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Fall Group Programs

**NCC-in-China/Japan**

This unique dual-country program offers students the opportunity to live and study in both China and Japan over the course of 15 weeks. The program begins in Beijing, the modern capital of the People’s Republic of China, with seven weeks of classes at Beijing Foreign Studies University (BFSU). Students study Chinese culture with local faculty, take one course taught by an accompanying North Central College faculty member, and complete the equivalent of Chinese 101 or higher, depending on their level of proficiency.

In the second half of fall term, students move to Kyoto, ancient capital of Japan, to complete their studies at Kyoto Gakuen University. They continue in the course taught by their North Central College professor, begin or continue the study of Japanese (completing at least the equivalent of Japanese 101), and enroll in a course about Japanese culture taught by local faculty.

Students are housed on campus in China and off campus in Japan. Meals are provided in dining halls at BFSU; students live in self-catered apartments in Japan. **No prior knowledge of Chinese or Japanese is required.** The program is open to all majors and fulfills North Central College’s foreign language requirement.

**Fall Term 2016/Fall Term 2018** (offered every other year)

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016

**Eligibility Requirements:** Sophomore, junior or senior standing; GPA 3.0 preferred

**Academic Credit:** 12 credits: Course in Chinese and Japanese culture (3), course taught by North Central College professor (3), Chinese and Japanese language study (6)

**Housing and Meals:** Dormitory rooms and campus dining halls in China; off-campus housing and meals in Japan

**Estimated Costs:** North Central College fall tuition plus $3,500 program fee. Fee includes all accommodations, meal plan in China, orientations, field trips and health insurance. Fee does not include airfare, meals in Japan, departure tax, books, visa charges, extra personal travel and spending money. Additional scholarships may be available through the Japan Foundation.

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**Study Abroad FAQs**

**When can I study abroad?** Programs are available for sophomores, juniors and seniors, primarily for the fall term, but other terms are possible.

**What does it cost?** Study abroad at North Central College is very affordable. Students who enroll in most North Central College programs are charged only College tuition plus a $3,500 program fee (not including airfare and personal expenses).

**What about financial aid?** Most North Central College-based financial aid can be applied to North Central College programs. Various scholarships are available, including one made possible through the Wallace N. Rasmussen Foundation. Visit the financial aid section of our website at northcentralcollege.edu/academics/international-programs/financial-aid-scholarships.

**What about my credits?** All approved credits earned abroad are fully transferable back to North Central College; students receive letter grades that are counted in their GPA.

**Can I get an internship?** Internships are available in Australia, China, Costa Rica, Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan and Kenya; extra charges and special requirements may apply.

**Who is eligible?** Preference is given to applicants with a GPA of 3.0 or higher; all applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 at the time of application. All programs are open to juniors and seniors; NCC Group programs in China/Japan, Costa Rica and England (Canterbury) are open to sophomores as well. International students are not allowed to study in their home country/country of origin.

*Estimated costs and program offerings listed in this brochure may be subject to change.*
NCC-in-Costa Rica

For the first eight weeks of this program, students travel to the Pacific coast of Costa Rica, where they enroll in intensive Spanish language courses, take one course with an accompanying North Central College professor, and live with a family in the town of Quepos. Students take Spanish language classes for four hours a day at Costa Rica Spanish Institute (COSI), an intensive language school overlooking the coast and just a few miles from Manuel Antonio National Park. Local buses bring students from their homes in Quepos to COSI and the nearby beaches. Before their mid-semester break (including a three-day excursion to Nicaragua), students move to the capital city of San José, where they live with a new host family. Spanish-language beginners (100-200 level) continue language study and engage in volunteer community work, while advanced language students (300-400 level) begin a six-week internship.

Students study and become immersed in Costa Rican culture, not only by living with two host families, but also by participating in weekly cultural events and weekend excursions around the country.

No prior knowledge of Spanish is required, though many students study Spanish before going. The program is open to all majors and upper-level academic credit is awarded for internships. This program fulfills North Central College’s foreign language requirement.

Fall Term

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016

Eligibility Requirements: Sophomore, junior or senior standing; GPA 3.0 preferred. No Spanish required; two years of college-level Spanish required for internship.

Academic Credit: 12 credits: Intensive Spanish (6-7), North Central College course (3), cooperative learning (2-3)

Housing and Meals: Host families provide a private or double (shared with another North Central College student) bedroom, laundry services, breakfast and dinner.

Estimated Costs: North Central College fall tuition plus $3,500 program fee. Fee includes room and board for 15 weeks, Nicaragua excursion, orientations, weekly field trips, internship placement/guidance and health insurance. Fee does not include airfare, Costa Rica airport departure taxes, books, daily bus fare, meals in Nicaragua, spending money and extra personal travel.

NCC-in-England (Canterbury)

North Central College students enrolled in this program travel to the medieval city of Canterbury, where they study in the shadows of its famous cathedral. The campus of Canterbury Christ Church University (CCCU) is built on what was the old orchard ground of St. Augustine’s Abbey, surrounded by the medieval Abbey wall and now listed as a World Heritage Site dating back to 597 AD. The university offers a wide range of courses to more than 11,500 full-time students and is a five-minute walk from downtown Canterbury, one of the best-known cities in Britain. The campus is 55 minutes by train to London and a mere 20 miles to Dover on the English Channel. CCCU is known as the “closest U.K. higher education institution to mainland Europe.”

Students enrolled in this program learn alongside British students taking courses in the arts and humanities, business and the social sciences. In addition to elective courses taken in these areas, other courses are especially designed for American students. These include courses on contemporary British politics, history, literature and cinema. There is also a required class designed specifically around academic field trips to local sites, London, the Southeast of England and Europe. Trips vary each year but usually include the Tower of London and the Globe Theatre, Windsor Castle, Dover Castle and Belgium. £500 scholarships through BUTEX, a U.K. higher education membership organization, are available for students in all NCC England programs.

Fall Term

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016

Eligibility Requirements: Sophomore, junior or senior standing; GPA 3.0 preferred

Academic Credit: 12-15 credits

Housing and Meals: Students are housed in self-catered university residence halls.

Estimated Costs: North Central College fall tuition plus $3,500 program fee. Fee includes accommodation, orientation, health insurance and field trips. Fee does not include meals, airfare, departure tax, books, personal travel and spending money.
Exchange Programs

Exchange Programs encourage and facilitate direct exchange of students between North Central College and its partner institutions; students remain enrolled at North Central College, keeping their financial aid and maintaining progress toward their degrees. By participating in an exchange program, students take courses with other host country nationals and become fully integrated into student and campus life.

