



International Experience

Gaining international experience is a great way to expand your horizons, understand a different culture, challenge yourself and discover a part of you that you never knew existed. It gives you a chance to meet new and exciting people, learn a language, see some of the world's most interesting landmarks and best of all, try delicious regional cuisine! Students who experience this "feast for all senses" will not only come back changed, but will have a better understanding of how the world works.

Chaminade University provides several options for students to partake in this grand adventure. Students can participate in:

- *Study abroad*
- *Immersion Programs in India and Mexico through Campus Ministry*
- *The Hogan Program trip to China*
- *Internships and volunteer opportunities abroad*
- *Faculty led international programs are occasionally available*

Study Abroad

Through the collaboration with University of Hawaii's Study Abroad Program, students can participate in semester long or summer programs. Some of the countries that students can study in are England, France, Italy, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Australia, Argentina, Easter Island, China, Japan and French Polynesia.

Please visit <http://studyabroad.org/>

Visit <http://studyabroad.org/Chaminadeapplications.htm> to download application

Students can also participate in study abroad programs through our sister universities at :

University of Dayton <http://international.udayton.edu/edabroad/index.htm>

St. Mary's University www.stmarytx.edu

Immersion Programs

The Immersion Program is run by Campus Ministry. For more information, please contact Br. Jerry Bommer at jbommer@chaminade.edu

Hogan Program – Trip to China

Hogan students can participate in 6 week internships in China. They will study, work and learn from small businesses under the leadership of a professor from Hawai'i. For more information, contact John Webster at jwebster@chaminade.edu

International Internships and Volunteer Opportunities

There are literally hundreds of volunteer and internship opportunities overseas. The best way to find a program that fits you is to do some research on the internet. Below are some of the bigger programs that exist:

Cross Cultural Solutions <http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/>

Go Abroad <http://www.goabroad.com/>

Volunteers for Peace <http://www.vfp.org>

Council on International Education Exchange <http://www.ciee.org/>

Don't let the following myths about study abroad or participating in an international program discourage you from fulfilling your dreams!

- 1. "You need to speak a foreign language" – Some programs may require students to have the ability to speak another language but MOST programs don't! Majority of the courses are taught in English.***
- 2. "It costs a lot more to study abroad" – If you are receiving financial aid, you may be eligible to receive aid for semester programs. There is also an abundance of scholarships available for study abroad programs.***
- 3. "If I study abroad, it will push back my graduation date" – With careful planning, you can incorporate study abroad into your academic plan without affecting your graduation date. It is imperative to speak with an advisor and plan out your courses wisely.***
- 4. "The courses that I take during my study abroad will not transfer back to Chaminade" – Again, planning is essential in determining which courses to take and what it will transfer back as. Meet with an advisor and create a graduation plan to include study abroad so that you can determine which classes to take overseas.***