

Study Abroad

at Centre College

At many liberal arts colleges, 15 to 20 percent of the students study abroad before they graduate. At Centre, an astonishing 80 to 85 percent study abroad. And most of Centre's programs are led by a Centre professor with first-hand knowledge of the country.

Centre's study-abroad programs let you live and learn just like a local at an array of locations around the globe. For a full term, students can venture to China, England, France, Mexico, Northern Ireland, Japan or Spain. If you seek a more short-term experience, try one of our CentreTerm (three-week term in January) courses abroad. When else will you have the chance to explore destinations across the globe with a Centre professor who is an expert on the region?

Centre College is committed to transforming its students into global citizens, and this commitment has led to the College being ranked No. 7 in the nation (in a two-way tie) in the 2010 *U.S. News & World Report* college rankings for percentage of students who study abroad.

Unlike most schools offering study abroad programs, Centre completely runs and staffs its own long-term, residential programs, which are located in Strasbourg, France; Merida, Mexico; and London, England. In each of these cities, students live with fellow Centre students and are taught by Centre professors.

For those who wish to study abroad independently for a term or two, Centre offers exchange programs with schools in China, Japan, Spain and Northern Ireland.

Semester-Long Options

Lleida, Spain. The Centre-in-Spain option is a very selective and unique program for up to two Spanish majors to participate in each fall at the University of Lleida. The only opportunity of its kind, students live in apartments in the city and take all of their courses in Spanish at the University.

London, England. Each Spring, Centre students can travel to London, live in flats in the Bloomsbury district of central London and take courses taught by both Centre professors and local academic experts in theater and British government. This city of eight million becomes both classroom and laboratory with field trips to theaters, neighborhoods, museums, concerts, palaces, literary sites, restaurants, and more.

Merida, Mexico. The Centre-in-Yucatan program is based in Merida, a beautiful city of one million founded in 1542. The capital city of the Yucatan, Merida is located near both the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. It is the birthplace of the ancient Mayan civilization, famed for its architecture, city planning, and hieroglyphic writing system. Students live in home stays around the city.



Each semester, the Centre-in-London students take a group trip to Paris, where they spend three or four days immersing themselves in the French culture. "Studying abroad means an adventure every day," says Polly Furth '10, far left.

Northern Ireland. Students can participate in this exchange and apply to attend one of three Northern Ireland universities, including Queen's and Ulster. Students live in the international dormitory on campus and enroll in classes at the university covering a variety of topics including culture, history, and economics of the region.

Reading, England. Each fall, Centre students join British and other international students for a term at the University of Reading (pronounced Redding). The University is located on a tree-lined estate less than 30 minutes by train from Paddington station-London.

Shanghai, China. Students take courses in Shanghai in Chinese Conversation (Mandarin), Chinese Culture, and Asian Economics. Students live on Shanghai University's spacious Yanchang campus in newly refurbished suites with four single rooms and for a term become citizens of this thriving city of 20 million.

Strasbourg, France. Our Centre-in-Strasbourg program is based at the crossroads of Europe, in the city of Strasbourg, France, just across the Rhine from Germany. Within a radius of 375 miles, you can travel to 12 countries, including Austria, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland. The city is the center for European research, policy development, and home to the European Parliament.



India is one of the many countries students can visit during the three-week CentreTerm; other locations include Bali, Bahamas, Barbados, Cameroon, Catalonia, China, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Greece, Hawaii, Israel and Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, Peru, Puerto Rico, Turkey, and Vietnam.

Yamaguchi, Japan. The Centre-in-Japan program is at the Yamaguchi Prefectural University, a small university in the Western ancient capital of the Ouchi culture. Students take courses at the university and live in suite-style dorm rooms on campus. Students who have participated have been extraordinarily pleased with the truly global experience they have had in this unique program, which begins at the very end of September and runs through most of January. There is no Japanese language prerequisite for the program but those who will have studied at least a year of Japanese will be given strong preference.

CentreTerm

Centre offers a number of options each year for study during CentreTerm. The 2010 winter term included programs in Bali, China, Costa Rica, Mexico and New Zealand. For 2011 students will be able to choose among the following options: Bahamas, Barbados, Cameroon, Catalonia, El Salvador, Greece, Israel and Jordan, India and Nepal, Mexico, Peru and Vietnam.

Summer Options

For students who cannot take a regular semester or CentreTerm to study abroad Centre has created two three-week early summer options. The programs begin the day after commencement in mid May. The total cost is not only inexpensive, but includes airfare, accommodations and academic travel.

Strasbourg, France. Travel and study for three weeks the culture, language and history of the Rhine region. Students live in apartments in the city and the program concludes with an excursion to Paris.

Merida, Mexico. During this three-week program students live in home stays and take a course on the culture and history of the rich Mayan region. There is one free weekend for individual travel and a group excursion to nearby ruins.

Kentucky Institute for International Studies. Summer programs all over the world through KIIS provide academic credit and a great value for students who wish to study abroad during the summer in such places as Argentina, Austria, Brazil, China,

Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Germany, Greece, Italy, Spain, and elsewhere.

Who can go?

All Centre residential programs are open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors of any major. Alert: students who think they would like to go abroad should plan early in order to be able to complete required courses offered only on the Danville campus—especially science and education majors and students participating in ROTC.

Do I have to be a language major or minor?

No, the programs are specifically created to welcome non-language majors. The only one that does require the language is our program in Spain. All the other opportunities include both a regular language course and enough “survival language” that students are able to participate fully, regardless of their major or minor.

How much does it cost?

The cost (tuition and fees, room and board) for all of the semester programs is the same as for study in Danville. All of your scholarship and financial aid arrangements remain in place. Extra costs include roundtrip plane ticket and whatever you need for additional travel and incidentals. (Many students travel on weekends, but others prefer to get to know the locals and hot spots of their home city.)

Costs for the short term and early summer Centre programs run between \$1,800 and \$3,800 (depending on the location).

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