



SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE

STUDENT GUIDE TO STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

2014-15

Students at Skagit Valley College who wish to study abroad have access to multiple resources to assist them in choosing, planning and financing a wide variety of study abroad programs.

SVC Faculty-led Programs. From time to time SVC faculty in different disciplines have created short-term travel and study abroad programs in connection with courses they teach or their areas of interest. The music department has led trips to Austria and Scotland; a French instructor and students have traveled to France and Belgium; an 18-day study/service tour to China has been offered multiple times in recent summers; a Learning Community class will go to Italy in summer 2015. As new programs are developed or prior ones repeated, students will be notified about these opportunities by SVC "Student Announcements" email and other means.

WCCCSA Programs. SVC is a member of the Washington State Community College Consortium for Study Abroad (WCCCSA), which offers quarter-long study abroad programs every year in different countries. www.wcccsa.com. Popular destinations are usually repeated every other year, and new destinations are added periodically. Because of SVC's membership in WCCCSA, SVC students can take classes at a foreign destination but register and pay tuition for those courses at SVC, so there is no issue about transferring in foreign credits. The classes are taught by faculty from one of the WCCCSA colleges. Courses are typically general education offerings that most students need for a transfer degree, but with relevance to the foreign destination. Students apply directly through SVC's study abroad advisor. Programs for 2014-15 include: Fall 2014 – London; Spring 2015 – Florence; Summer 2015 - Costa Rica (4 weeks Spanish immersion course; not led by WCCCSA faculty); Fall 2015 – Barcelona.

WCCCSA Partner Programs. Some WCCCSA member colleges offer their own study abroad programs, but make them available to WCCCSA college students on the same terms as regular WCCCSA programs, i.e., students can register for courses at their home institution. For example, Green River Community College offers a 3-course, quarter-long Australia/New Zealand program in Winter 2015, and a Japan program in Fall 2015. SVC students can apply through SVC's study abroad advisor for these programs, and register for classes at SVC. These programs can also be found at WCCCSA's website, <http://wcccsa.com/programs/partner-school-programs>.

International Travel Club. Students are encouraged to join the SVC International Travel Club, where like-minded students meet weekly to explore together various study abroad options and work with club advisors to seek out funding to support students' international experiences. The club also schedules group trips to Vancouver and Victoria, BC, and Seattle's International District.

Other Programs; Study Abroad Financing; Advising. More information about study abroad programs by country and subject matter, as well as potential funding sources, can be found in *IIEPassport: The Complete Guide to Study Abroad*, available in SVC Library, and also on-line at <http://iiepassport.org>. SVC's Study Abroad Advisor/Coordinator, Ted Maloney, is also available to advise and assist students: ted.maloney@skagit.edu.