

Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies

The following programs and organizations offer significant coursework and field immersion opportunities for **Individualized Research, Independent Studies, Field Studies, and International Internships**. This is meant to highlight a variety of programs by region; please note there are many more available beyond what is listed here and this is not a guaranteed list for credit transfer. Students will still need to meet with their departments to discuss fulfilling degree requirements. Please visit our website at <https://studyabroad.wvu.edu/> for additional opportunities.

Program Options

Direct Exchanges	ISEP Exchanges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilateral agreements between WWU and universities abroad to exchange students • Chance of placement is high • Semester and year-long options • Pay WWU in-state tuition and mandatory fees • Room & board paid onsite • Take courses with international students at universities abroad • Eligibility requirements vary • More independent and less services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students can choose from over 135 universities in 36 different countries • Students provide ISEP with a list of preferred sites. Chance of placement varies from site to site. • Semester & year-long options only • Pay WWU in-state tuition and mandatory fees • Room & board paid to WWU • Take courses with international students at universities abroad • More independent and less services
Study Abroad Programs	Global Learning Programs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent organizations that facilitate or administer study abroad programs for students • Quarter, semester, academic year, calendar year, & summer • Pay a program fee that includes tuition, housing, etc. (varies) • More services provided • Includes excursions, onsite pickup, varied housing options • Part time internships can be available for credit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWU faculty organize and lead academic programs abroad • Quarter, summer & over breaks • Earn WWU credits in your field and learn from WWU faculty abroad while studying with other WWU students • Pay tuition and fees at WWU in addition to a program fee for onsite costs

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See Jackie McClure for information or assistance in transferring study abroad credits to your Fairhaven degree.

After you decide on a program and the courses you will take abroad, you must meet with Jackie McClure or a Fairhaven faculty advisor to complete the [EdAbroad Departmental Academic Advising Form](#), part of the EA application. The form must be completed before you leave for your study abroad program.

Compare Programs and Budgets using the [Things to Consider](#) sheet

Pay WWU Tuition & Fees through Exchanges and Global Learning Programs!

Direct Exchanges

- Direct exchanges are bilateral agreements between WWU and universities abroad to exchange students
- **Pay WWU in-state tuition and fees for a semester or academic year program, room & board are paid directly onsite at your host university**
- **Check out WWU's Direct Exchanges to find a university that meets your academic interests!**
[WWU Direct Exchanges](#)

WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Programs

- Global Learning Programs are sponsored by a WWU department and generally consist of a faculty member taking a group of students to study discipline-based courses abroad
- Study with other WWU students, learning from WWU faculty while paying WWU tuition and program fees
- **Check out WWU's Global Learning Programs to find a program that meets your academic interests!**
[WWU Global Learning Programs](#)

ISEP Exchanges

- The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) is a network of universities in the US and Internationally that have agreed to exchange students on a semester and yearly basis
- Choose from over 135 universities in 36 different countries
- Chance of placement varies by site and prerequisites may be necessary
- **Students pay all WWU In-State costs: In-State Tuition and mandatory fees, Room & Board to WWU**
- **Check out ISEP Exchanges to find a university that meets your academic interests!**
[International Student Exchange Program \(ISEP\) Exchanges](#)

International Independent Study Projects (ISPs)

- Independent Study Projects (ISPs) allow students to explore new areas of study, to deepen study, or to undertake applied work in areas that are not readily available in the curriculum at Fairhaven or Western
- ISPs are a valuable complement to traditional methods of instruction and learning, allowing students to pursue individual academic interests at their own pace and can take many forms including individualized research, creative endeavors, practica, internships, field work, international travel, service learning, group study, and collaborative projects
- Faculty members sponsor and monitor these projects and help students develop resources necessary to complete them
- Fairhaven students are expected to include ISPs as 10% -25% of their total Concentration credits
- Students wishing to complete their ISPs Internationally will have to follow BOTH:
[Fairhaven ISP Guidelines](#) &
[EA Independent Study Abroad Guidelines](#)
- Academic Year, Quarter, Summer, Various length and break terms available
[Fairhaven Independent Study Projects](#)

