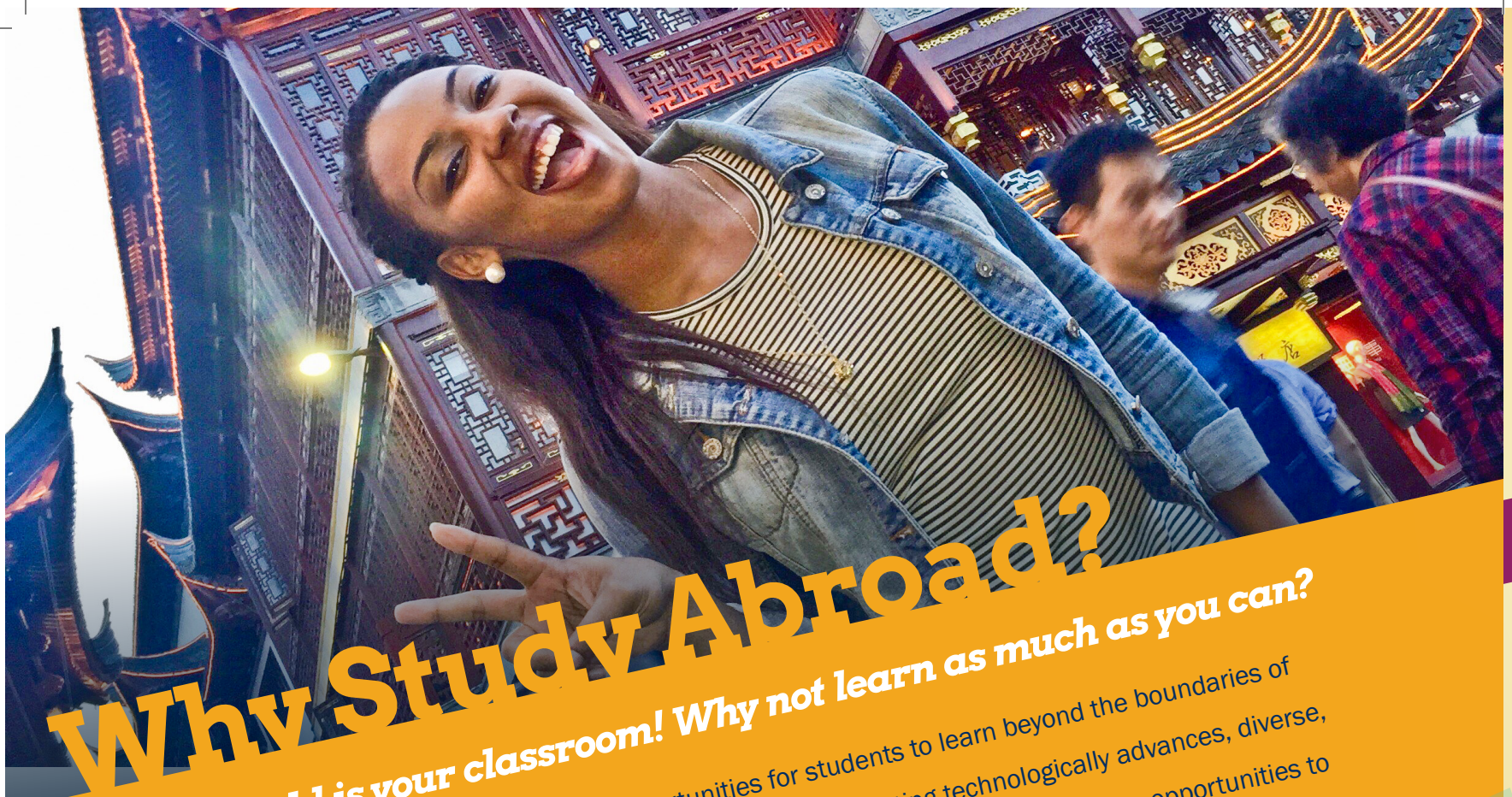




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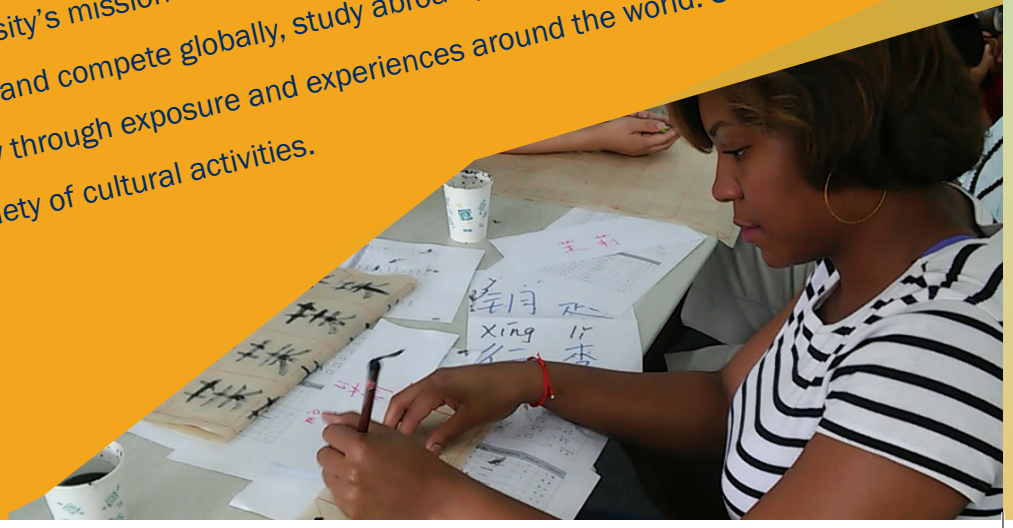
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# Why Study Abroad?