In general, students pay tuition to North Central College and room and board to the host institution. Airfare, health insurance, departure tax, books, extra personal travel and spending money are not included in tuition and room and board fees; these are additional costs paid by each student. Eligible students may apply for external scholarships to assist with program costs.

Australia

La Trobe University in Melbourne

Often regarded as the cultural capital of Australia, Melbourne has a population of 5.6 million people from 153 countries. It offers a vibrant and diverse calendar of arts and sporting events each year and is famous for its multiculturalism and the diverse range of food that stems from it. La Trobe University, located only 8.5 miles from the city center, includes its own Australian Wildlife Sanctuary on a 500-acre campus of beautiful parkland and waterways. Students have access to the curriculum across two colleges, which host 12 specialist disciplinary schools in business and economics, education, humanities and social sciences, allied health and health sciences, psychology and public health, life sciences, molecular sciences, technology, engineering and mathematics. Courses are also offered in a special interdisciplinary Australian Studies program.

Fall Term/Full Year

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred with substantial coursework in major
Academic Credit: 9-15 credits depending on courses selected
Housing and Meals: Students live in on-campus residence halls, meals not included.

England

University of Birmingham

One of the first campus-based universities in the United Kingdom, the University of Birmingham—ranked No. 11 overall among U.K. universities—boasts an impressive list of superlatives: one of the top 10 most beautiful U.K. campuses, one of the broadest program ranges of any U.K. university, and one of the largest international student communities in the U.K.

Only a seven-minute train ride to the vibrant center of England’s “second city,” this university of 29,000 students offers strong programs in music, theater, sciences, business (in the oldest business school in the U.K.), religious studies, political science, anthropology, engineering, sports and exercise science, history, English and philosophy. £500 scholarships through BUTEX, a U.K. higher education membership organization, are available for students in all NCC England programs.

University of Leicester

Set in the center of England and 70 minutes by train from London, Leicester is a vibrant student-centered city and the 10th largest city in Britain with a population of approximately 300,000 people. The university, situated near downtown Leicester, is a leading research school with a strong reputation for the quality of its teaching in all departments, especially in the sciences. In fact, students may apply to do independent research in biology and biochemistry. The university also has excellent programs in English, history, criminology, psychology and management. The university’s International Office offers day and weekend trips around the U.K. Accommodation in the attractive Dadby Student Village or downtown self-catered residence halls is guaranteed. £500 scholarships through BUTEX, a U.K. higher education membership organization, are available for students in all NCC England programs.

Fall Term/Full Year

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic Credit: Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 8-12 credits per term
Housing and Meals: Students stay with host families and have kitchen privileges.

France

Université Catholique de L’Ouest in Angers

Located in the Loire River valley city of Angers, the Université Catholique de L’Ouest is a private institution of higher education that offers a wide range of courses taught in French. Before enrolling in the fall term, students may elect to study intensive French in its well-known International Center for French Studies program. Set on a hilltop overlooking the Maine River, Angers is a beautiful medieval city of 230,000 inhabitants, capital of the historic province of Anjou, and only 90 minutes by train from the Paris Montparnasse Station and 2.5 hours from Charles de Gaulle airport.

Fall Term/Full Year

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred; successful completion of at least two college courses in French at the 300-level or above
Academic Credit: Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 8-12 credits per term, depending on courses selected
Housing and Meals: Students have access to both catered and self-catered accommodations.
Greece

DEREE-The American College of Greece in Athens

DEREE-The American College of Greece is the oldest and largest U.S. accredited college in Europe. With 25 majors, 32 minors and more than 1,000 courses offered each year, DEREE provides many courses in business, fine arts, humanities, social sciences, sports management, graphic design and communication, all of which are taught in English. Students may also choose a course in Greek language or culture.

The program includes housing two blocks from campus, 15 credit hours of instruction and monthly excursions within Greece.

DEREE draws students from Greece (80 percent of the student body is Greek) and 54 other countries.

Fall Term/Full Year

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic Credit: 15 credit hours per semester
Housing and Meals: Self-catered housing managed by the college, located near Athens metro system
Estimated Costs: Students pay tuition and $3,500 program fee to North Central College; no meals included.

Japan

Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo

Located in the heart of Tokyo, Aoyama Gakuin University (AGU) was established by Methodist missionaries in 1874. The institution took its present form in 1949 when it became a comprehensive university comprising 10 schools and colleges with both undergraduate and graduate programs. The university of 18,000 students is well known for its international ambiance, offering more than 40 courses taught in English, ranging from general education to literature, economics, international politics and business, science and engineering and global studies.

More than 100 courses taught in Japanese are open to exchange students each semester.

Fall and Winter Terms/Spring Term (April - August)/Full Year

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, minimum two years of Japanese, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic Credit: Varies by course load, usually 9-12 credits per term
Housing and Meals: Guesthouses or AGU residence halls in Tokyo

Iwate University, Faculty of Education, in Morioka

A school of about 6,000 students, Iwate University was founded in 1949 and consists of four faculties: humanities and social sciences, education, engineering and agriculture.

This exchange program, designed especially for students in education, takes full advantage of the resources in the faculty of education, which has its own affiliated kindergarten, elementary school and junior high. In addition to the regular courses that the Faculty of Education offers, international students can take classes taught in English, such as cultural domains, as well as Japanese language classes. Students also gain internship experience by teaching in Japanese classrooms.

Morioka, capital city of Iwate prefecture, is the “town of forests and hills,” located two and a half hours by bullet train from Tokyo in an area known for its beautiful landscapes and recreational opportunities. Students are also given opportunities to volunteer in tsunami-affected areas along the coasts of Iwate. A school internship is a required component of the program.

Fall and Winter Terms/Spring Term (April-August)/Full Year

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, minimum two years of Japanese, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic Credit: Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 9-12 credits per term
Housing and Meals: Apartments, residence halls and optional weekend homestays arranged

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Kanda University of International Studies in Chiba

Kanda University of International Studies (KUIS) is a private university of 4,000 students, with an emphasis in international studies, foreign languages, intercultural communication, Japanese culture and linguistics. The modern campus provides a state-of-the-art Self-Access Learning Center, athletic facilities, international cafeteria, international office and library. Students on exchange at KUIS take compulsory Japanese language courses at one of seven levels. Elective courses for exchange students include Japanese sociolinguistics, introduction to Japanese society, Japanese popular culture and contemporary Japanese history, all taught in English.

The university is located along Tokyo Bay between the city of Tokyo and Narita International Airport. International hotels, business centers, apartment complexes, shopping and several parks are part of the community; a beach, Japanese garden and tea house are also nearby. Train service is convenient for students who wish to explore culture and city life in Tokyo.

