

# THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION ABROAD



2022 - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The UVU Office of Education Abroad sent out more students on for-credit study abroad programs in 2022-2023 than in any previous year on record! This is a sharp rebound from the previous pandemic years when study abroad came to an abrupt halt.

UVU students are resilient and curious about our dynamic world, and UVU faculty have the expertise to engage them in meaningful and innovative course content using foreign countries as their classroom.

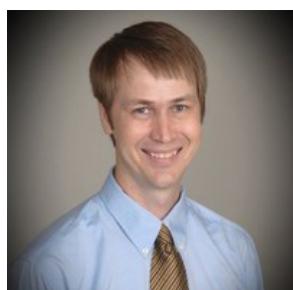
Students in the Nursing program, for example, were able to assist the country of Samoa with its national healthcare initiatives.

Participants in the India World Geography program stayed in an award-winning eco-village and visited ancient Hindu, Buddhist and Jain cave temples.

Language students were able to hone their skills in China, France, Spain, Japan, and Germany. UVU students worked shoulder-to-shoulder with foreign researchers in places like Oxford University and the University of Geneva.

Students return from these excursions with new ideas and fresh ways of understanding whatever their regular course of study is at UVU. They often express that the experience changed their lives or that it was the best thing they did in college. Please review some highlights and pictures of these students in this report. The smiles on their faces and the backdrops to their education represented in these photos only tell part of the story.

You must experience it to really understand the impact. Come with us next year! Please meet with me if you are faculty with international experience. Meet with our advisor if you are a student that wants to add an international perspective to whatever you are learning on campus.



The world is a big place to explore. The Office of Education Abroad is here to help you make the most of it!

Thanks,  
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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.

2022-2023:

**294**

TOTAL PARTICPANTS ON  
EDUCATION ABROAD  
PROGRAMS

THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION ABROAD AWARDED:

2022-2023:

**\$19,100**

FOR FACULTY GRANTS  
TO DEVELOP STUDY  
ABROAD PROGRAMS

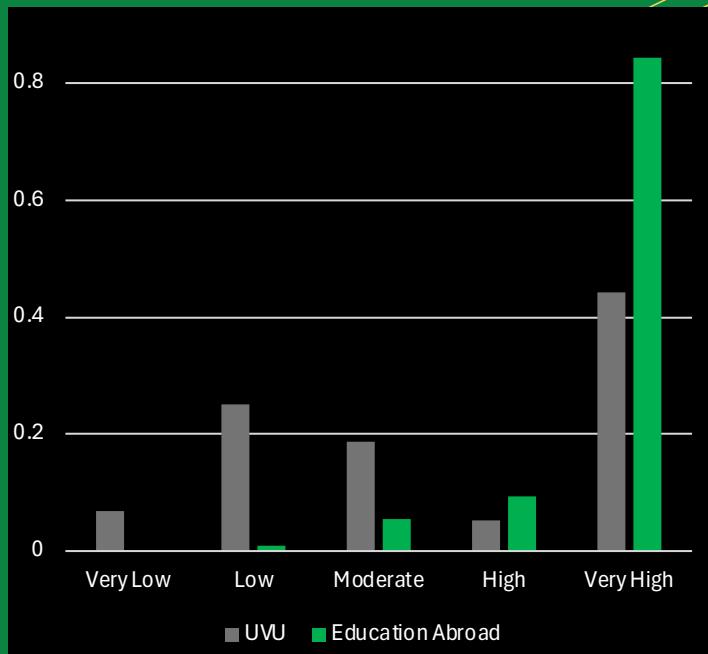
2022-2023:

