EDUCATION ABROAD

The Office of Education Abroad, located in the Center for International Programs (CIP), guides students pursuing an educational experience outside the United States. Whether the student wishes to attend a program through the University of Dayton or through another institution, our education abroad staff assist with the application process and prepares students through a pre-departure orientation. The education abroad staff also offer a re-entry program to students returning to the U.S.

A variety of international education programs are available through the University of Dayton, including: summer, semester and full-year study abroad programs, the Semester Abroad and Intercultural Leadership (SAIL) program's international service opportunities and work experiences; and intercultural programming.

Summer Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs - Interdisciplinary

Summer Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs, offered through the CIP, are a unique study and travel experience. Students choose from a variety of sites during the months of May, June and July, and spend approximately three to five weeks at each program site. While abroad, students select courses from a variety of disciplines and use on-site resources to guide and enhance their learning experience. Typically, courses are taught by University of Dayton professors. By choosing to study at two different sites for a total of 6-10 weeks, students can earn up to a full semester of credits. Past sites have included Argentina, Ireland, Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Summer Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs - Disciplinary

Students may also participate in a Summer Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program to focus on a particular area of study. These programs are offered on a regular basis. Past summer options included programs in business, teacher education, engineering, communication and psychology. Past sites have included Chile, France, Germany and Peru.

Language majors or minors can develop their spoken and written foreign language skills through summer language immersion programs. Students can improve their foreign language skills while integrating personal experiences and discoveries with material discussed in class lectures. University of Dayton professors design the courses to incorporate contemporary use of the language and explore the culture, government and history of the city and nation in which they are teaching.

Semester/Academic-Year Education Abroad

The University of Dayton has developed partnerships and participates in exchange agreements with several overseas institutions. In addition to University of Dayton tuition, students are responsible for their room and board in the host country, international travel and personal expenses. There are some programs where board may be included. Most financial aid (including institutional scholarships and grants) applies to exchange programs.

Students may also participate in an innovative program called SAIL (https://www.udayton.edu/international/ed_abroad_partners_exchanges/sail.php) (Semester Abroad and Intercultural Leadership). SAIL is a year-long education abroad and leadership development program that entails a fall semester abroad at one of three study abroad sites in China, Ireland, or Spain, followed by participation in a semester intercultural leadership program that includes special housing during the subsequent spring semester. The SAIL program is designed to allow students to study abroad for the same cost as a semester on campus. Students pay the same amount for their fall semester abroad as they would a semester at UD (tuition, room and board). Most financial aid packages still apply. In addition, students accepted into the SAIL program are eligible for a $3,000 scholarship to help fund their experience.

Other Opportunities

University of Dayton students can study abroad in many countries through other U.S. colleges and universities, study abroad organizations or overseas universities. Program costs for these programs generally include tuition, room and board in the host country, international travel and personal expenses. Aid for non-University of Dayton sponsored programs is limited. Through these programs, University of Dayton students can study in places such as Argentina, Australia, Austria, China, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Spain, the United Kingdom and many other countries.

Cultural Immersions & Service-Learning Abroad

The Center for Social Concern offers opportunities for students to combine service-learning with their education abroad experience. The International Summer Immersion programs introduce students to the country's way of life through job placements, interaction with host families and travel through the country. Past destinations have included India, Cameroon, Guatemala and Zambia. The Center for Social Concern also coordinates week-long international service programs during the University's winter break.

The ETHOS Center offers various service opportunities in cities within Latin America, Africa, India, China and Bangladesh, as well as domestic placements. Through the ETHOS Center’s International Service Learning Placements, students participate in an 8- to 16-week service-learning internship. These internships involve working with NGOs or cottage industries doing engineering- and/or business-related work. The program is operated by the School of Engineering’s ETHOS Center and is open to both engineering and business majors. Students from other majors may participate by permission.

Other service learning opportunities are available on an annual basis and students are encouraged to visit the Center for International Programs for more information.

Release Agreement and Travel Registration

All students participating in a university-sponsored international program must complete the Release and Agreement Form which releases the University from liability for claims including, but not limited to, injury, delay and damage while abroad. As part of this agreement, the student agrees to abide by the University's standards of behavior while in the host country or countries. Students are also required to complete the Student Health Information and Emergency Treatment Authorization Form which requests medical information and the Behavioral Contract which outlines the institution's expectations for behavior while abroad. Depending on the program, students may need to complete the Authorization Form in order to transfer academic credit earned as part of a study abroad program to the University of Dayton.

Additionally, all University of Dayton faculty and staff traveling abroad for research or other business-related trips are required to complete the online International Travel Registry (https://studioabroad.udayton.edu/index.cfm?
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FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=0&Link_ID=0D9A3C68-26B9-58D3-F5850D4C047AFAA) prior to their departure. The University-wide travel registry allows the University to remain in close contact with faculty and staff should they need assistance while abroad and also monitor frequency and type of travel by university employees for business purposes. Students participating on a university-sponsored international program are automatically registered with the University when they have completed an online application with the Office of Education Abroad. Additionally, all students participating in an individual exchange or non-University-sponsored program are required to register with the U.S. State Department. Traveling faculty and staff are also encouraged to register with the U.S. State Department prior to business-related travel.

International SOS

The University of Dayton has contracted with International SOS (SOS) to provide worldwide medical, travel and security assistance and evacuation services for all faculty, staff and students participating in university-related international travel. Services include up-to-date reports on safety and security, health issues, medical referrals and vaccination requirements for individual countries. SOS offers UD travelers and their dependents travel, medical and security advice and services and protects against a variety of difficulties that could arise while abroad; however, the SOS is not a health insurance provider. The University of Dayton continues to require all students studying abroad, or faculty and staff traveling abroad on business, to maintain adequate health insurance coverage while oversea and expects students, faculty and staff to ensure that their policies cover them, and any specific personal issues, while abroad.

For additional information about the UD International Travel Policy, please click here (https://www.udayton.edu/international/ed_abroad_partners_exchanges/travel_policy.php).