College of Architecture

Semester Away
More Information

http://www.arch.tamu.edu/undergraduate/study-abroad/

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Each College of Architecture Student is required to complete one “semester away.”

Integrated into degree plans: won’t require extra time

- Construction Science students typically have an internship during a long semester (fall or spring), although an option for a combo study abroad with internship exists, too.

- University Studies in Architecture (USAR) majors have a mandatory study abroad (should be on a summer session)

- Environmental Design/Landscape Architecture and Planning/Visualization Options on next slide
Must be a long semester (Spring or Fall) typically in the 3rd year

Qualifying activities:
- Approved Internship Programs
- Reciprocal Exchange Program (REEP) with a partnered University
- Enroll independently at another University (domestic or foreign)
- College of Architecture Study Abroad Program
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Study Abroad Options
Italy

- Santa Chiara Center
  - Dorms
  - Dining Hall
  - Classrooms, etc.
  - Courses by TAMU and Italian Faculty
- Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy
- ENDS (fall & spring) and VIZA (fall)
Medieval Tuscan Hill Town: Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy
Germany

- AIB Academy for International Education
- Host Families with Meals
- Classrooms at AIB
- Courses by TAMU and German Faculty
- Bonn, Germany
- VIZA (spring), LAUP (fall)
- USAR (Summer 1 & 2)
Bonn, Germany
On the Rhine River
Visualization Students in Germany Spring 2016
Spain

- Barcelona Architecture Center
- Classrooms
- Dorms separate from Classroom facilities
- Courses by TAMU & Spanish Faculty
- Barcelona, Spain
- ENDS (fall & spring)
- USAR (Summer 1 & 2)
RESA- Dormitory in Barcelona
Architecture Students in Spain Fall 2015
United Kingdom

- Study Abroad & Internship experience
- Taught by TAMU faculty
- Student Dormitory Housing
- London, England
- COSC (only spring semesters)
- USAR options planned
Construction Science Students in London Spring 2017
Constructionarium in Bircham Newton, Norfolk, England
Reciprocal Exchange

Queensland University of Technology
Brisbane, Australia
Pay TAMU Tuition

QUT study areas

Link to List of TAMU REEPs Available
Summer Programs

Do not count for Semester Away except for University Studies Students

- China and Taiwan (S II)
  - Sustainable Communities
- England (S I&II)
  - Construction Science & USAR
  - Florida State’s program
- Germany (S I&II)
  - Sustainable Communities
  - Architecture for all majors
- Spain (S I&II)
  - Design Communications
  - Art and Architecture
Positive impacts of Study Abroad

"Those who spent some time abroad profit in their personality development, for instance in terms of growing openness and emotional stability."

-Julia Zimmermann, JPSP

Click here for video
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Study Abroad offers a rich experience both professionally and personally.
The students get to see the art, architecture and other projects they study in person. It makes for a much more lasting education.
To find your way on your own in a foreign country is a life changing experience. Anyone who has travelled even for a short time will probably agree, but to live for an extended period of time out of your comfort zone can force you to examine issues from a different perspective.
We find that most of our students return with renewed passion for their studies and more confidence.
They have their whole lives to work but can only study abroad during a short window in their life.
Funding the Program

- All existing financial aid can be used toward A&M study abroad program fees
  - Scholarships
  - Texas Tomorrow Fund
  - Student Loans
  - Etc.
- Scholarships for study abroad are available
- Current program costs can be found at: [http://studyabroad.tamu.edu](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu) (Click “Find a Program” first)
Financial Planning

Plan Ahead

Semester Away Decision made in the Spring of the student’s second year.

Housing Costs: Split a lease with someone studying abroad in an opposite semester, do not sign a lease for the semester abroad. Dorm release letters available.

Apply for Scholarships: Any financial aid your student receives that can be used at TAMU can be used toward TAMU study abroad programs.

Book travel plans (airfare) well in advance, there are usually group flights available.
Freshmen Field Trip

http://tx.ag/COACRfreshmen

- 16 College of Architecture Students chosen after their first year
- Selection made based on GPA and major
- Travel dates in May 2018
- Fully funded by the College of Architecture
- 5 days in the Costa Rican Rainforest
- Must Apply to be Considered: Application due Nov 1st
Soltis Center for Research and Education

Texas A&M University

- Donated by Bill Soltis TAMU c/o 1955 in 2008
- Facility design based on College of Architecture studio class project
Provides on site:

- Cafeteria
- Dormitories
- Classrooms
- Travel Logistics
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