WWU Global Learning Faculty –Led Programs

- Western Washington University- Global Learning Programs are sponsored by a WWU department and generally consist of a faculty member taking a group of students to study discipline based courses abroad
- Study with other WWU students and learn from WWU faculty all while paying WWU tuition and in-country program fees
- [India-Himalaya Cultures & Ecology Field Program](#) -Students will earn 12 credits during the summer term, studying Tibetan and Ladakhi culture, religion and history while learning about local issues of water scarcity, cultural survival and adaptation to a changing climate. Students will work with grassroots organizations on community development projects and trek in the dramatic western Tibetan Plateau
- [Rwanda – Field Studies & Collaborative International Service Learning](#) - Students will earn 12 credits during the summer term exploring the history and cultures of Rwanda and actively collaborating with in-country experts to implement field experiences and service learning. Projects may include working with local community-based and government organizations in areas of teaching English as a second language, community development, health, education, income generation, sustainability, conservation, and more
- [Kenya- Fields Studies and Collaborative International Service Learning](#)- Students will earn 15 credits during the winter quarter discovering the culture and politics of Kenya, exploring challenges that rural Kenyans face, examining grassroots approaches to community development, and applying these perspectives to their own academic area of interest
- [Thailand & Burma – Discover Southeast Asia](#) - Students will earn 15 credits during the winter quarter exploring environmental and social justice issues in Northern Thailand and Burma. Students will work on local community projects and trek in the jungles of Thailand and Burma. Open to students from all fields
- **Check out all of WWU’s Global Learning Faculty-Led Programs to find a program that meets your academic interests!**

[WWU Global Learning Faculty-Led Programs](#)

American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)

- Study conflict transformation and social justice through an interdisciplinary 4 credit course
- Lecturers and guest speakers come from a range of disciplines including law, politics, international studies, geography, criminology, anthropology, human rights and other humanities and social sciences
- Locations: Northern Ireland
- Summer terms available

[American Institute for Foreign Study \(AIFS\)](#)

Alliance for Global Education

- The Alliance for Global Education provides interdisciplinary programs in China, India, and Turkey
- Students can choose from a range of academic programs by region that include coursework in language, politics, population studies, business, culture, sociology, anthropology, and individualized research
- The Urban Research Lab in Istanbul, Turkey offers a unique opportunity for students to design, research, and present a substantial piece of work in their chosen area, supported by the Alliance’s network of local experts, including social entrepreneurs, academics, artists, business leaders, policymakers, and faculty advisors
- Programs available in **China, India, & Turkey**
- Semester & Summer terms available

[The Alliance for Global Education](#)

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Arcadia STEM Summer Research

- Study your own personal research projects through STEM research abroad programs with Arcadia University
- Students can choose from a range of academic research opportunities across Europe in a wide variety of STEM discipline fields
- Work under the direction of a research mentor and present your research before returning home
- Locations include **Italy, Scotland, Spain, & England**
- Summer terms available

[Arcadia University- STEM Summer Research](#)

BCA Study Abroad

- Rooted in the values of peace and justice, BCA promotes international understanding, awareness of global citizenship, and academic scholarship through educational experiences
- BCA offers programs in 13 countries, partnering with universities and research centers
- Field study, Research, and Service Learning available
- Programs available in **Africa, Asia, Latin America, Middle East, Europe, & Oceania**
- Particularly strong research and field study options in **England, India, & Mexico**
- Semester & Summer terms available

[BCA Study Abroad](#)

Center for Ecological Living and Learning (CELL)