**The world is your classroom! Why not learn as much as you can?**

Jackson State University offers excellent opportunities for students to learn beyond the boundaries of the United States. Keeping with the University's mission of educating technologically advances, diverse, ethical, global leaders who think critically and compete globally, study abroad provides opportunities to internationalize our students and faculty through exposure and experiences around the world. Study abroad combines coursework and a variety of cultural activities.



Less than **10%** of American students earning Bachelor or Associate degrees have studied abroad.

Studying abroad will help you:

- 1 See the world
- 2 Acquire new perspectives concerning global issues
- 3 Advance your language skills
- 4 Develop personally
- 5 Compete globally
- 6 Experience different styles of education
- 7 Encourages individuality and marketability
- 8 Meet new and interesting people
- 9 Take control of your future



# Study Abroad Eligibility and Requirements

Study abroad is a wonderful experience. To be eligible you must:

- ☀ Have completed two full semesters at JSU and achieved sophomore standing
- ☀ Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of application
- ☀ Be in good standing with the University. Students on disciplinary probation are not eligible

## *JSU Global's Process*

We are excited that you are considering studying abroad. Here are a few recommendations from JSU Global:

- ☀ Research regions, countries or cities where you desire to study abroad
- ☀ Meet with your academic advisor to discuss your interest in studying abroad and course requirements
- ☀ Meet with JSU Global's Study Abroad Coordinator
- ☀ Meet with financial aid advisor
- ☀ Apply for your passport
- ☀ Complete JSU Global online or print application
- ☀ Attend study abroad information / orientation session

## *Application Requirements*

- ☀ Submit online or print application
- ☀ Two academic / professional references
- ☀ Completed health / medical questionnaire



# Types of Study Abroad Programs

## *Independent Study Abroad*

Choose from hundreds of study abroad opportunities from non-JSU institutions and providers, such as the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE), CIS Abroad and SIT Study Abroad. With an independent study abroad program, you select the program that is appropriate for you and your academic, financial and cultural goals.

## *Faculty Lead*

Faculty lead study abroad is short-term academic experiences/ programs that are initiated, organized, and carried out by full-time members of JSU faculty. Excursions vary in length and credit hours.

## *JSU Passport To The World*

JSU Passport to the World is a four-week faculty-led international experience that includes organized cultural, research, and experiential learning activities. Spend two weeks abroad and two weeks on campus.

## *Intern Abroad*

Interning abroad develops your professional skills, ability to communicate across cultures, and provides substantive work experience to jump-start your career in today's competitive job market. Internships abroad are provided in conjunction with individual departments and JSU career services.

## *Student Exchange Program*

A student exchange program is when students study at a foreign institution as part of a reciprocal program between institutions or countries. JSU continues to explore opportunities to partner with institutions of higher learning from across the global. Currently, JSU and Nantong University in China have partnered to offer a student exchange program.



## Affiliate Programs

### *Instituto de Cultura y Lengua Costarricense (ICLC), Costa Rica*

Located in Alajuela, Costa Rica studying abroad at the Instituto de Cultura y Lengua Costarricense (ICLC) is an effective way to learn Spanish and experience the Costa Rican culture. ICLC Academic Program receive participants at all levels: beginners, intermediate, advanced and superior.

### *Bluefield Indian and Caribbean University (BICU)*

Bluefields Indian & Caribbean University is Nicaragua's leading university in higher education and intercultural community in the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast. The curriculum is tailored to the needs of the region, taking into consideration the cultural, historical and geographical uniqueness of the area. BICU boasted an enrolment of 7,000 students. The university has one main campus and six branches through the Autonomous Region. BICU is one of two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in Nicaragua.

### *Council on International and Educational Exchange (CIEE)*

CIEE offers nearly 200 study abroad programs in more than 60 cities and 40 countries that span more academic disciplines than any other international education organization. No matter where or what you choose to study, you'll take part in a uniquely immersive experience that will help you discover a new culture, gain confidence by living among its people, forge lasting friendships, and learn to see the world with fresh eyes.

### *CIS Abroad*

CIS Abroad provides innovative educational programs that broaden academic perspectives, promote global awareness, and encourage personal development while laying the foundation for participants to become engaged world citizens.

### *SIT Study Abroad*

SIT Study Abroad offers semester and summer programs for undergraduate students in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as comparative programs in multiple locations. You will not only acquire a holistic and multifaceted grounding in the issues being examined, but get direct, field-based experience with the multiplicity of ideas, innovations, perspectives, and contacts that can catapult your academic and professional life.

# Funding Study Abroad

Studying abroad is affordable. JSU Global works closely with the Financial Aid Office to ensure that cost is not a barrier for study abroad participants. To use Financial Aid for study abroad, you must enroll full time at an accredited foreign institution and receive academic credit towards the degree you are pursuing at Jackson State University. JSU Global also works with students to identify and apply for external sources of funding. Visit [www.jsu.edu/global](http://www.jsu.edu/global) for a listing of external funding and study abroad scholarship opportunities.

# The Right Program For You

There are endless study abroad opportunities. It is important to select a program that reflects your individual academic, cultural and personal objectives. Writing down your goals and constraints can help you choose the right program for you. Define what is it that you want to accomplish. Determine when can you go and what can you afford. Decide if you want to be in a classroom setting with only US students or a learning environment that fully immerses you in the culture of the community. Make sure the program you choose will allow you to accomplish what you have in mind.

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