Fall Term/Fall and Winter Terms/Spring Term (April - August)/Full Year

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, minimum one year of Japanese, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic Credit: Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 9-12 credits per term
Housing and Meals: Apartments, residence halls and optional weekend homestays arranged

Kyoto Gakuen University in Kameoka

Kyoto Gakuen University (KGU) is a private institution of 2,900 students, comprised of two campuses: one in the historical city of Kyoto and one in neighboring Kameoka.

Students who major in economics, business administration, history and cultural studies, nursing, speech and hearing sciences and disorders study in Kyoto, while students majoring in psychology, health and sports sciences and bioenvironmental science study in Kameoka.

Both campuses provide opportunities for North Central College students to join clubs and use athletic facilities, computer centers, and student health services, as well as a campus bookstore, library and cafeteria.

Most students have individual or small-group Japanese language tutoring and, depending on their level of Japanese proficiency, may also take content courses taught in Japanese. In particular, international students may attend classes which explore distinct aspects of Kyoto’s heritage: the practical traditional culture class includes activities such as tea ceremony and Noh drama; the fieldwork class gives students the opportunity to explore historical sites. Optional internships are available for students to work at Kyoto Gakuen Junior and Senior High School as assistant teachers.

Fall and Winter Terms
Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, minimum two years of Japanese, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic Credit: Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 9-12 credits per term
Housing and Meals: Prearranged apartments
Estimated Costs: Students pay tuition and fees to North Central College. Students receive a stipend/scholarship to cover housing and meals.

Nagoya Gakuin University in Nagoya

Founded by Methodist missionaries in 1887, the university has well-defined programs for international students. The Institute for Japanese Studies provides comprehensive student services, including extra-curricular and athletic clubs, food outlets, bookstores, Internet, health services and easy access to Nagoya for cultural events and shopping. Nagoya Gakuin University runs a campus dormitory for international students with Japanese resident assistants.

Courses open to North Central College exchange students include: Japanese language (five levels), Japanese linguistics, religion, history, business management, economics, literature and environmental studies. Other courses include Japanese intercultural communication, Japanese culture and art, badminton and karate.

Students have the chance to participate in field trips to historically rich places such as Ise Shrine, Iga Ninja Village and Mt. Fuji. Internships are also available for students with an intermediate/high level of Japanese.

Fall Term/Fall and Winter Terms/Spring (April-August)/Full Year
Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, minimum one year of Japanese, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic Credit: Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 9-12 credits per term
Housing and Meals: International residences on campus or prearranged apartments
Kenya

United States International University (USIU) in Nairobi
Founded in 1969, USIU is the only university in Kenya with dual accreditation from the United States and Kenya. It has grown to become the largest private secular university in East Africa with a student population of 6,100. About 15 percent of the student population comes from 69 different countries.

Students can take classes in a variety of disciplines, including international business, African studies, information systems and technology, business administration, accounting, applied computer technology, international relations, psychology, criminal justice, journalism and information systems technology.

All courses are taught in English.

Fall Term
Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic Credit: Approximately 12 credits per term
Housing and Meals: On-campus residence with meal allowance.
Estimated Costs: Students pay tuition, fees, room and board to North Central College. Book fees, medical insurance and registration card paid to USIU.

Northern Ireland

Irish American Scholars Program in Belfast
Students in any major with a minimum GPA of 3.2 may apply to become Irish American Scholars at Queen’s University or the University of Ulster (both leading universities in Northern Ireland) or at Belfast Metropolitan College, St. Mary’s College or Stranmillis College. While three of these institutions are excellent for those studying education, students can also take courses in a variety of disciplines, such as art, business, engineering, health, sciences, management, social sciences, media, marketing, performing arts and communication.

Fall Term/Full Year
Application Deadline: Please note that this program has an early application deadline of January 10, 2016.
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.2. Preference granted to applicants who do not specify a particular institution and who commit to a full-year program. Two North Central College applicants compete nationally for 25 places; two-page essay required.
Academic Credit: Varies by course load and length of stay, approximately 12 credits per term
Housing and Meals: Varies by the institution in which the student is placed.
Estimated Costs: Students pay tuition and fees to North Central College; room and board, lab/materials fees to host institution.

South Korea

Yonsei University in Seoul
Founded in 1885 by Methodist missionaries, Yonsei University is a private comprehensive university of 40,000 students and is ranked among the top institutions in Korea. In Seoul, the metropolitan capital of South Korea, students can experience all facets of Korean culture, history and society by visiting museums, palaces, temples, libraries, theaters and art galleries.

Yonsei offers more than 880 undergraduate courses taught in English each term as well as intensive Korean language study through the Korean Language Institute. The range of courses taught in English include East Asian studies, business, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, international relations and Korean studies. Courses taught in Korean through other departments are also available for students with Korean language fluency.

The campus provides a full complement of services and facilities for students. In addition, Yonsei offers field trips and special classes in traditional dance, taekwondo, music, calligraphy, ceramics and other cultural traditions.
**Fall Term/Full Year/Summer (S.I.R.O.L.) Yonsei International Summer School**

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016  
**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, no prior study of Korean required, GPA 3.0 preferred  
**Academic Credit:** Varies by course load and length of stay; usually 12-16 credits per term  
**Housing and Meals:** International student residences on campus, meals not included

**Spain**

**Pablo de Olavide University in Seville**  
Universidad Pablo de Olavide (UPO), founded in 1997, is located in the beautiful city of Seville. The University’s Hispanic Studies Program offers courses in Spanish and English in a wide range of subjects, and caters to international students of all majors. New biology and chemistry courses in English (with a lab component) have recently been added to the curriculum, as well as courses in psychology, business and film (in English), and a course in the culinary arts (in Spanish).

The University offers Spanish language courses at six levels; a Spanish placement exam upon arrival determines the Spanish language level for each entering student. The International Center organizes a number of social and cultural activities throughout the semester, including “Spanish Tables,” soccer/basketball matches and optional daylong excursions. Students also have the option to be matched with a Spanish “intercambio” to meet local students and practice their Spanish. For those interested in teaching English to Spanish children, each semester a number of students volunteer at local schools and receive a certificate from the school upon completion.

**Fall Term/Winter and Spring Terms**  
**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016  
**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 and two years of college Spanish preferred  
**Academic Credit:** 12-15 credits depending on courses selected  
**Housing and Meals:** Students live in campus housing; meals are available in university cafeterias and local restaurants.

