

THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION ABROAD

2023 - 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



UVU
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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Study Abroad participation at UVU continues to grow! We sent more students abroad on life-changing adventures last year than ever before. Over 300 Students took 70+ courses in more than two dozen countries. The academic experiences students have abroad cannot be matched in the classroom here on campus. By adding an international travel component to regular coursework, UVU faculty create unique learning opportunities that students consistently say are highly impactful and “totally worth it.”

Language students last year practiced their speaking and hearing abilities in Japan, China, France, Germany, and Brazil. Architecture students learned about our classical heritage on site in Olympia, Delphi, Florence, and Rome. Our future nurses participated in hands-on global health activities in the islands of Samoa and St. Kitts and Nevis. The halls of Oxford hosted our students as they discovered the origins of the United States Constitution and engaged in discussions on civics and leadership. Geography students learned about world history, culture, religion, and environment from a monk’s perspective at an ecovillage in India. Stories told in books came to life for our students in the theatres of London and pastoral scenes of the British countryside. Our students got down to business in Antwerp, Cologne, and Amsterdam. Our music students felt the rhythm and beat of Puerto Rico as they played bomba and plena with musicians in Old San Juan. Our students can tell you from experience how to get from point A to B via bicycle in Valencia and Utrecht and can explain the public policy behind the transportation infrastructure enjoyed by people in these places.

Through our provider partners, students got off the beaten path for semester-long programs and internships in Argentina, South Korea, Dominican Republic, New Zealand, Australia, and Thailand.

Coming back to UVU with fresh perspectives and great ideas taken from around the world, study abroad students help drive innovative ways of thinking about familiar problems here at home. Please browse through these pages to see where in the world UVU is going—then come with us next year!

~Brent Spencer~
Director of Education Abroad
Utah Valley University

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MISSION STATEMENT

The UVU Office of Education Abroad facilitates opportunities for students to engage with the world outside of the United States by managing logistical support and advising for international, for-credit education abroad programs.



