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The Study Abroad program, housed in Union's Center for Intercultural Engagement, provides structured support for both domestic and international curricular and co-curricular initiatives. Working with faculty and students, the Study Abroad program uses expertise in off-site travel, course transcription management, and financial aid. With a clear protocol prior to departure, support during the experience, and a thorough debriefing process upon return, the Study Abroad program ensures that students have a safe, academically rigorous, and interculturally relevant experience. For a thorough explanation of Study Abroad Programming at Union University, please contact the Study Abroad Coordinator or visit the Center for Intercultural Engagement's website.

Union's Study Abroad program includes direct (concurrent) enrollment, independent institutes or providers, institutional agreements, and third party providers. Furthermore, the Study Abroad program uses a rigorous set of criteria for identifying and cultivating relationships with high-quality, ethically-grounded programs around the world that provide optimal experiences for students. This ensures that we support domestic and international programs that have high academic standards, provide opportunities for students to engage with people from the host institution and the surrounding community, offer a safe living environment, and have an adequate support system for the student. The Center for Intercultural Engagement adheres to the Standards of Good Practice for Education Abroad put forth by the Forum on Education Abroad.

Students may choose to study abroad during a regular semester or during a winter/summer term for a range of academic credit, which may apply toward university core or programs of study. Regardless, Union students participating in the Study Abroad program must have completed at least one semester at Union University before applying to Study abroad, have a 2.5 GPA, and get the approval of the Dean of Students and their academic adviser.

In accordance with the Standards of Good Practices in Education Abroad, prior to departure, students are required to attend pre-departure training and risk management sessions. Along with an initial interview, the pre-departure process provides assessment of the student's individual needs and allows the Study Abroad Coordinator to continuously monitor, maintain, support and improve advising and orientation. The sessions also offer further opportunities for communication. All pre-departure forms will be outlined and are due to the Program Coordinator at the end of the semester prior to travel.

Union's Study Abroad program offers students uninterrupted enrollment that greatly facilitates the continuation of external financial aid and externally funded scholarships. Union provides assistance to students concerning the provision of internal and external financial aid. However, due to the varied nature of UU Study Abroad programs, students need to meet with Student Financial Planning to discuss distribution of awards.

Institutional scholarship funds may only be used for UU tuition. Extra-institutional funds may be used for any type of study as long as the proper criteria are met per the Office of Student Financial Planning. External study scholarships are awarded for both study abroad and domestic study twice during the academic year:

- The J.M. Powell Memorial Scholarship, an endowed fund designated for international semester-length study, is also available for tuition or non-tuition based expenses.
- The Cynthia P. Jayne Fellowship for Global Studies Award is an institutional scholarship and awards should not exceed the cost of the program's tuition.

Applications and deadlines for the above listed scholarships are available on the CIE website.

For external programs where the official transcript is issued by the host institution, students pay all program costs (with the exception of program deposit paid directly to the provider with their application) to the Center for Intercultural Engagement in lieu of paying Union tuition. The Center will then make payment to the external program provider.

Travel and expenses not covered in the program fees are the student's responsibility. Students are also charged a separate Study Abroad Program Fee to cover administrative costs. The General Student Fee is waived for the term(s) that the student is off campus.

Working with key entities from across the university including both the Languages and English departments, the CIE provides integrative support for international students who have been accepted to Union University. This support is designed to optimize students' transition and adjustment to American academic culture and discourse. This program is staffed with an international student advisor, an international student academic advisor, as well as key faculty from the university. Support includes but is not limited to the following:

- Assessment of language abilities
- First-year, credit-bearing course options designed for undergraduate English learners, including ICS 105 and international student sections of ENG 111 and ENG 112
- Co-advising for first-year language learners between the international student academic advisor and students' major advisors
- Coordination of specialized academic and tutorial support when needed
- Specialized student support services for international students and English learners
- Department-specific language support initiatives
- Support for departments and faculty across the university working with international students and English learners
- Development of intensive English language initiatives