- CELL is a nonprofit education organization inspiring students to become sustainability leaders and activists
- Through participation in interdisciplinary CELL study abroad programs, students learn to bring creative, systemic solutions and environmental stewardship to their individual lives and leadership positions
- Field study, Research, Internships, and Service Learning available
- Programs available in **Africa, Latin America, & Europe**
- Particularly strong research and field study options in **Costa Rica/Nicaragua & Iceland**
- Semester terms available

[Center for Ecological Living and Learning \(CELL\)](#)

College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS)

- CCIS offers more than 80 study abroad programs in 31 countries around the globe
- Curricular options include intensive foreign language courses as well as courses in the humanities, social sciences, physical sciences, business, studio art and design, and marketing
- Field study, Research, Internships, and Service Learning available
- Programs available in **Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, Oceania & North America**
- Particularly strong research and field study options in **Denmark, England & Namibia**

- **In partnership with Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)**, students can choose core courses, study tours, practicums and global seminars taught by faculty in English and a Danish Language course if desired

[College Consortium for International Studies \(CCIS\)](#)

Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE)

- CIEE provides rigorous, integrated academic and cultural programs in 41 countries
- Coursework ranges over many disciplines and extend far beyond the classroom, most programs include field work, cultural activities, research, service learning, and language commitments for foreign language programs

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- Programs available in **Africa, Asia- Pacific, Caribbean, Latin America, Europe, Middle East & Northern America**
- Particularly strong research and field study options in **Argentina, Dominican Republic & South Africa**
- Academically themed Open Campus Program options in **Berlin, London, Paris & Rome** for a quarter or semester: Tracks in Business, Health, Communications, Political Science, or Language & Culture
- Semester, Academic Year & Summer terms available
[Council on International Education Exchange \(CIEE\)](#)

EcoQuest

- Located in New Zealand, the EcoQuest program allows students from a variety of disciplines to immerse in a rigorous field-based learning program focused on practical skills, conceptual thinking, and local conservation
- Students complete Directed Research Projects in close consultation with faculty and carry out field investigations. These research projects contribute information to relevant, on-going ecological monitoring and research, restoration and resource management initiatives of local importance
- Semester and Summer terms available
[EcoQuest](#)

EuroScholars

- Participate in EuroScholars, a unique research abroad program where students can study at one of Europe's 11 internationally renowned European Research Universities to take courses and work under direct supervision of professors and academic staff on specific research projects chosen by the student and faculty
- Students will learn about scientific reasoning, research methods, theoretical principles related to their research
- The EuroScholars program offers a broad range of research projects in almost all fields of interest including Agriculture & Veterinary, Education, Engineering, Manufacturing & Construction, Health & Welfare, Humanities & Arts, Science, Mathematics & Computing, Social Sciences, and Business or Law
- 3.4 GPA or higher, No research experience required but students should have ample academic experience in a laboratory setting
- Programs available in **Belgium, Finland, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland**
- Semester terms available
[ISA/EuroScholars-European Undergraduate Research Opportunities](#)

Fulbright U.S. Student Program

- The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs. A candidate will submit a Statement of Grant Purpose defining activities to take place during one academic year in a participating country outside the U.S.
- Applications are available for Recent Graduates (including graduating seniors), MA and Doctoral Candidates, Young Professionals, including writers, creative and performing artists, journalists, and those in law, business, and other professional fields
- Please refer to the program website for eligibility requirements
- Grant lengths and dates vary by country. Please consult Tom.Moore@wwu.edu for details
[Fulbright U.S. Student Program](#)

Fulbright Commission Summer Institutes

- The US-UK Fulbright Commission offers special Summer Institutes for US citizens to come to the United Kingdom. These summer programs provide the opportunity for US undergraduates (over 18 years old), with at least 2 years of undergraduate study left to complete, to come to the UK on 3-6 week academic and

cultural summer programs to explore the culture, heritage, and history of the UK and develop academic ability by improving presentation, research, and communication skills