**Sweden**

**Linnaeus University in Växjö and Kalmar**  
Linnaeus University is the second largest university in southern Sweden, located about 3.5 hours by train from Stockholm and two hours from Copenhagen with campuses in Växjö and Kalmar. Växjö has a full range of cultural life in its museums, theater, cathedral and concert hall; it is the center of the area known as the Kingdom of Crystal since many world-class glassworks are located there. Kalmar, one of the oldest cities in the nation, is located on the southeast coast of Sweden. Students have full access to a curriculum in humanities, social sciences, media and design, education, peace and development studies, and European/Scandinavian studies all taught in English, as well as Swedish language studies. Courses in computer science, information systems, math, mechanical engineering, physics, business and economics are also available.

**Fall Term**  
**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016  
**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred  
**Academic Credit:** Varies by course load, usually 12 credits per term  
**Housing and Meals:** Students live in campus housing; meals are available in university cafeterias and local restaurants.

**Taiwan**

**Tunghai University in Taichung**  
Just south of Taipei, Taichung is the third largest city in Taiwan. Located close to scenic destinations in Taiwan’s central mountain range, Taichung is a center for the arts, cultural activities and cutting-edge industries. Established in 1955, Tunghai University has been recognized as the leading private university in Taiwan and now has nine colleges and a total student population of 17,000. Thirty-four departments and the Chinese Language Center offer small classes and many opportunities to explore Chinese culture. A range of courses, including intensive Mandarin Chinese is available, and 70-80 courses, including some in fine arts and creative design, are offered in English. The newly established International College is an English-immersion program with courses in international business administration and global leadership.

**Fall Term/Full Year/Summer (S.I.R.O.L.) intensive Chinese language and culture study only**  
**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016  
**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred, some Chinese recommended  
**Academic Credit:** Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 9-12 credits per term  
**Housing and Meals:** On-campus residence halls or nearby apartments
**Turkey**

**Kadir Has University in Istanbul**
In the cultural heart of historic Istanbul, the Cibali campus of Kadir Has University is housed in a beautifully restored tobacco factory built upon an Ottoman bath and an 11th century Byzantine cistern. This vibrant new university, founded in 1997, offers students a wide variety of courses taught in English, including art and design, economics, business, social sciences, communication, fine arts, engineering and natural sciences. Scholarships from the Turkish Coalition of America are available for minority students.

**Fall Term**

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016

**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred

**Academic Credit:** Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 12 credits per semester

**Housing and Meals:** Standard self-catered housing provided. Depending on the housing option, some meals are included.

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**Direct Enrollment Programs**

Like our university exchanges, Direct Enrollment programs give students the opportunity to study abroad independently at a university. Students apply directly for admission into a certain faculty or department at selected universities and, once accepted, become completely immersed in the academic life of their chosen school. Students in Direct Enrollment programs pay North Central College tuition plus a $3,500 program fee. This fee includes placement, orientation and guidance fees, as well as standard self-catered housing. The College selects accommodations; if students choose to upgrade, they are responsible for paying any difference in cost. Unless otherwise noted, the fee does NOT include airfare, travel to and from airports, meals, visa fees, departure tax, books, national insurance, personal travel or spending money. Students can participate in Direct Enrollment programs for either the fall term or the entire academic year.

**Australia**

**Macquarie University in Sydney**

The University is located just 25 minutes by train from downtown Sydney. With a population of four million people, this cosmopolitan and multicultural city is famous for its magnificent harbor. Set in its own parkland, the university is served regularly by city buses and trains. On its campus of 38,000 students, 12,000 of which are international, students can take courses in a variety of areas, including science, social science, humanities, business, computer science and environmental studies.

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016

**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred with substantial coursework in major

**Academic Credit:** 9-12 credits depending on courses selected

**Housing and Meals:** Standard self-catered housing provided. Meals not included.

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**Chile**

**Universidad Viña del Mar**

About two and a half hours by bus to the capital city of Santiago, Universidad Viña del Mar (UVM) was founded in 1988 and is home to more than 7,000 students. UVM is comprised of two campuses, and students studying on this program enroll in Spanish language and content courses at the UVM campus in the city of Viña del Mar.

The fourth largest city in Chile, Viña del Mar has a population of 324,800 people and is well known for its white sand beaches, high coastal buildings, entertainment venues, and internationally recognized Chilean cuisine. Known as the

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“Garden City,” students have ample opportunity to explore the parks and fountains scattered throughout the city.

Students in this program complete 6-8 credits of Spanish language and 6-8 credits of content courses taught in either Spanish or English. Content course options include Latin American literature and social movements, Chilean politics and society, and various courses in business, humanities and social sciences.

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016

**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred with substantial coursework in major

**Academic Credit:** 12-16 credits depending on courses selected

**Housing and Meals:** Students stay with host families; breakfast and dinner included.

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**China**

**Alliance for Global Education in Beijing**

Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU)

An ancient seat of government and home to a vibrant arts and music scene, Beijing has emerged as an epicenter of contemporary Chinese culture. Students can choose between two programs at BLCU: Popular Culture and Social Change (requiring no prior language study) or Intensive Chinese Language for students who have completed one year of language study.

**Popular Culture and Social Change** students enroll in 6 credits of Chinese language and 3 credits of contemporary Chinese society. In addition, they select two 3-credit electives spanning music, film, visual and performing arts, and foreign policy. Students with at least three semesters of previous Chinese language experience may also elect to complete a 3-credit internship and be placed in Chinese or foreign-owned companies, NGOs or research institutes.

**Intensive Chinese Language** students take 15 credits of Chinese language and may also enroll in an optional elective course taught in English.

Students in the Popular Culture and Social Change program live in an international student residence hall in double rooms. Participants in the Intensive Chinese Language program live with a host family near campus. Additionally, students are paired with a Chinese student whose major is teaching Chinese as a foreign language. These programs offer a full slate of co-curricular activities and excursions, including a weeklong field study trip to southern or western China.

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016

**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred with substantial coursework in major

**Academic Credit:** 15 credits

**Housing and Meals:** Students live in double rooms in self-catered residence halls or with host families. Meals not included in residence halls.

**Alliance for Global Education in Shanghai**

Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFE)

As one of the world’s largest and fastest-growing cities, Shanghai offers students an unparalleled opportunity to experience China’s economic rebirth and revitalization and to witness the cultural transformation of modern China. Students can choose among three Alliance programs at SUFE: 21st Century City or International Business in China (requiring no prior language study), or Intensive Chinese Language (for students who have completed one year of Chinese language study).

**The 21st Century City** students take 6 credits of Chinese language and 3 credits in contemporary Chinese society. They also select two 3-credit elective courses in economics, history, urban planning or Sino-U.S. relations.