312

Total Participants on
Study Abroad Programs:
2023 - 2024

\$15,000

Awarded For Faculty
Grants To Develop Study
Abroad Programs

\$20,000

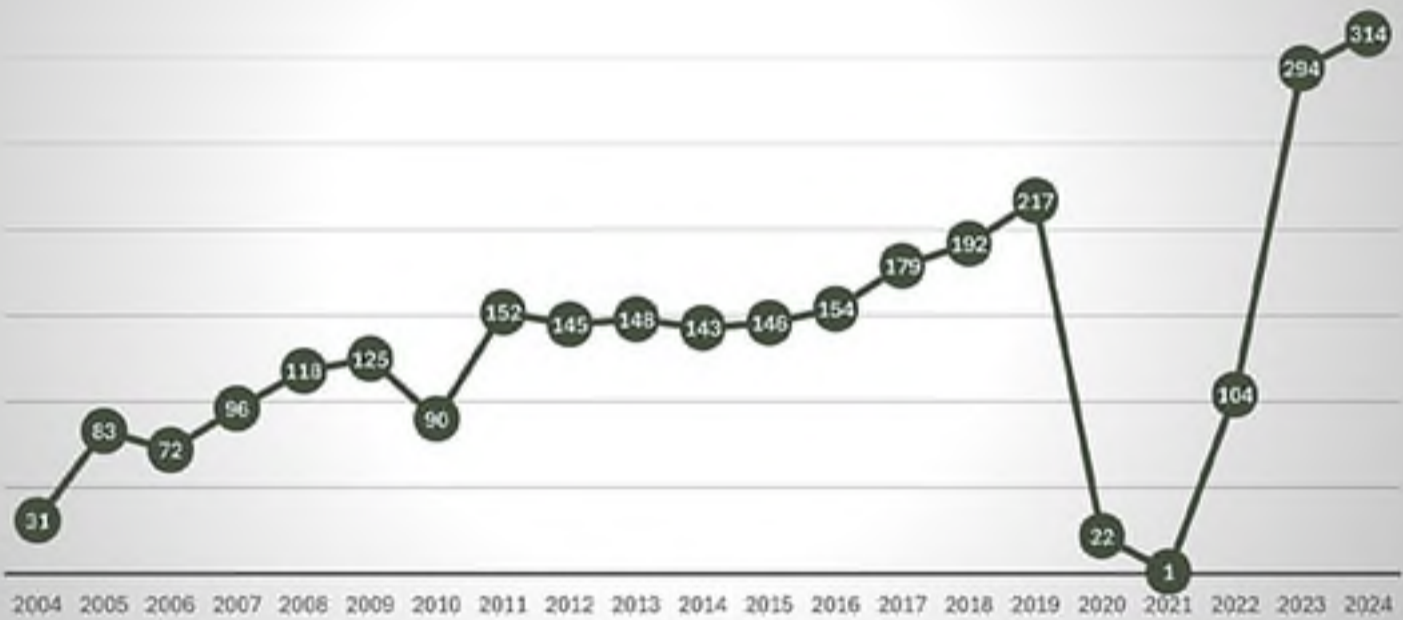
Awarded For Study
Abroad Scholarships

2023 - 2024 STATISTICS

How did Students hear about Study Abroad?

Digital Signs.....	31
Flyers.....	94
Instructors.....	201
Other.....	38
Social Media.....	7
Study Abroad Coordinator.....	37
Study Abroad Expo.....	104
Word of Mouth from Students.....	79
Academic Advisor.....	5

Study Abroad Participants - Historical Numbers



297

Faculty-Led
Summer Study
Abroad Students

9

International
Internship
Students

6

Semester
Study Abroad
Students

2

Summer Partner
Study Abroad
Students

PROGRAM DESTINATIONS



2023 - 2024 FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS



Belgium - Business
Faculty Program Directors:
Maureen Andrade & Eugene Seeley



Brazil - Language & Culture
Faculty Program Director:
James Krause



China - Language & Culture
Faculty Program Director:
Alex Yuan



France - Language & Culture
Faculty Program Director:
Tammy Christiansen



Germany - Language & Culture
Faculty Program Director:
Jeff Packer



Greece & Italy - Architecture
Faculty Program Directors:
Paul Monson & Aiki Milioti



Greece & Italy - Philosophy & Classical Studies
Faculty Program Directors:
Michael Shaw & Ryan Harte



Guatemala - Community Allied Health Project
Faculty Program Director:
Karen Preston



India - World Geography
Faculty Program Director:
Brent Spencer



Italy - Art & Art History
Faculty Program Directors:
Charlotte Poulton & Brian Jensen



Italy - Geology & Biology
Faculty Program Directors:
Alessandro Zanazzi & Weihong Wang



Japan - Language & Culture
Faculty Program Directors:
Yasuko Saito & Hillary Howell



Spain, France & Netherlands
Parks, Public Lands, and Sustainability
Faculty Program Director:
Scott Williams



New Zealand - Emergency Management
Faculty Program Directors:
Jeff Maxfield, Gary Noll & Merilee Larsen



Puerto Rico - Music
Faculty Program Director:
Shane Jones





Oxford - Civic Thought and Leadership
Faculty Program Directors:
Scott Paul & David Connelly



Oxford - Foundations of American Constitutionalism
Faculty Program Director:
Robert John Burton



Samoa - Nursing
Faculty Program Directors:
Troy Nelson & Sean Bennett



St. Kitts & Nevis - Nursing in the Global Perspective
Faculty Program Director:
Raidern Gaul