- Must be a US Citizen and possess a US Passport, be at least 18 years old, have a high level of academic achievement with a minimum GPA of 3.7 (confirmed by academic marks, awards, and references)
- Must have at least 2 years of university study upon their return (i.e. applicants should currently be a Freshman, or Sophomore in college/university)
- Must be mature, responsible, independent, and open-minded
- Summer terms available; Deadline for this scholarship is usually in mid-February

[Fulbright Commission- Summer Institutes for US Undergraduates](#)

Global Education Oregon (GEO)

- GEO is a national study abroad program provider offering programs in several regions of the world
- Students can choose from a range of academic programs by region that include coursework in language, politics, arctic studies, sustainability, heritage studies, theater, business, culture, journalism, music, sociology, anthropology, sports, research and more
- Programs available in **Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Middle East, Oceania, and Multi-Destination**
- Quarter, Semester & Summer terms available

[Global Education Oregon \(GEO\)](#)

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

- Germany is a leader in research and technology, and allows students to participate in undergraduate research projects and a variety of coursework in English
- The DAAD program provides German Research Internships, Intensive Language Grants, Study & Internship Programs, as well as German Studies Grants
- Research projects, assistantships, and German Language Courses available
- Courses in English include Environmental Studies, Biological Sciences, Economics, International Business, Philosophy, Political Science & Urban Studies
- Semester, Academic Year & Summer terms available

[The German Academic Exchange Service \(DAAD\)](#)

IES Abroad

- IES Abroad offers more than 130 academic programs in 35+ cities and 21 countries and allows students to participate in research, field studies, intensive language, and curriculum in English or in local languages
- Students can participate in internships and field placements in areas such as Art, Theatre, Business, Education, Government, Politics, Law, Sciences, Health, Social Work, and NGO Organizations
- Service learning and volunteer opportunities are available
- Programs available in **Africa, Asia- Pacific, Caribbean, Latin America & Europe**
- Particularly strong research and field study options in **the European Union, Galapagos Islands, Germany, Netherlands, and South Africa**
- Semester, Academic Year & Summer terms available

[IES Abroad](#)

International Partnership for Service Learning (IPSL)

- IPSL programs unite academic learning with volunteer service to the community. The studies are rigorous, the service is substantive, and by integrating formal study with service to the local community in an intercultural/international setting, students find their learning takes on greater depth and meaning

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- Students can participate in service learning, field placements, or internship practicums for 10-20 hours per week for credit while taking a variety of courses in English, or take intensive language classes
- Service learning and volunteer opportunities available in each location varies. Some examples include serving at schools, orphanages, healthcare institutions, recreational centers, and community development projects
- Programs available in **Africa, Latin America, South East Asia, and Western Europe**
- Semester & Summer terms available
[International Partnership for Service Learning \(IPSL\)](#)

Multidisciplinary International Research Training (MIRT) Fellowship

- The Harvard School of Public Health-Multidisciplinary International Research Training (HSPH-MIRT) Program is a national program designed to encourage underrepresented students pursue careers in biomedical and behavioral science research careers
- The program provides support for undergraduate and graduate students to do research work overseas
- Students spend 8-12 weeks, beginning in mid-June, at foreign research sites
- Financial support includes: round trip airfare, monthly stipend, foreign living expenses, and health insurance
- Must be a US citizen or permanent resident, Junior status by the time of fellowship, and enrolled in a full time degree program at time of application
- Programs available in **Africa, Asia, Australia, and Latin America**
- Short term & Summer terms available
[Multidisciplinary International Research Training \(MIRT\) Program](#)

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)

- The National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) provides wilderness education, outdoor ethics, and leadership coursework on regional, national, and international wilderness expeditions
- Take courses and gain hands-on experience in outdoor education, leave no trace, technical outdoor skills, wilderness medicine, oceanic studies, conservation, climate, marine biodiversity, sustainability, biology, environmental studies, and leadership
- Programs available in **Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and North America**
- Semester, Academic year, Summer & Short term programs available
[National Outdoor Leadership School \(NOLS\)](#)

