

STUDY ABROAD | SEMESTER AWAY

The College of Architecture has a college wide (REQUIRED) initiative to help broaden the experiences of its students through travel and cultural immersion.

This is to take place during a long-semester (Fall or Spring) of the students Junior year after taking VIST 206 and before taking VIST 405.

- All options except (study away) require AT LEAST one mandatory meeting through the study abroad office and application payment.
- Some scholarships are available to offset study abroad costs. These are handled through the Study Abroad Office: studyabroad.tamu.edu
- The Department of Visualization also has some funds available to offset additional program costs, determined by financial need and merit, amounts may vary.

This experience can be one of the following:

ITALY - FALL ONLY

SANTA CHIARA STUDY CENTER

Search "Visualization":

<https://studyabroadportal.tamu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.AdvancedSearch>

COST

Approximately 20K + personal spending in Europe ***please see the breakdown at the link above if planned it will only be 8K more than your current expenditure***

The anticipated program includes some combination of the following courses: traditional graphic design studio, printmaking, traditional photography, stone carving, sculpture and a culture/history of Italy course. Courses may be added/removed when the program is finalized. The studio is oriented toward graphic design and art, particularly drawing, but is not limited to students with those interests.

- The student will receive 12 credit hours credit through coursework arranged by the department
- Travel includes excursions & conference
- Freetime on weekends and breaks (example: spring break/easter)
- Living considerations are provided at the center with two meals and sleeping quarters.
- Enrollment is limited to 18 per semester

GERMANY - SPRING OR FALL

AIB STUDY CENTER

Search "Visualization":

studyabroadportal.tamu.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.AdvancedSearch

COST

Approximately 20.5K + personal travel in Europe ***please see the breakdown at the link above if planned it will only be 8K more than your current expenditure***

The anticipated coursework includes culture/history of Germany, videography, digital studio and history/intro to gaming. Courses are more oriented to gaming and animation. Group travel includes a number of field trips rather than a week-long event. Note that personal travel is easier from Bonn.

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- Travel includes excursions & conference
- Freetime on weekends and breaks (example: spring break/easter)
- Living considerations are provided by a host family which you "match up" with upon arrival. A dormitory setting also is possible under special conditions
- Enrollment is limited to 18 per semester

INTERNSHIP

This is a supervised, 15 weeks, 600 hours, with Graphic Design, Feature Animation, Game, Visualization, or Art-related company that exposes the student to professional practice related to their field of study.

You must arrange a meeting with The internship coordinator at least 4 months prior to the time you expect to begin your internship.

The below requirements are non-negotiable.

- The company must be located more than 90 miles from TAMU
- Living accommodations must be located more than 90 miles from TAMU.
NO REMOTE WORK - this is not supervised
- Supervised by someone (not a faculty member) with expertise in your area of interest that align with the visualization major
- No working for family businesses - this does not expose you to the cultural differences that are part of the experience
- Must be a paid position
- Must be full time, a minimum of 600 hours total
- Must register for VIST 494, Internship, for 6 hours after approval by the Internship Coordinator
- Once approved, the Dean will send a letter to the registrar indicating you should be considered a full time student if you take less than 12 hours.
- VIST 484/494 do not meet the ICD requirement, so you must take an additional course to cover this core curriculum requirement.
- If you choose to study at another university, you must ensure that you have a minimum of 36 credit hours of 300 and 400 level courses during your last two years at TAMU.
- You may need to take an additional course to meet the International and Cultural Diversity core curriculum requirement.

STUDY AWAY

Alternate University domestic or international.

Study outside the state of Texas. Study at any university outside the state of Texas is available, but enrollment at TAMU cannot be simultaneous.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

- The University or College must be a 4 year, degree-granting institution with a campus outside of the state.
- TAMU un-enrollment and apply for readmission for the return semester. See <http://admissions.tamu.edu/readmit/default.aspx> for information and deadlines.
- If attending, grants and scholarships will probably be affected during the period of absence.
- Full-time enrollment, taking a minimum of 12 hours.
- 6 credit hours must be taken that involve a studio activity; e.g., printmaking, photography, graphic design, animation, game development.
- Courses should be upper level (300 or 400) courses or equivalent.
- The additional program cost is the difference between living and travel situations.
- If you choose to study at another university, you must ensure that you have a minimum of 36 credit hours of 300 and 400 level courses during your last two years at TAMU.
- You may need to take an additional course to meet the International and Cultural Diversity core curriculum requirement.

REEP

REEP-RECIPROCAL EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

[http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Exchange-\(REEPs\)](http://studyabroad.tamu.edu/Program-Types/Exchange-(REEPs))

COST:

Approximately 16K

A reciprocal educational exchange program (REEP) is a Texas A&M University sponsored program that gives students the opportunity to take courses directly at a foreign partner institution. The REEP model is one of the most independent and immersive ways to study abroad, giving students the opportunity to live and learn with students from the host country, as well as with other international exchange students from across the globe.

REEPs are ideal for independent and proactive students who will have the flexibility to adjust to different styles of teaching/learning and course expectations. REEPs are available for semester and/or academic year study.

Enrollment is limited to 5 max per semester and the university may choose NOT to accept persons from TAMU if they do not have reciprocal students. If you look into a university, please check with Study abroad office to make sure it is an option.

PROS:

- Slight cost savings over AIB packages
- TAMU tuition costs are paid locally / including scholarship needs Stay enrolled within the university
- Assistance with some items through the study abroad office

CONS:

These are your responsibility to take care of:

- Travel/plane tickets
- Travel VISA
- Enrolling in the REEP university of choice
- Enrolling in the coursework you wish to take
Finding a place to live/food/rent etc. Responsible for transcripts

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- 6 credit hours must be taken that involve a studio activity; e.g. printmaking, photography, graphic design, animation, game development
- Courses should be upper level (300 or 400) courses or equivalent
- You may need to take an additional course to meet the International and Cultural Diversity core curriculum requirement

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The choice for Semester Away must be made during the Fall semester but will take place in the following calendar year.

Deposits may be required up to 4 months PRIOR to travel and PRIOR to scholarships posting to account.

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