APU Programs

Introduction to Study Away: Policies

1. Financial Aid: The maximum times a student may utilize their institutional financial aid (this does not include campus requirement aid such as athletic scholarships, music, etc.) for semester study away purposes will be two semesters. The number of faculty/staff education benefit recipients each term varies by program. Please visit the Financial Aid Policy for Study Away Program (http://catalog.apu.edu/undergraduate/financial-information/policies/) for additional information.

2. Post Study Away: Semester study away students are required to have one semester at the Azusa campus after studying away and enroll in a post-study away one-unit course section (GLBL 425) upon completion of their term away (short-term participants are eligible and highly recommended to enroll in GLBL 425). Therefore, students cannot study away their final semester nor can students study away two consecutive semesters (consecutive semesters are considered to be fall/spring and spring/fall). This policy does not apply to short-term (summer and winter) program participation.

3. Academics: Students are required to enroll and fulfill all program specific required coursework and are not allowed to take APU online courses unless designated by the specific program course listings. A maximum of two online courses are permissible.

4. General APU Policies: Upholding of all APU policies is required. All policies are valued with the below items being of particular importance to be aware of when participating in any study away program:
   a. All undergraduate study away students must maintain full-time enrollment during a semester study away program (minimum 12 units).
   b. Regular course prerequisites for all study away courses are mandatory for participation in a study away semester or short-term program.
   c. Regular fulfillment of the Residence Policy (http://catalog.apu.edu/undergraduate/academic-programs/graduation-requirements/) is required to be considered for degree completion.
   d. Regular fulfillment of Commencement Participation (http://catalog.apu.edu/undergraduate/academic-programs/graduation-requirements/) items (ie type of registration for final units, etc) required for anyone intending to participate in commencement.

Introduction to Study Away: Financial Aid

Refer to the Financial Information (http://catalog.apu.edu/undergraduate/financial-information/policies/#financial-aid-policy) section in this catalog for more information.

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China Nursing Semester

A unique semester for undergraduate nursing students to have hands-on experience with a university-affiliated hospital in China, the China Nursing Semester (http://www.apu.edu/china) exchange program allows for Chinese students to attend APU courses while APU students take courses in China.

Ecuador Semester

In collaboration with Living and Learning International, students can participate in the Ecuador study away program (http://www.apu.edu/ecuador) focused on learning South American culture, the Spanish language, and practical application within ministry, service-learning, or an internship experience in a developing nation. Students enjoy rich interaction with the culture through travel to the Galapagos Islands and the Amazon jungle.

Available courses include Spiritual Formation, Internship/Practicum, Worldview and Global Religions, and History/Political Science. Other courses can be taken for units, but there are no APU transfer equivalencies.

Global Learning Term

The Global Learning Term (http://www.apu.edu/global-learning-term) (GLT) program seeks to fulfill the international mission and educational essence of Azusa Pacific University by affording students self-directed, full-immersion learning experiences within a variety of cross-cultural contexts. This learning experience integrates community-based residence, study, service, and research within different “majority world” contexts (mostly nations in Latin America, Africa, and Asia). The program is a required part of the Global Studies major (http://www.apu.edu/clas/globalstudies/global) at APU, and managed in communication with the Center for Global Learning and Engagement. Interested students should email the center at studyaway@apu.edu (studyabroad@apu.edu).

Students enroll in special GLT courses (up to 16 units) that are completed during a fall or spring term (minimum four months). Program faculty assist students in exploring their major and in designing individualized study and service projects. The GLT is an integral component of the undergraduate global studies major, and builds upon campus-based multidisciplinary coursework, as well as the off-campus Los Angeles Term (http://www.apu.edu/laterm). As with the Los Angeles Term, GLT students live with local families in marginal communities, serve with community-based organizations, and
complete contracted coursework in a self-directed manner. GLT is a field-based learning network composed of host parents, language coaches, agency staff, and local research guides. Each lends their energy and expertise to a community-driven global learning process. Learn more (http://www.apu.edu/global-learning-term) about the Global Learning Term.

