

See the world.
Learn global skills.
Meet new people.
Develop your global understanding.

Through the Wisconsin Technical College System there are many exciting opportunities to see the world from short-term 10-day trips to full semester programs overseas.

WTCS colleges offer options to appeal to students in many different program areas from technical fields, to health care, to arts, humanities, and social sciences.

Programs range in cost depending on length of study and location and include many options for less than \$2,000. Financial Aid can be applied to most programs and scholarships may be available to help support the cost of study abroad.

See individual college websites for details on programs available, eligibility, and application materials.

Expand your horizons and jump-start your resume.

Study abroad while earning your Technical College degree.

Nearly every employer today is looking for people who can work effectively in a diverse environment, communicate with customers and suppliers from around the world, and who can show they are knowledgeable about social issues and events.

STUDY ABROAD



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COLLEGES



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WHY STUDY ABROAD?

GAIN REAL WORLD JOB SKILLS:

Education abroad is the single most powerful way to gain global competence and demonstrate those “real world” skills to future employers. Employers recognize the value of the global experience that study abroad provides, and also see study abroad as a sign of self-motivation and initiative in a prospective employee.

LANGUAGE IMMERSION:

For students wishing to become fluent in another language, study abroad is a critical step in achieving that goal. Language immersion in an environment where you are surrounded by others speaking the target language provides essential “ear training” to master intonation and tone. Living in an environment that requires use and practice of the language forces students to improve their understanding and ability to communicate.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS:

Study abroad is an experience that not only provides you with “real world” competencies, but has the potential to change the way you see the world. Students who have participated in study abroad programs often note that the personal growth in confidence and understanding of themselves in relation to the world was as valuable as the content of their classes abroad.



EXPLORE YOUR HERITAGE OR LEARN A NEW CULTURE:

Students can choose many different options for study. Some students use study abroad as a way to visit the home country of their ancestral heritage, research family roots, and understand traditions in a new light. Other students choose to study a culture that is completely new, learning new traditions, new languages, and meeting new people along the way.

FIGHT STEREOTYPES AND BECOME MORE CULTURALLY AWARE:

International travel introduces students to new peoples from around the world. In addition to the culture of the country they visit, students often meet many other international students and travelers along the way. Through such interaction, they gain a richer appreciation of all peoples and improve their cultural understanding.

“I don’t think I can even put into words how this experience changed my life... I not only learned about another culture and about other people, but I learned a lot about myself as well.” - **Zina Soltis** (Costa Rica 2004)

“Studying abroad in Australia gave me an opportunity to learn about a different culture and the lifestyle these individuals live. I was able to learn how independent I am and the leadership qualities I can use to help others. It allowed me to visit another country while earning college credits that will help me in reaching my goal of graduating from college a year early.” - **Shawna Smith** (Australia 2007)