

EDUCATION ABROAD

Want to travel outside of the U.S.
and earn university credits?



Photo: Amanda Osborne, AFS

Planning your Study Abroad Experience

Study Abroad is an important facet of higher education. Most financial aid is transferable and scholarships are available for study abroad. Students in every major are eligible to study abroad, with the exception of Nursing Pre-Licensure, and Dual Degree Engineering cohorts. Stockton University students have three options available to choose from when deciding on which path to take for foreign study: Semester abroad via a Third-Party Provider, or via an Academic Exchange Program; Faculty Led Programs; and Program Petition.



Photo: Alejandra Londono, Semester at sea

Scholarships and Financial Aid are available to offset costs!

If Scholarships and Financial Aid are not enough, students can apply for additional funding, such as alternative loans or crowd funding. The Financial Aid Office will confirm the student's financial aid awards and submit the necessary forms to the Study Abroad Program Provider. Students must provide a copy of their invoice (supplied by the Study Abroad Program Provider) to the Bursar's Office.

Financial Aid Award

- Develop a cost sheet with the OGE to approximate your total program cost. Verify your financial aid with the Financial Aid Office and submit your official invoice to the Bursar's Office.
- Once financial aid is disbursed to the University, the Bursar's Office will provide payment directly to the Study Abroad Provider.

Education Loans

- To apply for alternative loans, go to the Education Loans link on the Financial Aid Website

Study Abroad Provider Scholarships and Discounts

- Apply for scholarships with your provider and take advantage of many discounts they offer.

Non-Provider Scholarships and Grants

- Many organizations offer scholarships and grants that most study abroad applicants will qualify for, such as: Amy Adina Schulman Memorial Fund, Benjamin A. GILMAN International Scholarship, Boren Awards, Funds for Education Abroad Scholarship, Study Abroad Europe, Youth for Understanding Scholarship and many others. Visit www.StudyAbroad.com for more scholarship options.

Be Creative and Proactive

- It's never too early to start saving. Open a Study Abroad savings account, and set aside money on a regular basis. Also consider fundraising projects, such as www.fundmytravel.com

Benefits of Study Abroad

- Experience a foreign culture
- Develop worldwide relationships and networks
- Increase language and cross-cultural communication skills
- Gain global perspectives and broaden your horizon
- Improve, learn and refine decision making and problem solving skills
- Increase your employment prospects
- Improve your professional potential and network your future
- Explore your heritage and gain new perspective on your own country

*Study Abroad is offered in
spring, summer, fall, and
yearlong programs.*

Choose From One Of The Three Study Abroad Options

1. Semester Study Abroad

Third-Party Provider Programs

Students pay tuition, fees and housing costs to the Provider.

Third-party providers are independent companies with whom Stockton University is affiliated. These companies create a study abroad program for students, by partnering with universities in foreign countries and contracting housing abroad. Students work with Stockton's study abroad advisor and the Provider program coordinator on their applications for housing and curriculum enrollment. The Provider issues guidance on visa acquisition, delivers on-site orientation and services, and offers excursions. Therefore, students studying abroad with a Provider become the Provider's student, not a foreign university's student. Students pay tuition, fees and housing costs to the Provider.

Provider programs are a good choice for students who are used to high level of student services and wish to have more hands-on guidance before and during their international experience.

Stockton offers a choice of the following approved providers:



Academic Exchange Programs

Students pay tuition and fees to Stockton, and housing and meals on arrival. These programs are typically more affordable than third party provider programs.

Exchange programs are study abroad options based on an exchange agreement between Stockton University and a foreign institution. Here, students direct enroll into the foreign university and become their international exchange student. The Academic Exchange Partner provides students with curriculum, housing, international student orientation, academic advising and many other services U.S. students come to expect from their home institutions. Academic Exchange-bound students work with their Stockton study abroad advisor and the Exchange Partner advisor on their academic qualifications, housing, health insurance and visa acquisition. The Exchange Partner offers international student orientation upon arrival and administers an intercultural immersion program (trips/excursions) to enhance the intercultural integration and acculturation of the student.

Stockton offers the following Academic Exchange Programs:

- CQUniversity (Australia)
- European University Cyprus (Cyprus)
- La Rochelle Business School (France)
- National Chiayi University (Taiwan)
- Rikkyo University (Japan)
- Universidad del Rosario (Colombia)

2. Faculty Led Programs (FLP)

Faculty led programs are another good alternative for adding an international experience to your education. Many students test their wings with an FLP and then go abroad for a semester.

FLPs are Stockton courses that include a mandatory short-term period of study abroad, usually 10 days to two weeks, with the faculty member. The trip abroad may occur during winter break, spring break or at the end of the spring term. The tuition for these courses is covered within the normal 12-20 credit tuition rates; however, students pay a program fee based on the cost of the trip abroad. Program fees vary from \$2,500 to \$4,500 depending on the destination.