**High Sierra Semester**

The High Sierra Semester (http://www.apu.edu/highsierra) offers students an opportunity to challenge themselves in a unique college environment. Each semester, 35-40 students embark on the adventure of a lifetime as they enter into a small community unique to this program. Located in the High Sierra at Emerald Cove Camp on Bass Lake, the program resides just south of Yosemite National Park. The tight-knit community, including faculty and staff who are dedicated to the spiritual and academic growth of each student, make this program an incredible semester for every participant.

Additionally, the High Sierra Semester holds each student to high academic standards. Classes are taught as part of Azusa Pacific University’s Great Works Option, which allows students to meet a substantial portion of their General Education requirements as well as upper-division electives. The Great Works Option allows students to learn through the integration of all their courses and the reading of the Great Works that reflect the human intellect and imagination. Subject areas include literature, art, music, philosophy, and theology. The benefits of studying in this manner are twofold: First, the study and discussion of such works offer a potent introduction to liberal arts education for the most intrepid students—those with high personal motivation to explore life’s great questions by engaging in a conversation across the centuries with preeminent minds. Second, the integration of the studies renders the whole much greater than the sum of the individual parts.

This program also provides a special opportunity to develop the self-reliance, fitness, and habits needed to live in nature’s wilderness. Learn more (http://www.apu.edu/highsierra) about the High Sierra Semester.

**Los Angeles Term**

Los Angeles Term offers students an opportunity to live in one of the largest metropolitan areas in the United States. With a population of more than four million people, Los Angeles is home to people from more than 140 countries who speak 224 languages. Each semester, up to 12 students move to the urban center and live with local host families around the city limits, take public transportation as their primary mode of travel, and work at a nonprofit internship for 10 weeks.

The program takes place just two miles west of the downtown area at APU’s Los Angeles Regional Site, located in Koreatown. Los Angeles Term implements an experience-based pedagogy in the coursework by hosting the majority of “class time” offsite in the city. Instead of the traditional approach of lectures and note taking confined within the four walls of a classroom, the program organizes educational site visits, sets up meetings with political stakeholders and community leaders, and facilitates critical dialogue between professors and students.

The L.A. Term is open to students in any major. Students must be sophomores, juniors, or seniors to participate in the program. For more information, visit the L.A. Term website (http://apu.edu/laterm) or contact the Center for Global Learning and Engagement (http://www.apu.edu/global-engagement).

**Norway Nursing Semester**

A unique semester program for undergraduate nursing students to have hands-on experience with community health care in Norway, this exchange program allows for Norwegian students to attend APU while APU students take courses in Norway.

**South Africa Semester – Pietermaritzburg and Cape Town Campuses**

The Azusa South Africa Semester (http://www.apu.edu/southafrica) provides an opportunity for sophomore, junior, and senior students to earn up to 18 units during this unique semester away. Students learn about the country’s rich culture and history through academics, serving in local communities, developing relationships with South African community members, and engaging with local families. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required for admission to this program. Coursework allows students to choose from a variety of General Education courses. Required courses include a specially developed course on Principles and Practices of Community Engagement (in South Africa) that allows students to engage in the local South Africa community and earn 30 service credits. This course may include projects serving alongside an HIV/AIDS health program, teaching at an orphanage, interning with a local nongovernment organization, and other opportunities with local community development organizations. Learn more (http://www.apu.edu/southafrica) about the program.

**South Africa Nursing Semester – Pietermaritzburg and Cape Town Campuses**

The South Africa Nursing Semester offers 10 upper-level nursing students the opportunity to learn, serve, and engage in APU’s South Africa Semester while focusing on community health care. Students are exposed to the vibrant South African culture through home stays and national travel. They also partner with community-based organizations and conduct projects to address health disparities, health problems, and barriers to health promotion. Students’ cultural sensitivity is enhanced through various service-learning opportunities.

**Contact**

For more information, contact the Center for Global Learning and Engagement (http://www.apu.edu/global-engagement) at (626) 857-2440 or studyaway@apu.edu. The center is located on East Campus in Building 31 (http://www.apu.edu/map/107). You may also connect with the center on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/APUstudyabroad/?fref=ts) or Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/apustudyaway).