CHHS Study Abroad 101

Why Study Abroad?

In alignment with the mission of Western Michigan University, WMU Study Abroad supports and promotes the University’s mission to distinguish itself as learner centered, discovery driven, and globally engaged. Studying abroad provides the opportunity for students to excel in all three pillars of the WMU vision.

Recent studies have shown that students who study abroad outperform in flexibility, creativity and complex thinking tasks. Surveys show that study-abroad alumni achieve higher GPAs, graduate at higher rates, receive more job offers, and make higher starting salaries compared to students who do not.

Short-term faculty-led programs for CHHS students

- International Perspectives on Aging; Ireland and Northern Ireland
- Culture, Diversity and Social Justice; Spain
- Public Health and Healthcare Systems; South Africa
- Exploration of Healthcare and Culture; Japan
- Social Justice; India
- Cultural Connections; Senegal
- Intercultural Social Work; Puerto Rico
- “Pura Vida: Health and Healthcare”; Costa Rica
- Health and Education Across China; China
- Community Health and Permaculture; Guatemala
- “Pura Vida: Health and Healthcare”; Costa Rica

Long-term programs also available!
Can I afford it?

Yes! Financial aid can apply to study abroad and there are many study abroad-specific scholarships. In some cases, studying abroad can cost less than a semester at WMU.

Do I have to know a foreign language?

No! Foreign language is not required for most programs. Many programs offer non-language courses for academic credit.

Will it fit in my degree program?

Yes! In agreement with your department, classes taken abroad can transfer to WMU for credits that you need in your degree program. Planning ahead with your academic advisor and WMU Study Abroad is Key!

Next Steps

1. Attend an information session with our Study Abroad Peer Advisors! Info sessions occur at various times daily in the Study Abroad Office in Ellsworth Hall.
2. Go to CHHS advising hours! Make an appointment or stop in with Anastassia Kaml. Advising hours are every other Monday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the CHHS advising office (second floor)
3. Research programs in WMU Broncos abroad at wmich.edu/studyabroad

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