

Students are required to study away from TAMU for *either* the fall or spring semester of their junior studio year **after** taking VIST 206 and **before** taking VIST 405. For undergraduate students in the Visualization Department, the possible options are listed below:

Study Abroad: Phil Galanter(galanter@viz.tamu.com), Germany Coordinator
Richard Davison(rdavison@viz.tamu.edu), Italy Coordinator

Fall only: Santa Chiara Study Center, Italy (<http://www.arch.tamu.edu/undergraduate/study-abroad/study-abroad-program/italy/>)
cost: approximately 17K + personal travel in Europe

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. Travel includes a week excursion to Southern Italy. One of the courses(if taken) can be substituted for VIST 441.

Living considerations are provided at the center with two meals and sleeping quarters.

Spring only: AIB Study Center: Bonn, Germany (<http://www.aib-studyabroad.org/>)
cost: approximately 20.5K + personal travel in Europe.

The anticipated coursework includes: culture/history of Germany, videography, digital studio(3 hours) and history/intro to gaming. Courses may be added/removed when the program is finalized. 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.

Living considerations are provided by a host family which you “match up” with upon arrival. A dormitory setting also is possible under special conditions.

Internships: Sherman Finch(sfinch@viz.tamu.edu), Coordinator

Basic requirements:

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

1. The company must be located more than 90 miles from TAMU.
2. Your living accommodations must be located more than 90 miles from TAMU.
3. You must be supervised by someone(not a faculty member) with expertise in your area of interest on site.
4. you must be paid for your work.
5. You must work full time, a minimum of 600 hours total.
6. You can only register for VIST 494, Internship, for 6 hours **after** approval by the Internship Coordinator.

7. with permission, 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.
8. VIST 484/494 *do not* meet the ICD requirement, so you must take an additional course to cover this core curriculum requirement.

Study at Another University: Terry Larsen(trl@viz.tamu.edu), Coordinator

The intent of this program originally was to study **outside** the state of Texas. With the withdrawal of TAMU from the National Student Exchange program, the only institutions where you may study with tuition paid at TAMU are those with which we have a reciprocal exchange (REEP) agreement. The English speaking universities(of interest) are Queensland University of Technology in Australia and the University of Singapore but England and New Zealand are also good options. As this list is in constant review, go to <http://studyabroad.tamu.edu> for the current offerings. You are *not* restricted to these REEP programs, they are just the easiest to negotiate. You can study at any university outside the state of Texas but you will not be able to be enrolled simultaneously at TAMU.

Basic Requirements:

1. You may study anywhere, but the University or College must be a 4 year, degree granting institution with a campus **outside** the state.
2. You will have to leave TAMU for a semester(non-REEP program) and apply for readmission for the return semester. See <http://admissions.tamu.edu/readmit/default.aspx> for information and deadlines.
3. If attending a non-REEP program, grants and scholarships will probably be affected during the period you are gone.
4. You should be a full time student, taking a minimum of 12 hours.
5. The courses taken should be approved by the undergraduate coordinator prior to taking those courses.
6. 6 credit hours must be taken that involve a studio activity; e.g., printmaking, photography, graphic design, animation, game development.
7. Courses should be upper level (300 or 400) courses or equivalent.
8. TAMU will provide some assistance with REEP universities, but almost everything will be your responsibility. For other universities, there isn't much help available.
9. The additional program cost is the difference between living and travel situations. Academic costs are fixed at the TAMU rates.

Other Information

1. If you choose to study at another university or an internship, you must insure that you have a minimum of 36 credit hours of 300 and 400 level courses during your last two years at TAMU. Internship credit counts but courses taken at other institutions do not.
2. You may need to take an additional course to meet the International and Cultural Diversity core curriculum requirement.
3. Some scholarships are available to offset study abroad costs. These are handled through the Study Abroad Office (<http://studyabroad.tamu.edu>). The Department of Visualization also has some funds available to offset additional program costs.