London - Literature
Faculty Program Directors:
Leslie Simon & Kristina Gibby

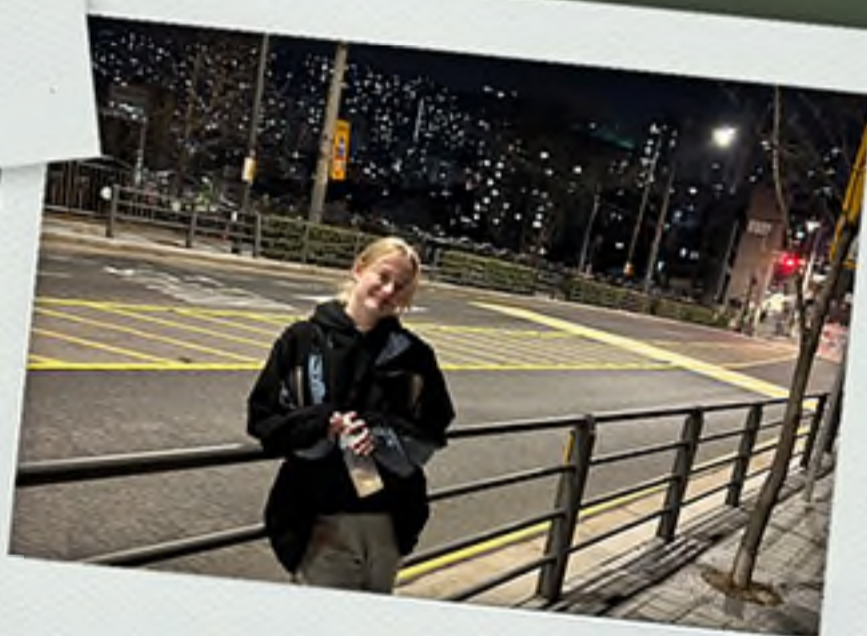


United Kingdom - Theatre
Faculty Program Director:
Amanda Crabb

2023 - 2024 PARTNER PROGRAMS



Alexa Freeman
Summer 2024, Buenos Aires, Argentina



Anna Whitmore
Spring 2024, Seoul, South Korea



Audrey Wood
Summer 2024, Busan, Korea



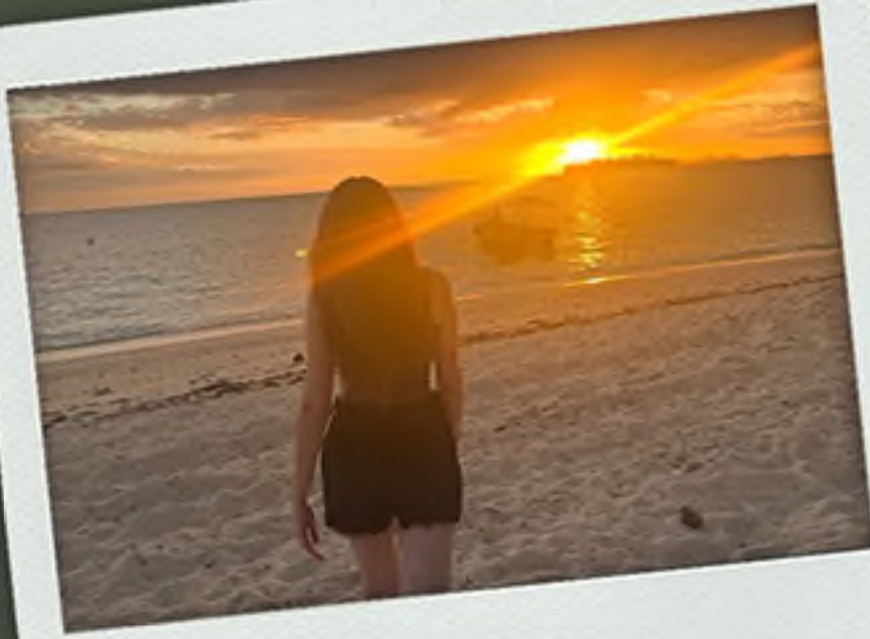
Cale Cromar
Fall 2023, Seoul, S. Korea



Carter Olson
Spring 2024 Paris, France



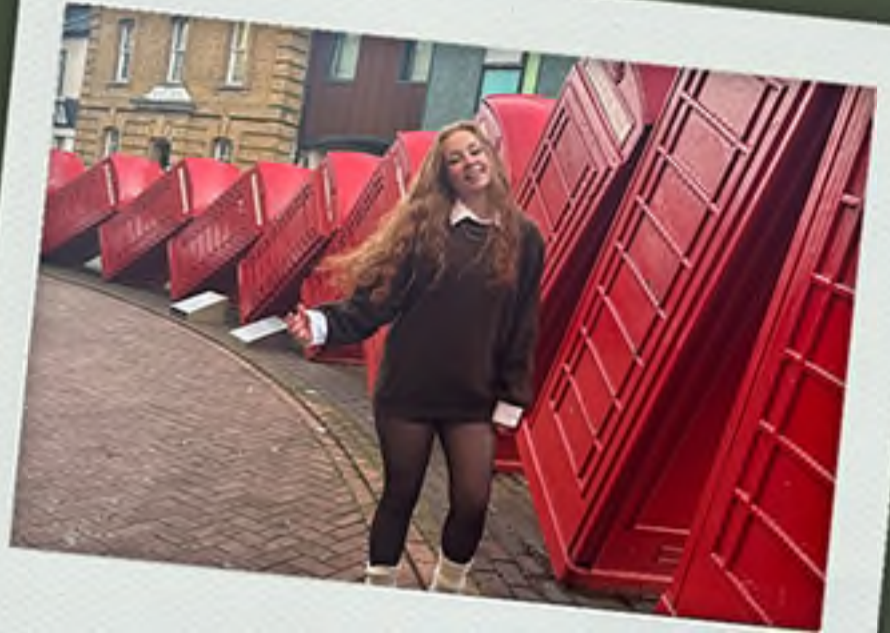
Kaitlyn Murry
Fall 2023 International Internship
Barcelona, Spain