**International Business in China** students take 6 credits of Chinese language in addition to 9 credits of courses in English that include marketing, economics, management, finance and international trade. Students with at least three semesters of previous Chinese language experience may also elect to complete a 3-credit internship and be placed in Chinese or foreign-owned companies, NGOs or research institutes.

**Intensive Chinese Language** students take 15 credits of Chinese language and may also enroll in an optional elective course taught in English.

Students in the 21st Century City and International Business in China programs share an apartment adjacent to campus with a Chinese roommate, allowing them to adapt more quickly to student culture, while engaging in language and cultural exchange. Students in the Intensive Chinese Language program live with a host family near campus. These programs offer a full slate of co-curricular activities and excursions, including a weeklong field study trip to southern or western China.

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016

**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred, one year of Chinese language study required for Intensive Chinese Language program

**Academic Credit:** 15-18 credits

**Housing and Meals:** Students are housed in apartments adjacent to campus and may cook their own meals or eat at a campus cafeteria. Students in the Intensive Chinese Language program live with host families.
England

University of Bristol: Ranked in the top 30 universities in the world, the University of Bristol has been groundbreaking and forward-thinking since gaining its Royal Charter in 1909. The university offers an opportunity to engage with intellectually challenging programs of study, designed and taught by world leaders in research. A supportive environment enables students to work in partnership with creative teachers, while taking advantage of numerous social, sporting and cultural activities.

Students take classes in a wide variety of subjects: economics, classics, history, geography, sociology, chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science, biology, philosophy, music, theatre, engineering, archaeology, political science, theology and religious studies.

University of Essex: The University of Essex is located near Colchester and has excellent transport links to the whole of the U.K. and Europe, with a local bus service to Stansted International Airport and only one hour by rail to London. With a student population of around 12,000 from more than 137 different countries, Essex is highly regarded for teaching and research in the social sciences and humanities with the departments of political science/government and sociology ranked as the top in the U.K., and economics ranked fourth. Essex was one of the first European Universities to offer both law and social science degrees in human rights. Other strong areas include accounting/finance, business, computer science/gaming, mathematics, psychology, journalism, human rights, art history, linguistics, sports science, film, theater studies, history, philosophy, criminology and biological sciences.

Liverpool Hope University: With more than 7,500 students, Liverpool Hope University (Hope) offers American students the rare chance to study in a British city with very few other Americans. Home of The Beatles, the city of Liverpool was named European Capital of Culture in 2008. Liverpool has a vibrant city center that boasts more museums than any U.K. city outside of London, along with two world-class football clubs, Liverpool and Everton FC. Manchester is 30 minutes away and London is only two hours by train.

Students may enroll in courses in a richly varied curriculum from psychology to English literature, to theology and media and communication. Hope has a dedicated Arts Campus in the city center where study abroad students can take courses in the creative or performing arts. Accommodation is on a garden campus with an international student community. Five meals a week on campus are included.

Alongside their academic classes, study abroad students can now complete a Certificate in Service and Leadership. This involves a minimum of 10 hours of volunteering with local projects and some workshops to develop leadership skills. There are many student-led clubs and societies to join, including a variety of sporting events and teams.

University of Sunderland: The university is located in the heart of Sunderland, known as the City by the Sea, only three hours from London and 90 minutes from Edinburgh. Sunderland is a lively coastal city with a beautiful beach, historical sites and modern city center. The university has more than 13,000 students studying a wide variety of subjects across four faculties. The University of Sunderland has state-of-the-art facilities and excellent programs in art and design, media, literature, photography, computing, business, criminology, sports science, tourism, the humanities and social sciences.

University of York: Under two hours by express train from London, the University of York is located in one of Britain’s most historic cities, recently designated as one of the U.K.’s six Science Cities, focusing on biotechnology and information technology. Set in mature parkland with a brand new sports village, the university offers a wide variety of courses in the arts, social sciences, natural and applied sciences.

Consistently ranked among the top 10 U.K. universities, York is particularly strong in English literature, history, history of art, music, social policy, sociology, biochemistry, theatre, film and TV, politics and management.

£500 scholarships through BUTEX, a U.K. higher education membership organization, are available for students in all NCC England programs.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing. GPA 3.0 preferred with substantial coursework in major
Academic Credit: 9-15 credits depending on courses selected
Housing and Meals: Standard self-catered housing provided. Meals not included unless otherwise noted.
France
Centre d’Études Franco-Américain de Management (CEFAM) in Lyon
Set in Lyon, France’s second largest city, the French-American Center for Management (CEFAM), is a business school working in partnership with several American universities. Lyon, a major European metropolis, is known as the capital of French gastronomy, offering students many chances to explore French culture in its restaurants, open-air markets and its 2,000-year-old historic center, now recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site.

At CEFAM, business courses are taught in English by professors with advanced degrees and considerable experience in their professional areas. Students also enroll in French language classes, as well as a course in French culture and civilization. Activities and field trips in and around Lyon are also included in the program.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred, no previous knowledge of French required
Academic Credit: 12-16 credits depending on courses selected
Housing and Meals: Single-occupancy apartment (no meals included) or host family (including 5-6 meals per week)

Germany
Freie Universität in Berlin
Located in the dynamic, multicultural European metropolis of Berlin, Freie Universität (FU) is one of Germany’s premier institutions of higher education. Founded in 1948 with an enrollment of about 40,000 students, the university has a strong international profile and a large number of international students from around the world.

The FU-BEST program includes intensive German at all levels, as well as courses taught in English in cultural studies, art history, literature, European affairs, history, politics, music, business and philosophy. Participants are housed in homestays or fully furnished single-occupancy apartments. The program includes field trips, a weeklong off-site excursion, and various cultural events and activities. For students studying abroad the entire year, an internship option is available after completion of the spring semester.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred, no previous knowledge of German required
Academic Credit: 9-12 credits depending on courses selected
Housing and Meals: Single-occupancy, fully furnished studio apartment (no meals included) or homestay (including breakfast and dinner)

Universität Heidelberg
The American Junior Year (AJY) offers students a chance to study at Germany’s oldest, and currently highest ranked, university in the QS World University Rankings®.

At AJY, the goal is to assist students in becoming as fluent in German as possible. Many students take the major portion of their coursework in the areas of German language, literature and German/European studies. Others choose freely among the full range of courses offered by the university once they have passed the language proficiency exam. Each individual student is assisted in navigating the extensive course catalog and finding classes appropriate for his/her major/minor. Popular departments include economics, history, Jewish studies, philosophy, political science, psychology, and transcultural studies. AJY also supports students who wish to pursue individual research or capstone seminar projects.

