

Study Abroad Newsletter

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A Message From UWGB's Office of International Education

So, you want to do something different. Your classes just aren't as exciting and new as they once were and you feel as though you are stuck in one place all the time. One simple way to combat this lethargy would be to explore some of your educational options.

Study abroad is one of the best ways to experience a variety of new things and receive college credit at the same time! There are many different opportunities available through UWGB, other UW campuses, and other mediums. Just because UWGB may not have the city/country of your dreams doesn't mean

you should give up on ever traveling to a foreign country. Chances are good that the staff in the Office of International Education will know of a way to get you there. So if you are craving individuality from the rest of your classmates, definitely make the trip to Rose Hall 310.

Overall, traveling abroad and learning to adapt to another way of life is a great way of finding out more about yourself as a person. The more you know about yourself in this world, the better you will fulfill your place in it.

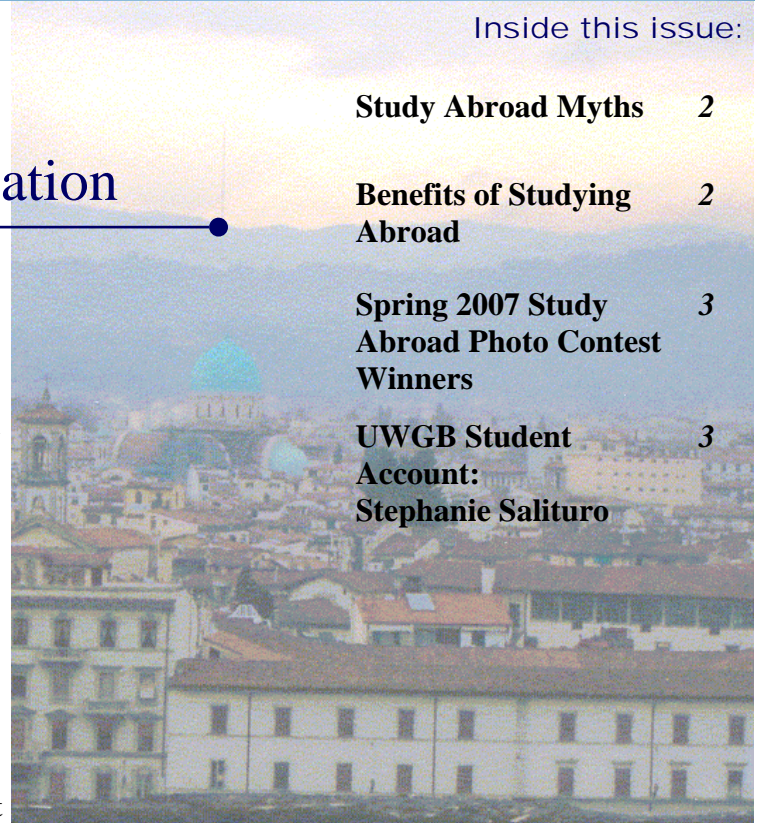
-Alicia Engel

Study Abroad Myths

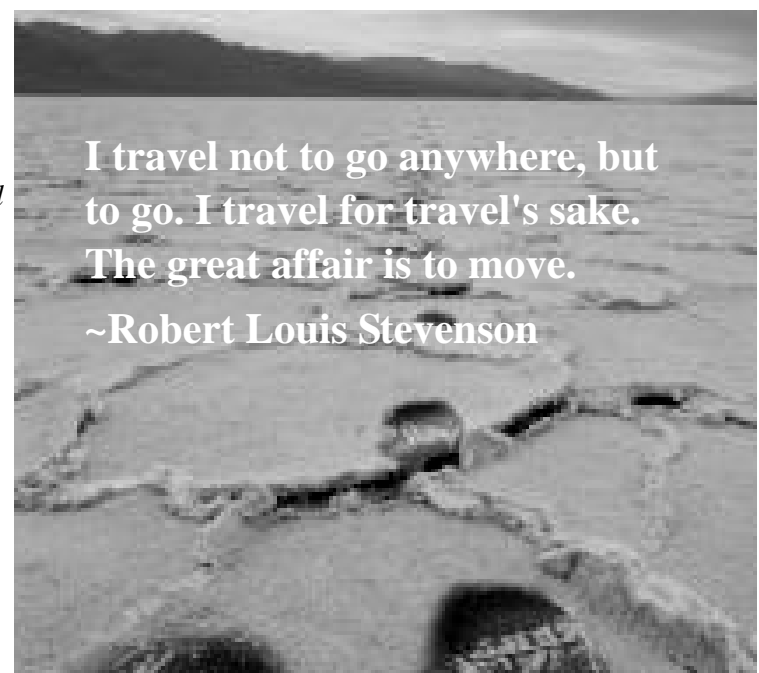
Study Abroad is too expensive.