**\$22,500**

FOR STUDY ABROAD  
SCHOLARSHIPS

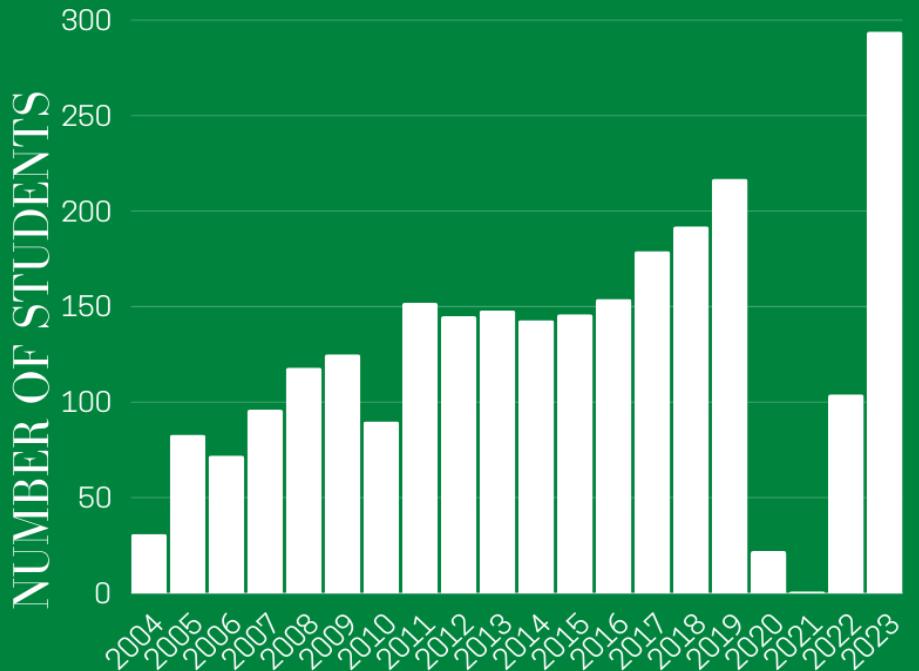
# 2022-2023 STUDY ABROAD STATISTICS

## PERSISTENCE PREDICTIONS COMPARING EDUCATION ABROAD PARTICIPANTS TO UVU POPULATION\*

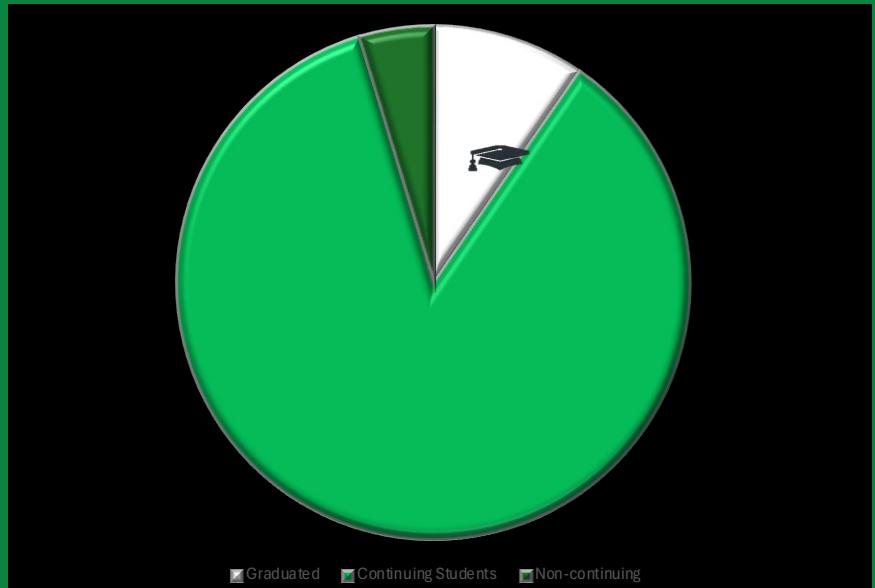


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## STUDY ABROAD HISTORICAL STUDENT PARTICIPATION



## 2022-2023 EDUCATION ABROAD PARTICIPANTS



# 2022-2023 STUDY ABROAD

## PROGRAM DESTINATIONS

Picture  
Yourself  
Here!