Kayla Leigh
Spring 2024 Dunedine, New Zealand



Olivia Myers Day
Fall 2023, Florence, Italy



Sarah Maras
Fall 2023, London, UK



Sienna Loveland
Spring 2024, Sydney, Australia

2023 - 2024 FACULTY LEAD STUDY ABROAD COURSES

Belgium Business	Faculty Program Directors: Maureen Andrade and Eugene Seeley
MGMT 3000	Organizational Behavior
MGMT 330G	Survey of International Business
Brazil Language & Culture	James Krause
LANG 291R	Appreciation of Brazilian Culture
PORT 490R	Special Topics - Brazilian Cultural Production
China Language & Culture	Faculty Program Director: Alex Yuan
CHIN 2010	Intermediate Chinese I (4 credits)
CHIN 202G	Intermediate Chinese II (4 credit)
CHIN 490R	Special Topics in Chinese Language and Literacy (3 credits)
CHIN 490R (section 2)	Special Topics in Chinese Language and Literacy (3 credits)
France Language & Culture	Faculty Program Director: Tammy Christensen
FREN 490R	Special Topics in French
LANG 291R	"Appreciation of French Culture" - Independent Study
Germany Language & Culture	Faculty Program Director: Jeff Packer
GER 351G	German Culture and Civilization
GER 380R	Topics in German Studies
Greece & Italy Architecture	Faculty Program Directors: Aliki Milioti and Paul Monson
EGDT 1720	Architectural Rendering
ARC 1010	Classical Architecture Workshop
ARC 459R	Special Topics in Architecture
Greece & Italy Philosophy	Faculty Program Directors: Michael Shaw and Ryan Harte
PHIL 400R	Plato and the Poets
CLST 290R	Homer and his Influence
Guatemala Dental Hygiene	Faculty Program Director: Karen Preston
DENT 406G	Global Community
India World Geography	Faculty Program Director: Brent Spencer
GEOG 130G	Survey of World Geography
GEOG 2000	Sustainability and Environment (<i>for students who have already taken GEOG 130G</i>)
Italy Biology & Geology	Faculty Program Directors: Alessandro Zanazzi and Weihong Wang
GEO 204R	Natural History Excursion
BIO 204R	Natural History Excursion
Italy Art & Art History	Faculty Program Directors: Charlotte Poulton and Brian Jensen
ARTH 2720	Renaissance Through Contemporary Art History
ARTH 300R	Special Topics - Art of Power
ART 300R	Special Topics - Sculptural Explorations