Above all, AJY presents students with choices: internships, service learning opportunities, office assistantships and a variety of extra-curricular activities. Students are encouraged to discover Germany and explore Europe on their own or in small groups with the German Rail and Interrail passes provided by the AJY program.

Located in the heart of the city on Heidelberg’s famous University Square, the AJY study center, in which only German is spoken, is open daily between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. Beyond housing classrooms and offices, the center provides various amenities to its students, including a lounge with German language TV, DVDs, newspapers and magazines, a fully equipped computer room and a small kitchen. Wi-Fi is available in all areas of the center.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility requirements: Junior or senior level with at least two years of college-level German in succession and a GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic credit: 12-15 credits
Housing and meals: Single room in a residence hall or shared apartment. Meals not included.
Ghana
University of Ghana in Accra

Located in the West African country of Ghana, the university is just eight miles northeast of Accra, the capital. It has seven faculties and a student population of about 30,000. Program participants enroll in regular courses as full-time students, allowing for the greatest level of cultural immersion. Students choose courses in such fields as literature, business, political science, philosophy, history and local language, arts and culture—all taught in English.

This is a group program. North Central College students will be together with other students on the Missouri Africa program through the University of Missouri, St. Louis. A non-North Central College faculty member accompanies the group to serve as a resource and support.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred with substantial coursework in major
Academic Credit: 12-15 credits depending on courses selected
Housing and Meals: Double rooms in an international student residence hall are provided. Roommates may be either international or American students. There is no meal plan. Meals are purchased in campus cafeteria or self-catered.
Estimated Costs: North Central College tuition plus $3,500 program fee. Fee includes program placement, international airfare, housing, several excursions, and international health/accident insurance.
Note: The group flight usually departs from St. Louis. Students are responsible for their individual travel to this city.

India
Alliance for Global Education in Pune
Contemporary India

Home to many of India’s top academic institutions, Pune—a city of 3.5 million people—offers a wealth of cultural resources and hosts many of the country’s most forward-thinking NGOs. Students in the Alliance’s Contemporary India program enroll in a 15-credit curriculum consisting of a required core course; a field-based component which consists of an internship, directed research project or documentary film; and three additional courses chosen from social justice, public health, development economics, film studies and Hindi language. Co-curricular classes in dance, art and music are also offered. Two excursions outside of Pune highlight the geographic and cultural diversity of the State of Maharashta.

Two additional Alliance programs in India are available: a program in Manipal concentrates on public health, while a second in Varanasi focuses on South Asian and religious studies.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred with substantial coursework in major
Academic Credit: 15 credits
Housing and Meals: Students are lodged in a shared apartment or host family home at varying distances from the Alliance program center. Some meals are provided.

Ireland
University of Limerick

The University of Limerick, with a student population of 13,500, has particular strengths in sciences, education, humanities, engineering and traditional Irish music and dance. Irish studies (including language, literature and music), sports/exercise science and physical education are especially popular among American students. Students can select courses from a variety of university departments, and with more than 1,200 classes offered each semester students can fulfill major, minor or general education requirements. The beautiful campus offers state-of-the-art sports and swimming facilities. The university has been ranked No. 1 in providing the Best Student Experience, Best Student Support and Warmest Welcome in Ireland, and was University of the Year in 2015.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred with substantial coursework in major
Academic Credit: 9-12 credits depending on courses selected
Housing and Meals: Standard self-catered housing provided. Meals not included.
Italy

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Cattolica) is the largest private university in Europe and, of all the universities in Italy, provides the most comprehensive range of research activities and courses at all levels. With more than 41,000 students across five campuses and 2,900 faculty and staff, Cattolica offers challenging academic programs in economics, business, international relations, political science, psychology and communication. At the main campus in the iconic international city of Milan, students can choose from a variety of courses taught in English while they learn basic Italian. They can also enroll in an intensive pre-semester course in Italian language and culture.

Application deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic Credit: 12-15 credits depending on courses selected
Housing and Meals: Students live in self-catered, shared apartments or in university residence halls. Meals at discounted rates are available in the university cafeteria.

Jordan

Qasid Arabic Institute in Amman

In this institute, one of the leading centers in the Middle East for Arabic language learning, students are immersed in a five-level comprehensive curriculum, taking them from the pronunciation of basic sounds to a level of language mastery. The Jordanian dialect is considered to be among the closest to Classical Arabic, making Amman an ideal setting for learning Arabic. Language classes meet three hours a day, five days per week, and place special emphasis on developing a student’s ability to converse. In addition, students may take a dialect class, pursue an internship and enroll in other classes related to Arab culture. Excursions to area sites are also included.

Application deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred
Academic credit: 12 credits
Housing and meals: Students choose between residence halls or apartments. Meals not included.

Scotland

University of Dundee

With over 18,000 students, the University of Dundee is one of Scotland’s premier educational institutions offering world-class undergraduate, postgraduate and research degrees. Sixteen percent of the University’s students are international, coming from over 80 countries worldwide. For the past six years the University of Dundee has been rated number one in Scotland for all-around student experience by the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey. Classes in humanities, social science, accounting, life sciences, engineering, physical sciences, geography, English, political science, business, psychology and fine arts are offered. Opportunities for psychology research are also available to students.

The University is located in Scotland’s fourth-largest city, overlooking the River Tay on Scotland’s east coast, with easy access to Glasgow and a short one-hour tram ride to Edinburgh Airport. Compared to other Scottish cities, Dundee boasts more sunshine, lower rainfall and a warmer climate due to its sheltered location.

The R. Harper Brown scholarship through the Chicago Scots Organization, as well as £500 scholarships through BUTEX, a U.K. higher education membership organization, are available for students in this program.

Application Deadline: January 31, 2016
Eligibility Requirements: Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred with substantial coursework in major
Academic Credit: 12-15 credits depending on courses selected
Housing and Meals: Standard self-catered housing provided. Meals not included.

University of Glasgow

This program in Glasgow, Scotland’s largest city, is open only to North Central College college scholars. Twenty years of regeneration have transformed Glasgow into a European “capital of culture,” now considered the best British city for live music outside of London. The university, with 23,000 students, is ranked in the top 1 percent of universities in the world and is rated as “the best campus in Scotland for student experience.”

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Students have access to a wide range of classes, including a course in the Scottish Enlightenment created especially for this program, and are eligible to enroll in a pre-med anatomy course, as well as black-and-white photography, life drawing or clay sculpture at the Glasgow School of Art, and a Scottish bagpipe class at the National Piping Centre. Other popular departments for study abroad students include political science, physics, business, literature, art history and film. The R. Harper Brown scholarship through the Chicago Scots Organization, as well as £500 scholarships through BUTEX, a U.K. higher education membership organization, are available for students in this program.