Sea Semester

- SEA Semester provides an experiential learning opportunity to gather firsthand knowledge that will influence students' lifelong relationships with the ocean by offering sailing expeditions grounded in academic coursework to suit all majors and are designed to emphasize hands on learning and independent research
- Coursework in English
- Programs available in the **Caribbean, Pacific Islands, and Western Europe**
- Semester and Summer terms available
[Sea Semester](#)

Semester at Sea

- Academically sponsored through the University of Virginia, Semester at Sea is a multiple country study abroad program open to students of all majors emphasizing comparative academic examination, hands-on field experiences, and meaningful engagement in the global community
- Coursework and field labs in English available within 20-25 disciplines

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- Students engage in a living-learning shipboard environment that travels around the world while offering all of the co-curricular and extracurricular student activities you would expect on land
- Students can experience visits in a range of 10-12+ countries per voyage that vary regionally around the globe
- Programs available in the **Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, North America, and Latin America**
- Semester terms available
[Semester at Sea](#)

School for Field Studies (SFS)

- The School for Field Studies offers study abroad experiences through field-based learning and research
- Students can explore the human and ecological dimensions of the complex environmental problems faced by locals abroad, and contribute to sustainable solutions in the places where they live and study abroad
- Through ongoing field research with local partners, students on SFS programs will identify environmental issues critical to their communities, develop research plans to address those issues, provide high quality results and recommendations that promote sustainable use of natural resources
- Undergraduate Research, Independent Study Projects, and Multi-destination programs available
- Programs available in the **Africa, Asia-Pacific, Caribbean, and Latin America**
- Semester and Summer terms available
[School for Field Studies \(SFS\)](#)

School for International Training (SIT)

- The School for International Training (SIT) offers students rigorous academic programs through a field-based, experiential approach
- Thematic programs are offered for various critical global issues including: Arts, Media, Social Change, Development, Urban Studies, Entrepreneurship, Global Health, Multiculturalism, Migration, Indigenous Peoples, Natural Resource Management, Biodiversity, Environmental Policy, Post Conflict Transformation, Social Movements, Education, and Human Rights
- Students experience cultural immersion through fieldwork, language classes, and homestays with local families
- International Honors Program, Undergraduate Research, Independent Study, & Multi-destination programs
- Programs available in the **Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East**
- Semester and Summer terms available
[School for International Training \(SIT\)](#)

University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC)

- As a non-profit university-based organization, USAC is committed to maintain modest fees
- USAC offers affordable, valuable study abroad programs in 25 countries around the globe
- Students can take a wide range of coursework in English, and study language at any level proficiency
- Internships, Field Study, and Service Learning courses available for credit
- Programs available in **Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and Europe**
[University Studies Abroad Consortium \(USAC\)](#)

U.S. Dept. of State Critical Language Scholarship Program

- The CLS program is a program of the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs allowing American undergraduate and graduate students a fully funded overseas language and cultural immersion program with the goal of broadening the base of Americans studying and mastering critical need languages and building relationships between the people of the United States and other countries

- Must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. Citizen and enrolled in an accredited US Degree granting program at the undergraduate or graduate level
- Program costs are fully covered including: intensive overseas group based learning courses (20+ hours per week), Room & Board, often with a host family, a full cultural program, host community language partners, US academic credit, domestic and international airfare
- Summer terms available

[U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship \(CLS\) Program](#)

Wildlands Studies

- Academically sponsored through Western Washington University, Wildlands Studies offers students wildlife and wild water field projects around the world
- Participants work side by side with educators and field researchers, learning through direct experience and immersion in the field, helping to search for answers to important environmental problems
- Students engage in a living-learning outdoor backcountry environment while participating in discussions, activities, readings, exams, projects, and presentations
- Programs available in the **Africa, Asia-Pacific, Caribbean, North America, and Latin America**
- Quarter and Summer terms available

[Wildlands Studies](#)