

## How We Work With New Students

The Center for International Programs (CIP) is the home of education abroad. We are committed to promoting access to International education opportunities for our diverse population of students.

### Fast Facts

- 1) We currently send more than 500 students on international education abroad programs each year.
- 2) We offer education abroad programs of all different lengths. Some programs are as short as one week, while some others are as long as a full academic year.
- 3) Our list of programs includes traditional study abroad programs, volunteer and service-learning programs, international internships, research abroad, and student teaching placements.
- 4) Students with any major or any minor can study abroad in any of our programs.
- 5) You do not need to know or study a foreign language in order to participate in an education abroad program.
- 6) Education abroad offerings change every year depending on availability and interest of faculty leaders.

### Key Takeaways

Every student should research the programs that we offer within their first year at West Chester. Researching our programs early ensures your best chance of joining an education abroad program if you chose to do so.

- When should students start planning their education abroad?
  - It is never too early to start planning an international experience! Although many students want to wait until later in their college career to participate in international programs, students have the most success when they start planning early.
- Can financial aid be used on an education abroad program?
  - There are many financial aid resources available for funding education abroad opportunities. In addition to regular financial aid (loans, grants, scholarships, etc.), there are many education abroad-specific scholarships, grants, and awards available to WCU students.
- How can students learn more about international program opportunities?
  - We offer study abroad information sessions every day of the week during the fall and spring semesters. You will learn about the basics of how study abroad works. Afterwards, you can meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss specific program options. Students can register for an information session by calling the office.

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