The portfolio of FLP's is continuously changing, as faculty do not lead the same programs every year. The enrollment qualification is based on an in-person interview and evaluation prior to course enrollment. Stockton currently offers the following faculty led programs:

- **Asia Minor**
Hellenic Studies
Dr. Papademetriou, *Professor of History*
- **Brazil**
International Sustainable Development
Dr. Chirenje, *Assoc. Professor of Environment Studies*
- **Crete, Greece**
Agroecotourism & Sustainable Tourism
Dr. Cavaliere, *Asst. Professor of Hospitality & Tourism Management Studies*
- **Colombia**
Occupational Therapy Research, GR
Dr. Schindler, *Professor of Occupational Therapy*
- **Dominica**
Tourism and Development
Dr. Moscovici, *Assoc. Professor of Environmental Science & Geology*
- **Ecuador**
International Sustainable Development
Dr. Chirenje, *Assoc. Professor of Environment Studies*
- **Guatemala**
Child Migration & US Immigration Policy, GR
Dr. Hernandez-Mekonnen, *Assoc. Professor of Social Work*
- **Greece**
Greece Field Study
Dr. Moscovici, *Assoc. Professor of Environmental Science & Geology*
- **Italy**
Hospitality & Tourism Study Tour
Dr. Albano, *Assoc. Professor of Hospitality & Tourism Management Studies*
- **Italy**
Study Tour of Ancient Rome
Dr. Panagakos, *Asst. Professor of Classics and*
Dr. Zucconi, *Professor of History*
- **Japan**
Japanese Art & Culture Kabuki to Manga
Dr. Ogden, *Professor of Art History and*
Dr. Ueno, *Professor of Art*
- **Senegal**
West Africa Now
Dr. Allison, *Professor of Communications*
- **South Africa**
South Africa Now
Dr. Barney, *Assoc. Professor of Social Work*
- **Spain**
Hospitality & Tourism Management Study Tour
Dr. Albano, *Assoc. Professor of Hospitality & Tourism Management Studies*
- **Spain**
Spanish Language & Culture
Dr. Sanchez, *Assoc. Professor of Spanish*
- **Taiwan**
Any combination of two (2) pre-approved printmaking courses
Dr. Chang, *Asst. Professor of Art and*
Dr. Smith, *Asst. Professor of Art*

3. Program Petition

Students who seek a very specific opportunity not otherwise available via the approved modes of study abroad, have an option to petition the University for permission to earn academic credit via an unapproved program provider (stand-alone university, or third-party organization).

Stockton University reviews and approves programs based on standards of good practice in the field of study abroad, with the aid of the Study Abroad Committee. For more information on the Program Petition, please visit our website at [www.stockton.edu/globalengagement/education abroad](http://www.stockton.edu/globalengagement/education%20abroad)

Pathway to Study Abroad

Studying Abroad is the act of a student pursuing educational opportunities in a country other than one's own. Only 2% of the undergraduate student population in the United States ever study abroad!

Steps toward making study abroad a reality:

Step #1. Make a Decision to Go Abroad.

Research has shown that through study abroad, students can gain a better understanding of themselves and of their culture, as they experience improved ability to evaluate elements of their own culture in an unbiased manner. It has also shown that 96% of students have experience as increase in self-confidence, 97% feel more mature, and 98% understand their own values more clearly.

To go abroad, Stockton students must complete at least 1 semester of study, have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, and demonstrate an ability to thrive in an unfamiliar setting.

Step #2. Research How to Apply, Available Programs and Destinations

1. Go to www.stockton.edu/globalengagement > Education Abroad
2. Watch the **Education Abroad 101 videos** to understand the application, financial, course, and other essential information
3. **Attend the Education Abroad 101 Workshop** (hosts monthly)
4. Search available programs by going to:
 - a. www.Stockton.edu/studyabroad => Getting Started => Search Programs, **OR**
 - b. Stockton GoPortal => Student_Life => Study Abroad Application => Programs
5. *Preselect your criteria based on destinations, language of instruction, area of study, etc. of your choice.*
6. Make an appointment with the Study Abroad Advisor to create your cost sheet. Please send an email to Natalja.Manger@Stockton.edu, providing your weekly availability, major, semester of study and name of program(s).

Step #3. Apply to Go Abroad.

When you know where and when you will be studying abroad you will need to create a Stockton Study Abroad Application:

GoPortal >

Student_Life >

Study Abroad Application >

click **Log in** >

Search your programs of interest >

Apply now

Step #4. Travel Abroad!!!

These 4 easy steps outline Stockton's Study Abroad procedure. The Office of Global Engagement is here to help you with any questions you may have associated with the application process, provider services, available programs and much more!

If you already attended the Education Abroad 101 Workshop and still have questions, please contact the Office of Global Engagement or email Natalja to schedule an appointment.

For more information, contact the Office of Global Engagement at: oge@stockton.edu

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International Students

Stockton University proudly offers the following services to our international students.



Students Advising

Maintaining Lawful Status
Employment Requirements
Program Extension
Travel Regulations
Transfer of Records
Global Ambassador Program

Student Services

Cultural Immersion Activities
Driver's License Acquisition
Health Insurance Options
Housing & Transportation
Obtaining Social Security Card



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