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016  
**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior honors students only, GPA 3.0 required  
**Academic Credit:** 12-15 credits depending on courses selected  
**Housing and Meals:** On-campus residence halls in self-catered rooms

### Singapore

**LASALLE College of the Arts**  
LASALLE College of the Arts in Singapore is a leading tertiary institution in cutting edge contemporary arts and design education and practice. The college offers 13 programs for study abroad students: dance, music, arts management, design communications, fashion design and textile, fashion media and industries, interior design, product design, fine arts, animation art, film, acting and musical theatre. Its faculty is led by a community of award-winning artists, designers, educators and researchers, and their practice-led research sets LASALLE apart as an international centre of excellence. Critically acclaimed alumni form the core of the cultural and creative sectors in Singapore and increasingly internationally. Founded in 1984 by De La Salle Brother Joseph McNally—a visionary artist and educator—LASALLE is a not-for-profit, private educational institution. LASALLE receives tuition grant support from the Singapore Ministry of Education. Its degree programs are validated by Goldsmiths, University of London.

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016  
**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred  
**Academic Credit:** Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 12 credits per term  
**Housing and Meals:** Students live in a self-catered hostel within walking distance to the beach, shops, restaurants and markets. Direct bus service takes students to campus.

### China

**Central Academy of Fine Arts**  
Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA) in Beijing offers a full range of programs for study abroad students. The college is one of China’s top schools in fine arts, including advertising design, film production, industrial design and product design. Its faculty is led by a community of award-winning artists, designers, educators and researchers, and their practice-led research sets CAFA apart as an international centre of excellence. Critically acclaimed alumni form the core of the cultural and creative sectors in Beijing and increasingly internationally. Founded in 1957 by the Chinese Academy of Arts, CAFA is a not-for-profit, public educational institution. It is the national top university for the arts and the only fine arts association of China. Its degree programs are validated by the University of Edinburgh.

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016  
**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred  
**Academic Credit:** Varies by course load and length of stay, usually 12 credits per term  
**Housing and Meals:** Students typically live in self-catered rooms in shared apartments or homestay accommodations with two meals a day.

### Spain

**Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona**  
Barcelona International College

**University of Barcelona**

This program offers students three options in Barcelona: Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB), Barcelona International College (BIC) or the University of Barcelona (UB). All three programs offer intensive Spanish language study for all levels, along with elective courses taught in both Spanish and English. The electives at UAB focus on business, international relations and politics; courses at BIC focus on business and Barcelona-related humanities courses; courses at UB focus on Spanish culture and history, allowing students to have the full immersion experience. Students in all three programs have the chance to interact with local and international students through endless cultural activities included in the program. There are opportunities to get involved in an “intercambio” (language exchange) and to enjoy extensive support services and planned activities outside of the classroom including salsa lessons, Catalan cooking classes and sporting events.

**Application Deadline:** January 31, 2016  
**Eligibility Requirements:** Junior or senior standing, GPA 3.0 preferred  
**Academic Credit:** 12-15 credits  
**Housing and Meals:** Shared, self-catered apartments or homestay accommodations with two meals a day.
NAC&U Consortium
Programs Abroad
Fall Term, Full Year
North Central College students are eligible to apply for admission to programs offered by other schools in The New American Colleges and Universities Study Abroad Programs consortium (NAC&U) in the following locations: Austria, Denmark and Norway (fall term) and Senegal (full year only and two years of college-level French required). For most programs, students pay tuition, room and board to North Central College. Details available in the Office of International Programs.

Educators Abroad
Educators Abroad offers eligible students teaching placements or English as a Foreign Language Teaching Assistant placements in approved schools in one of more than 68 countries. This program is open to students who have been admitted to the North Central College Teacher Education Program and accepted for the Student Teaching Experience. An overall GPA of 3.0 is required in the major and in professional education courses, although a 3.25 GPA is preferred in the latter. Previous study abroad experience is highly recommended and in some instances required. Participants are required to find their own host country accommodation. Housing and meals are not included in the program fee. Please note: This program does not fulfill the North Central College or Illinois State student teaching requirement.

D-Term Courses Abroad
The College offers three-credit courses abroad between Thanksgiving and Christmas; some fulfill the All-College Requirement (ACR) for intercultural study. Information sessions are held in Goldspohn Hall each February, and students are encouraged to contact faculty leaders for course details. December Term (D-Term) course credits are added to winter term. Airfare and program costs vary depending on the course. For more information and a complete list of D-Term courses, contact the Office of International Programs at 630-637-5132 or visit the Abe House at 48 E. Jefferson Street. D-Term courses have been taught in Argentina/Uruguay, Australia, Brazil, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Italy, Japan, Morocco, Netherlands/Luxembourg, Nicaragua, Northern Ireland, Spain and Turkey. A limited number of $1,000 scholarships are awarded every year.

S.I.R.O.L. (Student-In-Residence-On-Leave)
Non-North Central College programs
S.I.R.O.L. status allows students to remain officially enrolled at North Central College while participating in non-North Central College programs abroad. Plans must be approved by both the Registrar and a North Central College study abroad advisor before registering and receiving credit. To investigate possible programs, students pursue research on the Internet and use materials available in the Office of International Programs. Though some federal financial aid may be used for these opportunities, North Central College institutional aid/scholarships and state grants may not be.

To research overseas programs, confer with a study abroad advisor and visit these sites:
iiypassport.org
studyabroad.com
goabroad.com
Making a decision…

Studying abroad takes commitment and careful planning beyond what’s normally required of students who will complete their education on campus in Naperville. This careful consideration and advance planning for a successful term or year abroad begins early in a student’s academic career. However, the lifelong impact an experience overseas can offer personally, academically and professionally is well worth the effort.

Academics

Whether you have chosen a major or are investigating your options, it is important to discuss your interest in pursuing education abroad with both your academic advisor and study abroad advisor as early as possible. You can speak with faculty in various disciplines to find out how study abroad might fit within your academic goals and with a major or minor in a specific department. Faculty, family, friends and employers may have pertinent advice and insight, so discuss your interests with them as well. Plan ahead: Making long-term academic plans early will facilitate off-campus study later in your college years.

When deciding whether or not to study abroad and which program is right for you, consider the following:

• **Where do you think you want to go?** What languages have you studied or do you want to study? Is there a particular region or culture that interests you most, or are you more focused on a particular academic discipline? What is your comfort level and your budget?