TOTAL PARTICIPANTS: 294

# 2022-2023 FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS



**China - Language & Culture**  
Faculty Program Director: Alex Yuan



**Germany - Language & Culture**  
Faculty Program Director: Jeff Packer



**Cuba - Peace & Justice Studies**  
Faculty Program Director: Lynn England



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



**France - Language & Culture**  
Faculty Program Director:  
Walter Temple



**India - World Geography**  
Faculty Program Director: Brent Spencer

# 2022-2023 FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS



## Italy - Biology & Geology

Faculty Program Directors: Alessandro Zanazzi & Kim Reynolds



## Oxford - Civic Thought & Leadership

Faculty Program Directors: Robert John Burton & David Connelly

## Oxford - Foundations of American Constitutionalism

Faculty Program Director: Matthew Brogdon



## Italy - History

Faculty Program Director: John Hunt



## Peru - Communication

Faculty Program Director: Jessica Pauly



## Japan - Language & Culture

Faculty Program Director: Yasuko Saito



## Samoa - Nursing

Faculty Program Directors: Troy Nelson & Sean Bennett

# 2022-2023 FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS



## Scotland & Samoa - Fine Art & Design Book Project

Faculty Program Directors:  
Howard Fullmer & Travis Lovell



## Scotland - Business

Faculty Program Directors:  
Maureen Andrade, Don Capener, &  
Jim Mortensen

## Spain - Language & Culture

Faculty Program Director:  
Mari de Dios



## United Kingdom & London - Literature

Faculty Program Directors:  
Ruen-chuan Ma & Ashley Nadeau



## Singapore & SE Asia - Education

Faculty Program Director: Mike Patch

## United Kingdom - Theatre

Faculty Program Director:  
Amanda Crabb

# 2022-2023 PARTNER PROGRAMS



Austria Exchange  
St. Polten's University  
of Applied Science  
Fall 2022



International Studies Abroad/  
EuroScholars  
Geneva, Switzerland  
Spring 2023

The Education Abroad Network  
Sydney, Australia  
Fall 2022



International Studies Abroad  
Salamanca, Spain  
Summer 2023



International Studies Abroad  
London, United Kingdom  
Academic Year



Cambridge Pembroke Summer  
Program  
Cambridge, United Kingdom  
Summer 2023



## 2022 -2023 FACULTY-LED STUDY ABROAD COURSES



**CHINA - LANGUAGE & CULTURE – PROGRAM DIRECTOR ALEX YUAN**  
 CHIN 2010 Intermediate Chinese I  
 CHIN 202G Intermediate Chinese II  
 CHIN 490R Special Topics in Chinese Language and Literacy



**CUBA – HISTORY, PEACE & JUSTICE – PROGRAM DIRECTOR LYNN ENGLAND**  
 HIST 290R "History of Cuba" Independent Study  
 PJST 3300 Community Building in Cuba



**FRANCE – LANGUAGE & CULTURE – PROGRAM DIRECTOR WALTER TEMPLE**  
 FREN 490R Special Topics in French  
 LANG 291R "Appreciation of French Culture" - Independent Study

**GERMANY LANGUAGE & CULTURE – PROGRAM DIRECTOR JEFF PACKER**  
 GER 351G German Culture and Civilization  
 GER 380R Topics in German Studies



**GREECE & ITALY ARCHITECTURE – PROGRAM DIRECTORS PAUL MONSON & ALIKI Milioti**  
 EGDT 1720 Architectural Rendering  
 ARC 1010 Classical Architecture Workshop  
 ARC 459R Special Topics in Architecture



**INDIA WORLD GEOGRAPHY – PROGRAM DIRECTOR BRENT SPENCER**  
 GEOG 130G Survey of World Geography  
 GEOG 2000 Sustainability and Environment



**ITALY BIOLOGY & GEOLOGY – PROGRAM DIRECTORS ALESSANDRO ZANAZZI & KIM REYNOLDS**  
 GEO 204R Natural History Excursion  
 BIOL 204R Natural History Excursion