Japan Language & Culture	Faculty Program Directors: Yasuko Saito and Hillary Howell
JPNS 251G	Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society
LANG 291R	Independent Study
JPNS 2110	Conversational Japanese (<i>for students who have already taken JPNS 251G</i>)
Netherlands, Spain, & France Public Land and Policy	Faculty Program Director: Scott Williams
REC 490R	Experiential Learning Expedition
REC 2200	Foundations of Recreation
Oxford Constitutional Studies	Faculty Program Director: Robert John Burton
CNST 4720	Foundations of American Constitutionalism
POLS 490R	Independent Study
Oxford Civic Thought & Leadership	Faculty Program Directors: Hank McIntire, David Connelly
POLS 490R	Independent Study
Puerto Rico Music	Faculty Program Director: Shane Jones
MUSC 490R	Advanced Independent Study
Samoa Nursing	Faculty Program Directors: Troy Nelson, Sean Bennett
NURS 4320	Nursing in the Community (2 Credits)
NURS 4325	Nursing in the Community Clinical (1 Credit)
NURS 495R	Independent Study in Nursing (1 Credit)
St. Kitts & Nevis Global Health	Faculty Program Director: Raiden Gaul
NURS 441G	St. Kitts & Nevis: Interdisciplinary Global Health and Disaster Preparedness
NURS 495R	Independent Study Abroad in St. Kitts and Nevis (1 credit)
London, U.K. Literature	Faculty Program Directors: Leslie Simon and Kristina Gibby
ENGL 2620	British Literature from 1800 to Present
ENGL 276R	Themes in Literature: "Filthy Victorians"
ENGL 220G	Introduction to World Literature
ENGL 373R	Literature of Cultures & Places: "Transatlantic Literature: Britain & the Caribbean"
U.K. Theatre	Faculty Program Director: La Beene
THEA 1013	Introduction to Theatre
THEA 3721	Theatre History and Literature 1
THEA 3722	Theatre History and Literature 2

PARTNER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS (TRANSFER COURSES)

Florence, Italy – Fall 2023 Semester – The American University of Florence	
SOC 275R	Current Topics
LANG 1900	Language Elective
ARTH 3040	Renaissance Art History
EXSC 1097	Fitness for Life
London, UK – Fall 2023 Semester – Kingston University	
MKTG 3620	Consumer Behavior
HR 495R	Advanced Topics in Strategic HR Management
HIST 3900	History Elective
Seoul, South Korea – Fall 2023 Semester – Korea University	
MGMT 3450	Operations Management
MKTG 3300	Marketing Analytics
MKTG 3620	Consumer Behavior
MKTG 3700	Fundamentals of Product Mgmt
PSY 480G	Cross-Cultural Psychology
Paris, France – Spring 2024 Semester – Institut Catholique de Paris	
FREN 2010	Intermediate French I
FREN 202G	Intermediate French II
FREN 3030	French Compos/Conversation
LANG 490R	Special Topics in Languages
Seoul, South Korea – Spring 2024 Semester -	
LANG 1900	Language Elective
PSY 3300	Motivations and Emotion
PSY 3490	Sensation and Perception
PSY 475R	Current Topics in Psychology
Sydney, Australia – Spring 2024 Semester – University of Sydney	
ECON 2010	Principles of Economics I
MGMT 2030	Inclusive Leadership
MKTG 335G	International Marketing
MKTG 3600	Principles of Marketing
Buenos Aires, Argentina – Summer 2024 Semester – Universidad de Belgrano	
SPAN 3310	Spanish for Healthcare Professionals
SPAN 4310	Advanced Spanish for Healthcare

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

I think the biggest impact for me was new friends! I have already seen and been with people I met in Belgium. I love that I have these new relationships and people I truly like. We did get to see some really cool things, and I connected with a few professionals I liked.

– **Belgium Business, summer 2024**

I learned so much from this experience, especially bettering my Portuguese skills because I was able to observe how it is used in day to day life and in more casual conversations. I had already had plenty of exposure to Portuguese being used in more formal or academic settings but I really enjoyed seeing a more practical application of it. I also learned a lot about the culture, history, and traditions of Recife and Pernambuco as a whole. It was amazing to be there during Festa Junina and get to experience the rich culture and traditions associated with that holiday.

– **Brazil Language & Culture, summer 2024**

For me it was very important to be able to see another culture up close, listen to its people and see the architecture of the places, because with this I can generate my own thoughts about this place and people. I liked seeing the diversity in the streets and in plays. Seeing diversity so well represented and so free made me smile a lot and look for a way to maintain that reality in my life. Academically I was able to see examples of the things I have learned in my classes but on stage, with renowned actors and wonderful theatrical spaces. I am left with the inspiration, the example and the ambition to learn more to be able to apply it in a more specific way to my goals as a theater arts student.

– **UK Theatre, summer 2024**

I learned a ton!! I learned so much about the differences between American lifestyle and culture vs. European. I compared and contrasted the transportation and work / life balance which was very interesting. We were able to learn from our experiences rather than just a textbook. We met real life people and examples who confirmed what we were learning about in the different books we read. I feel more capable of traveling more on my own. I loved seeing how all different lifestyles can make one happy. There are just a few contributing factors that are the core of happiness. We are in charge of our own lives and we can create happiness!! I also learned how to be more independent and to make decisive decisions when there's a lot of options.