Study abroad is more affordable than you might think. Financial Aid sometimes "travels" with you. Scholarships are available both from your school and from outside sources.

Some study abroad programs are actually less expensive than U.S. college tuition, making study abroad a great value for your education. Check with your study abroad advisor for more information.



Florence, Italy ~ Submitted by Alicia Engel



I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move.

~Robert Louis Stevenson

Study Abroad Myths *(Continued from page 1)*

Study Abroad is only for certain students.

This myth says that study abroad is just for juniors, people with money, humanities and language majors, and/or women. Overall, this myth implies that study abroad is only for a certain type of student. In reality, all students can find a study abroad program that fits their needs and all students should study abroad--regardless of their major, year, race, or gender, and/or sexual orientation.

None of my friends are studying abroad.

A lot of students worry about missing their friends and family, losing a chance to be involved in the college experience, or feeling home sick. These are important concerns that your school will help you with before and after your departure. Remember that you might not get a chance to have an experience like this again, so take advantage of every opportunity!

Study Abroad will hurt my chances to graduate on time.

Planning a trip abroad does take a lot of preparation. With careful planning, though, you can fit a study abroad experience into your college career. Even if you find that going away for a semester or a year is not possible, short-term options are more plentiful today than ever before.

-Global Education Opportunities (GEO)

*Wandering re-establishes the original harmony which once existed between man and the universe.
~Anatole France*

Benefits of Studying Abroad

Advance your career.

Most employers now look for international experience on a resume. You can also prepare for graduate school or an international career. Look at ways to use your experience and skills in the workplace.

Fill graduation requirements.

Study abroad can help you fill major or elective requirements.

Understand other cultures - and your own.

Sometimes a trip abroad is the best way to learn about yourself.

Focus on courses in your major.

Most programs offer course equivalents in your major.

Take an adventure.

Study abroad allows you to dream up your perfect adventure and then live it out. Connect with locals through service-learning or community engagement. Service learning is a method of education that combines classroom work with meaningful community service.

Some of the best service learning programs take place overseas!

-Global Education Opportunities (GEO)



Venice, Italy ~ Submitted by Alicia Engel

- Through travel I first became aware of the outside world; it was through travel that I found my own introspective way into becoming a part of it.