**ITALY HISTORY – PROGRAM DIRECTOR JOHN HUNT**  
 HIST 320R Issues and Topics in Global History

**JAPAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE – PROGRAM DIRECTOR YASUKO SAITO**  
 JPNS 251G Introduction to Japanese Culture and Society  
 LANG 291R Independent Study  
 JPNS 2110 Conversational Japanese



**OXFORD FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONALISM – PROGRAM DIRECTOR P**  
 Matthew Brogdon  
 POLS 490R Independent Study  
 CNST 4720 Foundations of American Constitutionalism



**OXFORD CIVIC THOUGHT & LEADERSHIP – PROGRAM DIRECTORS ROBERT JOHN BURTON DAVID CONNELLY**  
 POLS 490R Independent Study

**PERU COMMUNICATION – PROGRAM DIRECTOR JESSICA PAULY**  
 COMM 350R Intercultural Research and Consulting

**SAMOA NURSING – PROGRAM DIRECTORS TROY NELSON & SEAN BENNETT**  
 NURS 4320 Nursing in the Community  
 NURS 4325 Nursing in the Community Clinical  
 NURS 495R Samoa Independent Study in Nursing



**SCOTLAND & SAMOA FINE ART & DESIGN BOOK PROJECT – PROGRAM DIRECTORS HOWARD FULLMER & TRAVIS LOVELL**  
 ART 491R Independent Study  
 ART 300R Special Topics in Art



**SCOTLAND BUSINESS – PROGRAM DIRECTORS MAUREEN ANDRADE, DON CAPENER, & JIM MORTENSEN**  
 MGMT 3000 Organizational Behavior  
 ENTR 3170 Entrepreneurship and Opportunity Validation  
 MGMT 330G Survey of International Business

**SINGAPORE & SE ASIA EDUCATION – PROGRAM DIRECTOR MIKE PATCH**  
 ECFS 208R Directed Readings "Multicultural Education Experience"

**SPAIN LANGUAGE & CULTURE – PROGRAM DIRECTOR MARI DE DIOS**  
 LANG 490R "El Idioma Español" Independent Study  
 LANG 291R "La Formación de un País y su Influencia Cultural y Económica" Special Topics in Languages

**UNITED KINGDOM LITERATURE – PROGRAM DIRECTORS RUE-CHUAN MA & ASHLEY NADEAU**  
 ENGL 2610/HONR 2000 British Literature Before 1800: Medieval and Early Modern Cultures of the Book, cross-listed with Ancient Legacies  
 ENGL 3610 Medieval Literature  
 ENGL 2620/HONR 2100 Home, City, Empire: Space and the Construction of British Literature, cross-listed with Modern Legacies  
 ENGL 486R Critical Spatial Theory and Construction of Cultural Identity

**UNITED KINGDOM THEATRE – PROGRAM DIRECTOR AMANDA CRABB**  
 THEA 1013 Introduction to Theatre  
 THEA 3721 Theatre History and Literature 1  
 THEA 3722 Theatre History and Literature 2



## PARTNER STUDY ABROAD COURSES (TRANSFER COURSES)

### AUSTRIA SEMESTER EXCHANGE -ST. POLTEN UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

- DGM 3261 Mixed Reality Experiences II
- DGM 3750 Media Analytics
- DGM 490R Senior Capstone
- DGM 490R Senior Capstone
- DGM 312G Digital Media Intercultural Communication
- DGM 2320 Digital Photography Composition I
- DGM 3220 Digital Media Project Management

### CAMBRIDGE PEMBROKE COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM -UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

- ECON 2010 Principles of Economics I SS
- MATH 490R Topics Mathematics
- POLS 420R ISS Top in Political Science

### INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ABROAD (ISA) – YEAR IN LONDON, U.K. UNIVERSITY OF ROEHAMPTON

- DANC 348R Special Topics in Dance
- HLTH 490R Special Topics in Public Health
- NUTR 2020 Nutrition Thru Life Cycle BB
- PSY 2300 Abnormal Psychology
- PSY 475R Current Topics in Psychology

### INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ABROAD (ISA) EUROSCHOLAR – RESEARCH

#### SEMESTER IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

#### UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA

- BESC 3020 Research Methods Behavioral Science
- BESC 4040 Applied Behavior Science Research
- FREN 1010 Beginning French I LH
- LANG 291R Independent Study – Swiss/French Culture

### INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ABROAD (ISA) – SEMESTER IN SALAMANCA, SPAIN

#### UNIVERSIDAD DE SALAMANCA

- SPAN 351G Culture and Civil Spain
- SPAN 460R Topics in Hispanic Literature
- SPAN 484R Special Topics in Hispanic Studies “Practice of Written Skills”
- SPAN 484R Special Topics in Hispanic Studies “Contemporary Spanish History”
- SPAN 484R Special Topics in Hispanic Studies “Spanish Art History”

### THE EDUCATION ABROAD NETWORK (TEAN) – SEMESTER IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

- CJ 1010 Intro Criminal Justice SS
- PHYS 2210 Physics for Scientists and Engineers I
- THEA 1033 Acting FF

## STUDENT EXPERIENCES

“I really got to see another way of living. This was an experience that can't be replicated by simply touring Japan. Staying with a host family and talking to university students helped gain so much perspective. We had a lot of time to just simply walk places and take public transport ahhhh. It was simply amazing.” - Japan Language & Culture, 2023

“I learned a significant part of the human experience is universal, and that we can connect with people on the literal opposite end of the globe via our shared experiences, beliefs, and emotional connections despite all of our differences. This impacted my personal and professional life by helping me understand how to become a bridge-builder and utilizing and emphasizing our commonalities to help us understand one another's differences and bridge the gap between them.” - India World Geography, 2023

“This experience has helped to solidify the connection between what is taught in class and its application to the world. Without physical cues to relate a certain topic or idea to a broader understanding, most English classes are theory. While theory is always an important aspect of any discussion of literature, lived experience enhances the purely theoretical to help make more connections between a text and ideas.” - London Literature, 2023

“Being exposed to a different environment that shows a relationship between the people and space based on their cultural heritage, helped me realize the power of impact a building can provide to the world. Seeing the different perspectives and methods embedded into architecture in ancient times, not only helps me appear personally, professionally, and academically more well-rounded, but helps me grow as a person and have the knowledge and ability to show the world the past in real time.”

- Greece & Italy Architecture, 2023

# STUDENT



STUDENT: NICOLE KELLY  
PROGRAM: SPRING 2023 ISA/EURO-  
SCHOLARS SWITZERLAND

My name is Nikki Kelly and I had the amazing opportunity to spend a semester in Switzerland where I conducted research on refugee education. I am the first UVU student to participate in the Euroscholars study abroad program and I couldn't have done it without the help of UVU Study Abroad Advisor Paige Myers. I am so grateful to her and the entire Study Abroad department for allowing students like me to have life changing experiences abroad.

During my 6 months in Geneva I made lifelong friendships with people from all over the world. By volunteering with a local soup kitchen I was also able to connect with the community and give back. I had the opportunity to travel all around Europe and gained cultural experiences I've never had before. My semester was full of academically enriching research, weekends traveling to neighboring cities with my friends, and joy beyond words.



# SPOTLIGHTS



STUDENT: SHALAH KAY MANNING  
PROGRAM: INDIA WORLD GEOGRAPHY  
SUMMER 2023

I participated on the UVU faculty-led study abroad to India for two weeks during Summer 2023 studying world geography, specifically the social geography of different regions within India. I had the incredible experience of being able to spend a week at the Govardhan Eco-Village, which operates a sustainable model of development by helping develop sustainable farming and education, running their own grey water system,



recycling plastics into diesel, and building eco-friendly housing with recycled material bricks. The second week took us through Mumbai, Aurangabad, and Goa, and I learned so much about developing countries, and how colonization has impacted India's environment and social growth. This trip inspired me so much. I would like to visit more of India again and continue to learn more about sustainable living, as well as bringing those practices to my personal and professional life.