• **Which general education, major or minor requirements might study abroad fulfill?** Many general education, major and minor courses can be taken abroad. The Intercultural Seminar All-College Requirement (ACR) is fulfilled by participating in an approved semester study abroad program.

• **How long do you want to be abroad: a few weeks, a term, a year?** Most students benefit from studying abroad during the fall term. Winter/spring terms and yearlong opportunities are also available, as well as shorter D-Term courses abroad.

• **What about financial considerations?** All North Central College-sponsored programs are eligible for federal, state and North Central College institutional aid. If you select a non-North Central College program (S.I.R.O.L.), you may still be eligible for federal aid, but your North Central College aid cannot be used to pay another institution. Once accepted to study abroad, you should immediately make an appointment with the Office of Financial Aid to determine what your individual aid package will be. Meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss travel and visa costs, as well as individual program budgets and spending money. Students on tuition remission or faculty exchange are charged the full cost incurred by North Central College for most programs.

…and completing an application

Fall Term

By sophomore year, or at least one year in advance, attend the October Study Abroad Fair and schedule a study abroad advising appointment to learn about the North Central College programs, costs, prerequisites, application procedures and appropriate preparations.

Winter Term

After careful consideration of your personal and academic goals, confer with your faculty advisor and check all requirements in your major or minor. Applications for North Central College programs are due January 31 for the following academic year (with the exception of the Irish American Scholars program). Acceptance letters are mailed in February, and initial orientation sessions may begin before the end of winter term.

Spring Term

Students enrolled in all semester and year-long North Central College study abroad programs are required to take and successfully complete GLS 277 Seminar: Study Abroad offered every year. This course, taken for 0 or 2 credits, requires students to set learning goals, research their study abroad destination, attend pre-departure orientation sessions and make presentations on one aspect of their host culture. The course also requires students to report from abroad. Upon their return, students participate in re-entry activities and submit a final reflective essay. A parents’ orientation is held in the spring.

Deposits, Deadlines, Refund Policies

**January 31, 2016:** All study abroad applications due, unless otherwise noted.

**February 1 - February 19, 2016:** $50 late fee for all applications received during this period.

**No applications will be accepted after February 19, 2016.**

**April 1, 2016:** $500 deposit due in the Office of International Programs (regardless of any pending financial aid or scholarship decisions); $250 will be refunded until May 1, 2016.

**May 1, 2016:** $500 deposit forfeited after this date for any participant who withdraws for any reason other than medical. If withdrawal is for medical reasons and accompanied by a clinician’s note, then the $500 deposit will be refunded.

**June 30, 2016:** Participants withdrawing after this date, for any reason, will not only forfeit the $500 deposit but will also be responsible for any cancellation fees incurred by the College.

PLEASE NOTE: If your cumulative GPA falls below 2.5 in the term(s) prior to studying abroad, but after your acceptance, you are put on academic probation, North Central College and/or our partner institution/program abroad has the right to withdraw you from the program, at your expense. You will be responsible for any cancellation fees incurred by the college as a result of this cancellation.

Contact Us

For general information, visit the Office of International Programs website at northcentralcollege.edu/academics/international-programs/study-abroad. To schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor, call our office at 630-637-5132 or visit us at the Abe House, 48 E. Jefferson Ave., Naperville, Illinois 60540.
Study Away U.S.A.

Study Away U.S.A. opportunities are perfect for North Central College students who are looking to enhance their college education but stay a little bit closer to home. Each of the unique opportunities listed below fulfills the North Central College study abroad requirement for College Scholars and allows students to earn academic credit, staying on track for graduation, while stepping off campus for a term.

Washington, D.C.
American University’s Washington Semester Program

Students interested in studying and interning in Washington, D.C. should consider American University’s Washington Semester Program. This program offers students the opportunity to take courses at American University while gaining practical work experience interning in Washington. Students receive 12 total credits (eight for coursework and four for the internship). There is an option for an additional three or four credits upon completion of a research project or an elective course. The Washington Semester Program also fulfills the North Central College study abroad requirement for College Scholars. The spring 2016 application deadline is November 2, 2015. The fall 2016 application deadline has yet to be set, but fall deadlines are usually May 1.

For more information about the program, please visit american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/faq/index.cfm.

Financial scholarships are available. Visit american.edu/spexs/washingtonsemester/WSEM-Scholarships.cfm.

Please contact North Central College representative Dr. Suzanne Chod with any questions about the program, application requirements or general interest at 630-637-5245 or smchod@noctrl.edu.

NAC&U Domestic Student Exchange

New American Colleges & Universities Student Exchange

Through The New American Colleges & Universities (NAC&U) Student Exchange program, North Central College students can spend a term at one of 11 campuses nationwide. You are invited to explore opportunities to enhance your academic studies and at the same time experience a different geographic location and campus environment at a partner private college/university.

NAC&U schools share an interest in integrating student learning in the liberal arts and sciences with professional studies and civic engagement.

For more information regarding participating schools and programs, please visit the NAC&U Study Away website at studyaway.org or contact Francine Navakas, associate academic dean, at fnavakas@noctrl.edu or 630-637-5285.

Chicago Term

Just 28 miles and an approved application form separate North Central College students from a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The Chicago Term is North Central’s unique program to expose students to the cultural riches, excitement and career opportunities that abound in Chicago. Open to any student in any major, the Chicago Term offers regular North Central classes at our downtown location in the Loop. These classes are taught in a jumbo format on Monday and Wednesday afternoons during fall and spring terms. They are themed on Chicago, involve a great deal of interaction in the city, and bring into the classroom experts and professionals that have intimate knowledge of Chicago business, politics, cultural and artistic worlds, and mass media. Many students take one or two classes during a term by commuting to the city on the nearby BNSF Metra line. However, to get the full flavor of what it means to live in the city, North Central also offers a residential option.

The College has secured an apartment in the dynamic Greektown neighborhood of the city. Located in the 20-story Tailor Lofts, the apartment can accommodate four North Central students a term. The Tailor Lofts has a workout room, recreation room, 24-hour security, and nearby coffee shops, restaurants, shopping and public transportation. For at least one term during their college career, students should consider living in Chicago, taking North Central classes and, if they so choose, securing an internship in the city to further expand their career choices and credentials.

Better yet, all this can be accomplished in a seamless manner. The arrangements, billing practices and housing selection processes are carried out through the typical North Central College procedures. And the best news is that the cost for all this is essentially the same as a term spent on campus.

For more information about this unique opportunity, contact Dr. Lou Corsino in North Central College’s Department of Sociology at lcorsino@noctrl.edu or 630-637-5312.