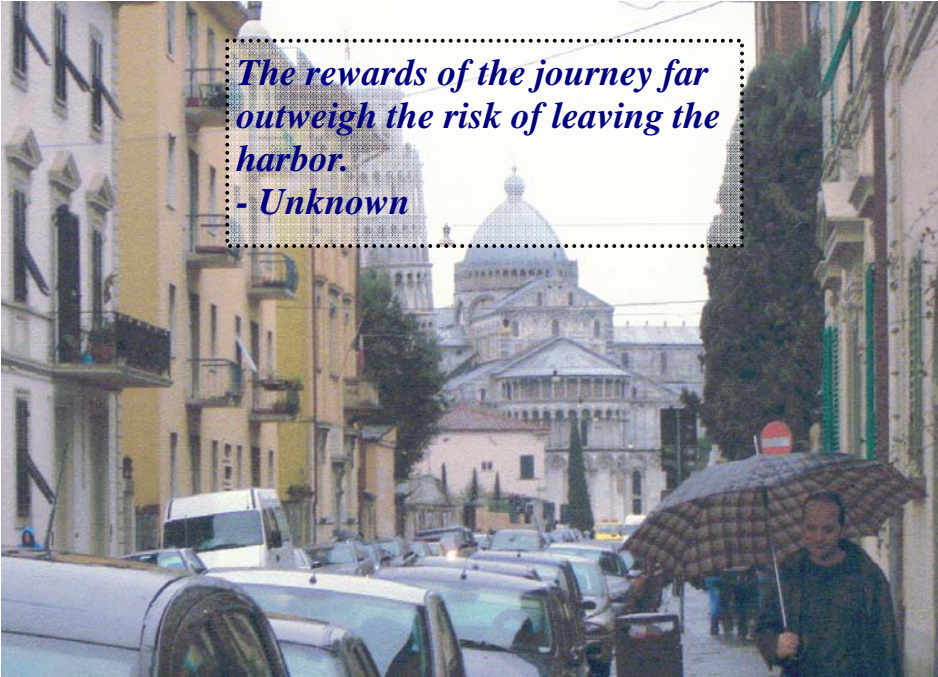
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*The rewards of the journey far
outweigh the risk of leaving the
harbor.*
- Unknown



Pisa, Italy ~ Submitted by Alicia Engel

UWGB Student Account: Stephanie Salituro

Stephanie Salituro took a Study Abroad Travel Course to Florence, Italy in March 2006 (Spring Break). She volunteered to share her experiences with the public and give advice to future student travelers.

Adjustments – It was different having shops normally open at 11 am, close at 3 pm, reopen at 5 pm, and then finally close at around 7-9 pm. Italians also like to eat later at night, so when Americans eat at like 5 or 6 pm, no one else is in the restaurant usually. The driving there is sort of unusual because everyone parks where ever they want and it is also sort of scary in the fact that stop signs are just a suggestion! Smoking is also more socially acceptable, which is quite different from America where there are smoking bans installed in some places. They also

don't have public bathrooms anywhere, so you have to pay some money or make a purchase to use a private bathroom.

How the Experience Helped Her – She was nervous at first, wondering whether it would be worth it in the end because it was her first travel experience outside the U.S. It was fascinating to see where and how other people lived. Most people were kind and understanding to them as foreigners in Italy. One time a bus stopped to pick the group up on a country road and people that couldn't speak English offered to hold on to their wine purchases for them because there was no where for them to sit down. She would definitely go to Italy again to do more personal exploring of the Italian landscape/countryside.

Spring 2007 Study Abroad Photo Contest

Artist's Choice Awards

People – Paula Ganyard

Animals – Tammy Allen

Scenery & Nature – Alex Ripley

Buildings & Monuments – Courtney Hocks

Buildings & Monuments

1st – Jennifer Natsis

2nd – Denise Martin

2nd – Vanessa Solberg

3rd – Jeremy Schulthess

Scenery & Nature

1st – Kymi Draeger

2nd – Erica Millsbaugh

3rd – Laurie Svatek

People

1st – Vanessa Solberg

2nd – Paula Ganyard

2nd – Princess Vele

3rd – Kristy Aoki

Animals

1st – Paula Ganyard

2nd – Tammy Allen

3rd – Michelle Ibsen

3rd – Sarah Benzshawel

Words of Advice – If going on a semester program, just buy a new hairdryer, curler, etc. there so that you know for sure that it will work in their outlets. She had some issues with her hair items because the converter that she had wasn't the appropriate kind and ended up short-circuiting her hotel room! Structured tours are good, but free time to explore on your own is always an excellent learning experience. It's totally worth the extra effort, so just "Go for it!"

-Alicia Engel