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: Castiglione 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)
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
Positive impacts of Study Abroad

- 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 (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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