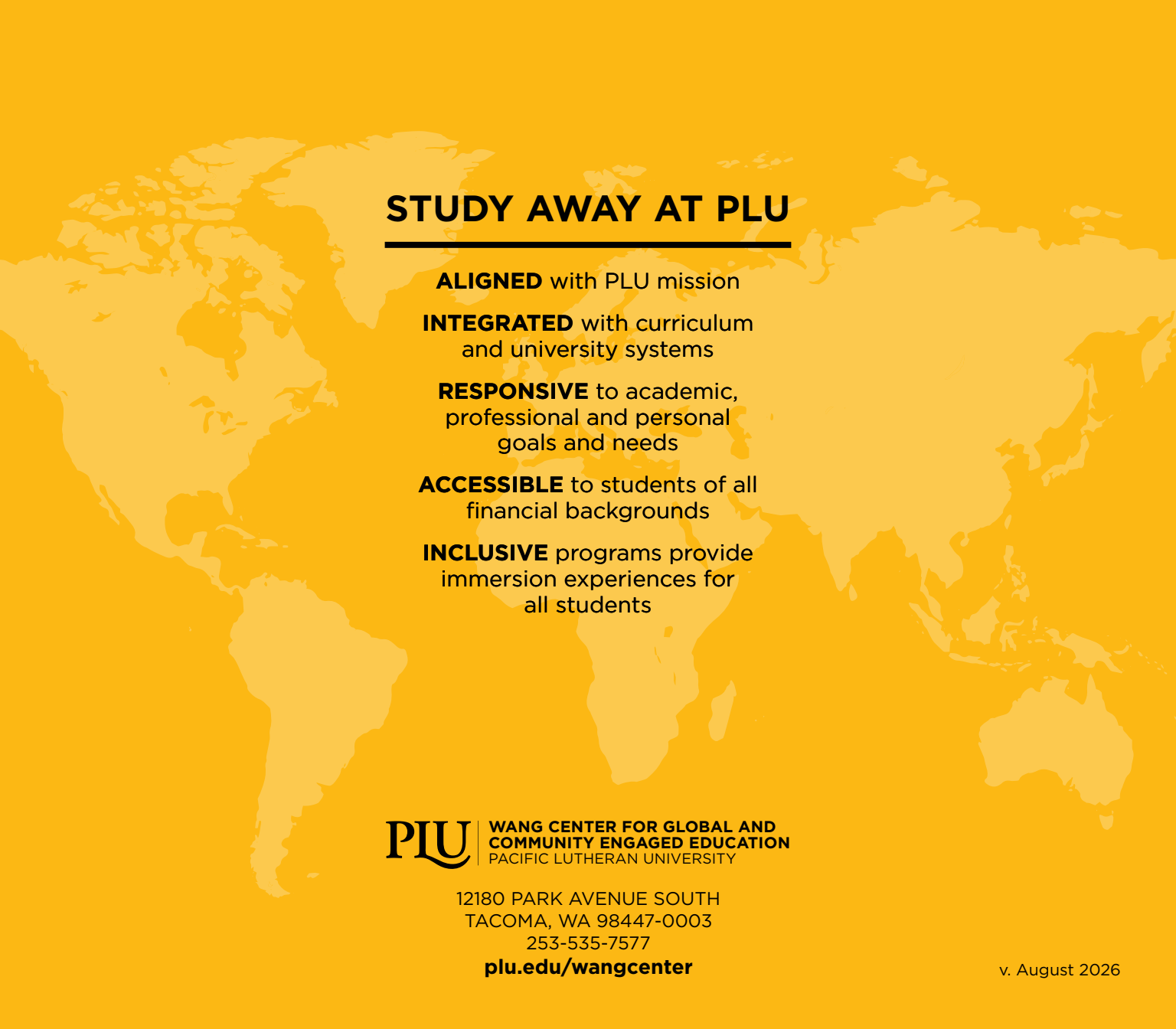
For additional program information, application, and program fees.



"I think the most rewarding experience was connecting with new people who I would have never had the chance to meet with before. I learned so much about myself and learned that there is so much world out there to explore. The way that the art still touched me, the food still tasted delicious, and the jokes still made me laugh. Even thousands of miles away, we still have so much in common, and that understanding has changed me as a person, and I now want to seek new places and people even more."

-JOSEPH STITZEL (MUSI 387: The Music and Culture of Italy, Summer 2024)





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



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