International Studies and Programs

General Information

The Office of International Studies and Programs (ISP) supports academic programs, seminars, and conferences designed to promote research in international studies, improve teaching of international studies, and encourage an interest in international affairs in the university and area communities.

ISP houses the E. Desmond Lee Global Ethnic Collaborative, the Karakas Family Foundation Alliance for the Advancement of Hellenic Studies, and the Endowed Professorships in African/African American Studies, Chinese Studies, Greek Studies, international education, Irish Studies, Japanese Studies, the German Culture Center and the Greek Culture Center.

Fellows

Each year a number of UMSL faculty are appointed as research Fellows.

Study Abroad and Exchange Programs

The Study Abroad section of this Bulletin contains details about campus study abroad and international exchange programs. ISP’s Study Abroad staff administer those programs.

International Student and Scholar Services

International Student and Scholar Services provides services for international students and scholars, including admissions, visa and immigration matters, credential evaluations, health insurance, tax matters, nonacademic advising, initial campus arrival, orientation, social activities, and referrals to other campus units.

Minor

African/African American Studies Minor (http://bulletin.umsl.edu/programs/african-african-american-studies-minor)

Undergraduate Certificates

East Asian Studies Undergraduate Certificate (http://bulletin.umsl.edu/programs/east-asian-studies-undergraduate-certificate)

International Affairs Undergraduate Certificate (http://bulletin.umsl.edu/programs/international-affairs-undergraduate-certificate)

International Business Undergraduate Certificate (http://bulletin.umsl.edu/programs/international-business-undergraduate-certificate)

Modern European Studies Undergraduate Certificate (http://bulletin.umsl.edu/internationalstudiesandprograms/programs/modern-european-studies-undergraduate-certificate)

Modern Languages and Study Abroad Undergraduate Certificate (http://bulletin.umsl.edu/programs/study-abroad-undergraduate-certificate)

Graduate Certificates

International Studies Graduate Certificate (http://bulletin.umsl.edu/programs/international-studies-graduate-certificate)

Study Abroad Programs

The University of Missouri-St. Louis is committed to broadening students’ understanding of different cultures and preparing them for the global community in which we live. One of the most successful ways of achieving this global mindset is to study overseas. The opportunity to live and study in a different culture is an enriching experience, both academically and personally.

The Office of International Studies and Programs (ISP) provides UMSL students with opportunities to study at over 80 different programs in more than 40 countries around the globe. Most programs run for an academic year, semester, or summer. Two to three week-long faculty-led programs are offered during the winter intersession and summer. Through individual advising, students can find the program best suited to their personal, academic, and career goals. Internship possibilities are also available for qualified students.

Fees and Financial Aid

The cost of the program depends on the services provided and the country and city of study. For most programs, participants continue to pay UMSL fees plus airfare, room and board, and spending money. Students are usually housed in dormitories or are assisted in finding apartments. In most cases, students are able to use their UMSL financial aid toward a study abroad program. Study abroad scholarships are available for qualified applicants through ISP.

Application

Generally, applications are due in mid-February for summer, fall and academic year programs, and mid September for winter intersession and spring semester programs. Students should plan to spend at least one or two months researching a program before applying.

Participant selection is based on academic achievement, faculty recommendations, approval of the proposed course of study via the department/divisional advisory process, and for some programs, proficiency in the foreign language of instruction. Most programs are designed for undergraduate students in their junior or senior years of study; however, a limited number of programs for freshmen, sophomores, and graduate students are available.

Student Teaching Abroad

Teacher Education students may be able to student teach in Fuxin, China during the spring semester. In addition to meeting the other requirements for student teaching, students complete an application form for the site.

Courses

C I ST 3200 Study Abroad, Non UM-St. Louis Program: 1-24 semester hours

C I ST 5200 Study Abroad Non UM-St Louis Program Grad: 1-15 semester hours