# FACULTY



PROGRAM DIRECTOR: JEFF PACKER  
PROGRAM: GERMANY LANGUAGE & CULTURE  
SUMMER 2023

I have been leading the UVU study abroad Program to Germany since 2009. With the exception of 2021, when we were located in Dresden, we have had our headquarters in Berlin. There the students attend language classes and participate in a wide variety of cultural activities. Each student receives a pass to the museums on the famed museum island. We also attend concerts in the Philharmonic and see at least one opera.

I take the students to a number of historical sites, such as the Berlin Wall's East Side Gallery, the Reichstag, Brandenburg Gate and others. The weekends are reserved for field trips to Dresden, Leipzig, Potsdam, and Weimar. In Weimar we also visit the Buchenwald concentration camp. In addition to the sites we see, it is important to try to experience Germany as immersed in the local culture as possible. Students learn how to navigate the mass transit system, how to shop at a grocery store and other 'normal' day-to-day activities.

Most of all, students are also given time to explore and discover Berlin on their own terms, pursuing their own interests. I have taken dozens of students to Germany over the years, and it is always a joy for me to re-discover the country through their fresh eyes. It is one of the highlights of my job.

# HIGHLIGHTS



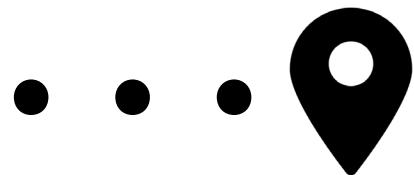
PROGRAM DIRECTORS: RUE-CHUAN MA &  
ASHLEY NADEAU  
PROGRAM: UNITED KINGDOM LITERATURE  
SUMMER 2023

Co-leading the London Literature Study Abroad program has been one of the highlights of our teaching at UVU.

In London, the setting enhanced literature in vibrant and engaging ways that were not otherwise possible. As program directors, it was enriching to coordinate course readings and student assignments with visits

to cultural and historic sites - often the very sites mentioned in the readings - whether these were theater performances, museums, cathedrals, walking tours, ancient monuments, or hands-on rare book sessions.

For students, these visits became lively extensions of the classroom, where thought-provoking questions and discussions from class took on fascinating dimensions in art, performance, sight, and sound. In such an immersive setting, students experienced as much intellectual growth as personal growth. It was a delight to see many students go from tentative first-time travelers to confident, thoughtful explorers who built a caring and closely-knit community inside and outside of the classroom.



# ANTICIPATED FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS 2023 - 2024

	<b>BELGIUM</b> BUSINESS
	<b>BRAZIL</b> LANGUAGE & CULTURE
	<b>CHINA</b> LANGUAGE & CULTURE
	<b>CUBA</b> PEACE & JUSTICE STUDIES
	<b>FRANCE</b> LANGUAGE & CULTURE
	<b>GERMANY</b> LANGUAGE & CULTURE
	<b>GREECE &amp; ITALY</b> ARCHITECTURE
	<b>GUATEMALA</b> DENTAL HYGEINE
	<b>INDIA</b> WORLD GEOGRAPHY
	<b>ITALY</b> ART & ART HISTORY GEOLOGY & BIOLOGY

	<b>ITALY &amp; GREECE</b> PHILOSOPHY & CLASSICAL STUDIES
	<b>JAPAN</b> LANGUAGE & CULTURE
	<b>SPAIN, FRANCE &amp; NETHERLANDS</b> PARKS, PUBLIC LANDS & SUSTAINABILITY
	<b>NEW ZEALAND</b> EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
	<b>OXFORD</b> CIVIC THOUGHT & LEADERSHIP FOUNDATIONS OF AMERICAN CONSTITUTIONALISM
	<b>PERU</b> COMMUNICATION
	<b>PUERTO RICO</b> INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LANGUAGE & CULTURE MUSIC
	<b>SAMOA</b> NURSING
	<b>ST. KITTS &amp; NEVIS</b> GLOBAL HEALTH
	<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b> THEATRE LITERATURE



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