– **Netherlands, Spain, & France Public Lands & Policy, summer 2024**

I learned so much during this study abroad and overall it was a great experience. I think that one of the biggest things I realized is how much I enjoy certain parts of emergency response and cleanup. I also learned a lot about myself personally and that I can do hard things even when I don't think I can.

– **New Zealand Emergency Services, January 2024**

I learned a lot about being a stranger in a foreign place! I was really cool to be able to experience new things and meet new people from all over. It opened my eyes to how others live other than in the United States and I loved it! I also grew a lot in the French language which is really going to help me in my academic and professional fields down the road.

– **Paris, France, spring 2024 semester**

STUDENT: ANNA WHITMORE
PROGRAM: FALL 2024 - TEAN
LOCATION: SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA



I STUDIED IN SOUTH KOREA AT KOREA UNIVERSITY FOR FOUR MONTHS THROUGH THE EDUCATION ABROAD NETWORK (TEAN). I WAS ABLE TO TAKE CLASSES THAT STILL ADVANCED MY DEGREE, SO I WASN'T SET BACK A SEMESTER BY GOING ABROAD. I WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL ALL OVER KOREA, VISITING BEAUTIFUL AND CULTURALLY RICH PLACES LIKE BUSAN AND JEJU ISLAND. TEAN ORGANIZED SEVERAL FUN ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER TO HELP IMMERSE US IN THE LOCAL CULTURE, SUCH AS WEARING HANBOK AT GYEONGBOKGUNG PALACE, OR GOING ON A LITTLE CRUISE ON THE HAN RIVER.

I MET SO MANY AMAZING PEOPLE WITH AND WITHOUT THE PROGRAM, WHO I AM STILL IN TOUCH WITH AND CLOSE FRIENDS WITH. THROUGH THIS STUDY ABROAD, I GAINED A LARGER SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE, AND I DEVELOPED SKILLS THAT I WOULD NOT HAVE WITHOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY. THIS WAS THE MOST FULFILLING THING I COULD HAVE DONE WHILE IN UNIVERSITY, AND I HOPE TO GO BACK SOON.



STUDENT: SPENCER MADSEN
PROGRAM: SUMMER 2024 - LITERATURE
LOCATION: UNITED KINGDOM

MY NAME IS SPENCER MADSEN, AND I SPENT SIX WEEKS IN LONDON DURING THE SUMMER OF 2024 STUDYING BRITISH LITERATURE. LIVING IN THE CITY AND EXPERIENCING THE EUROPEAN WAY OF LIFE UP CLOSE WAS A FUN AND LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE. IN LONDON, I VISITED WORLD-RENOWNED MUSEUMS, SAW WEST END PLAYS, WATCHED ENGLAND MAKE ITS DEEP EURO RUN, AND EXPLORED THE VERY SAME STREETS THAT DICKENS DESCRIBED IN OUR CLASS READINGS.



WE ALSO EXPLORED THE ENGLISH COUNTRYSIDE, GOING ON A DAY TRIP TO SEE STONEHENGE AND BATH AND A WEEKEND TRIP TO THE LAKE DISTRICT AND YORKSHIRE, WHERE WE SAW THE WORDSWORTH COTTAGE AND THE BRONTE PARSONAGE. HOWEVER, MY FAVORITE PART OF THE TRIP WAS BECOMING FRIENDS WITH SOME OF THE COOLEST PEOPLE I'VE MET. ALTOGETHER, THE COMBINATION OF LOCATION AND COURSEWORK INSPIRED ME TO WRITE MORE AND STRIVE FOR MORE IN LIFE, AND I PLAN ON TRAVELING MORE IN THE FUTURE.

HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM DIRECTOR: ALESSANDRO ZANAZZI
PROGRAM: ITALY BIOLOGY + GEOLOGY
SUMMER 2024

I HAVE BEEN LEADING THE UVU STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM TO SOUTHERN ITALY SINCE 2018, FOCUSING ON SICILY AND THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS, A VOLCANIC ARCHIPELAGO NORTHEAST OF SICILY. THE PROGRAM EXPLORES THE REGION'S VOLCANOES AND THE UNIQUE LIFE THEY SUPPORT. AFTER PRE-DEPARTURE CLASSES, WE MEET IN CATANIA IN MID-JUNE AND SPEND SEVERAL DAYS ON MT. ETNA, EUROPE'S LARGEST VOLCANO. NEXT, WE TRAVEL TO STROMBOLI, KNOWN FOR ITS REGULAR ERUPTIONS, OFFERING STUDENTS UNFORGETTABLE VIEWS OF LIVE VOLCANIC ACTIVITY.

IN 2024, BOTH ETNA AND STROMBOLI WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY ERUPTING, CREATING A REMARKABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE. WE ALSO VISITED FILICUDI, WHERE STUDENTS COLLABORATED WITH FILICUDI WILDLIFE CONSERVATION TO STUDY MARINE LIFE, INCLUDING DOLPHINS, SEA TURTLES, AND WHALES. SWIMMING ALONGSIDE DOLPHINS AND TUNA AND OBSERVING MEDITERRANEAN SEA CREATURES WHILE SNORKELING PROVIDED HANDS-ON RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES. SEEING STUDENTS' AWE AND EXCITEMENT DURING THESE EXPERIENCES HAS CERTAINLY BEEN ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING ASPECTS OF MY CAREER.



PROGRAM DIRECTOR: RAIDEN GAUL
PROGRAM: ST KITTS & NEVIS NURSING
SUMMER 2024

DURING THE SUMMER OF 2024 THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD 10 STUDENTS ON AN INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDY ABROAD TRIP TO ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, AN INDEPENDENT NATION IN THE EASTERN CARRIBEAN. THEY WERE JOINED BY 8 UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

DURING THIS STUDY ABROAD TRIP THE STUDENTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE IN MANY ENRICHING EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES RELATED TO GLOBAL HEALTH AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. THEY MET WITH AND HEARD LECTURES FROM NATIONAL LEADERS IN ST. KITTS MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AGENCY. THEY ALSO SPENT A DAY OBSERVING AND HELPING IN THE TWO MAIN HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. THEY PARTICIPATED IN A MASS CASUALTY DRILL WITH THE ST. KITTS RED CROSS, AND HELPED THE INSTRUCTORS TEACH CLASSES ON NEONATAL RESUSCITATION TO LOCAL NURSES. IN ADDITION, THEY MET WITH THE LOCAL COLLEGE NURSING STUDENTS, TAUGHT DISASTER PREPAREDNESS CLASSES AND FIRST AID IN THE LOCAL SCHOOLS, AND RECRUITED LOCAL PARTICIPANTS FOR A RESEARCH STUDY BEING CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AGENCY.

FINALLY , THEY WERE ABLE TO TOUR MANY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SITES SUCH AS THE BRIMSTONE HILL UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, AND CARABELLE BATIK AT ROMNEY MANOR. THEY ALSO ENJOYED THE MANY BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND LOCAL MUSIC. THE STUDENTS STATED THIS WAS A VERY ENRICHING EXPERIENCE THAT CHANGED AND DEPENDED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH GLOBAL HEALTH AND CARRIBEAN CULTURE.



HIGHLIGHTS

ANTICIPATED FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS 2024-2025

	BALKANS Emergency Management		ITALY Art History Biology + Geology Architecture		TAIWAN Language + Culture
	BELGIUM Business		JAPAN Language + Culture		ESTONIA Education
	BRAZIL Language + Culture Anthropology		NEW ZEALAND Math		ZAMBIA Family Science
	CHINA Language + Culture		SPAIN Public Lands+Policy Language+Culture		VIETNAM Political Science
	FINLAND Education		SAMOA Nursing		GREECE Architecture
	FRANCE Language + History Fine Art Book		ST KITTS + NEVIS Global Health		FAROE ISLANDS Student Leadership
	GERMANY Public Lands + Policy Language + Culture		U.K. Fine Art Book National Security Literature Theatre		OXFORD Civic Thought + Leadership, Origins of the Constitution, Constitutional Government + Civics and Law MA
	PHILIPPINES Information systems & Technology		INDIA World Geography		



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