Upcoming Short-Term Summer/J-term Study Abroad Programs

Deadline to apply to all short-term programs: Nov 2, 2015

Location: Guatemala; Faculty Director(s): B. Ashdown, M. Brown; Website: bit.ly/hwsabroad

Location: Wales; Faculty Director(s): David Mapstone; Website: bit.ly/hwsabroad

Location: Siberia; Faculty Director(s): Kristen Welsh; Website: bit.ly/hwsabroad

Location: Indonesia; Faculty Director(s): Chris Hatch; Website: bit.ly/hwsabroad

MORE INFORMATION?? INFO SESSION: SEPT 22, 7:30p.m. Trinity Hall 305
Faculty-Led Short-Term Programs Course Descriptions

Guatemala: Linking the Culture and Ecology of Guatemala
*SUMMER*

*Dates: May 17-June 7, 2016*

In Lake Atitlan (Guatemala) water quality is declining because of sewage pollution and stagnant political policies. The health and lifestyle of lake residents, largely indigenous Mayans, are at risk, as is the tourism-based economy of the region. This course will provide students with an immersion experience in Guatemala that actively investigates these water-resources issues, with particular attention to the merger of culture and environment in Guatemala. During this intensive 3-week course, students will experience the diversity and complexity of Guatemala, including its culture, people, language, and natural environment.

Wales: Outdoor Education-Theoretical Issues in Outdoor Pursuits
*SUMMER*

*Dates: Late May-Mid June 2016. Exact Dates TDB*

This 3 week course will be a combination of academic theory and hands-on outdoor activities, including hiking, camping, caving, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, mine exploration, rock climbing and mountain biking. While the activities are enjoyable, they are fundamentally a means for examining a range of academic themes such as sustainability, personal and social development and the duality of risk versus adventure. Theory sessions will be used to prepare for the practical activities, to review experiences and to provide the necessary background knowledge essential for the various assessments.

Siberia: Siberian Culture in the Golden Altai
*SUMMER*

*Dates: Late June-Early August 2016. Exact Dates TDB*

Based in the city of Barnaul, this 5 week seminar will foster interdisciplinary learning and teaching in Russian area studies by immersing participants in the language, culture, and contemporary issues of Siberia. Participants will complete language training appropriate to their level, and coursework in English on Altai culture.

Note: This program is fully funded through a Fulbright grant. Limited space available, with preference given to students studying Russian/Russian area studies.

Indonesia: The Performing Arts of Bali
*J-TERM*

*Dates: Dec 26 2016-Jan 15 2017*

This course will be a three week intensive exploration into the rich performing arts tradition of Bali, Indonesia. Students will be immersed in various aspects of Balinese performing arts including Dance, Masked Performance, Traditional Instrument Performance, Shadow Puppetry, and Mask Carving. Once in Bali, our "classroom" will be an actual professionally operating artistic conservatory where students will be working with, performing with, and surrounded by professional artists of Bali. The conservatory is also home to numerous antique Balinese instruments including antique gamelan sets.

Some funding for the short-term programs above is available for those in financial need. The deadline to apply for funding is Nov 2. Students will be provided with a funding application with their acceptance letter.

For More Information and to Apply Visit the HWS Short-Term Program Website and click the link(s) of the program you are interested in exploring further:

Application Criteria for Faculty-Led Short-Term Programs:

- The minimum gpa is stated in the informational sheet or brochure for the program. In most cases, the minimum will be a 2.5 cumulative gpa but for some programs it may be higher.
- In an effort to accommodate under-served populations, priority will be given to applicants who are unable to participate in semester-long programs for reasons such as athletic commitments, the inability to complete major requirements on a semester program, etc.
- While those who have already participated in a semester-long or summer program are eligible to apply, those who have not yet taken part in an off-campus program will generally be given priority, assuming that they meet the admissions requirements as detailed below.
- Admissions decisions are made jointly by the Faculty Director(s) leading the program and CGE staff. Factors considered when making admission decisions include: quality of your essay, academic “fit” for the program, pre-req requirements met (if any), previous participation in an off-campus program, inability to take part in a semester-long program and your social/disciplinary records.
- Students on academic or social probation are ineligible for off-campus programs.

Important Points to Note about Course Credit:

- All students must take summer courses for credit. We do not allow students to waive the credit, even if they are seniors and don’t need the credit to graduate.

- Once grades for short-term courses are in, they will show up on a student’s transcript in the spring semester prior to the summer semester, and will be factored into the spring gpa. Students may choose to do a summer course for credit/no credit instead of a letter grade but they must let the HWS registrar’s office know that they want to do this no more than 2/3s of the way through the course. Tying the short-term course to the spring semester allows students to qualify for financial aid. This means that students must be registered in the prior spring semester in order to take part in a summer program.

- Short-term courses cannot be used to graduate early. If students take a summer course, they still need to take four courses during the fall and spring semesters unless they submit a petition to the Committee on Standards and receive approval from the Committee to take less than four courses.

- A summer course will be added as a fifth course (and sixth, if you are taking two courses) to the previous spring transcript but will not show as an overload and no special permission has to be sought for this fifth (or sixth) course.

- Students who participate in a summer program in their senior year will not receive their diploma until their summer grades are recorded. They may walk at Commencement but the actual diploma and final transcript will not be issued until grades are in.

- Note that HWS does not give credit for business courses.
Summer Programs with Approved Affiliates/Partners:

These programs require a dual application process. Students will first apply and be screened through the CGE. Upon acceptance, students will then need to apply directly to the provider. Each program below has its own deadlines and application procedures. The CGE funding deadline is November 2\textsuperscript{nd} so you must apply EARLY to these programs to be eligible for funding.

**ASE** – 5-week program in Bath, England - June 6 – July 11 (February 15 deadline)

**DIS** – 3 or 6-week programs in Copenhagen, Denmark (April 1 deadline)

**CIEE** – Programs from 2 to 10 weeks all over the world (March and April deadlines)

**IAU** – 3 or 6-week programs in Aix-en-Provence, France (April 15 deadline)

**UEA** – 4-week program in Norwich, England – June 27 – July 24, (January 31\textsuperscript{st} - early deadline with lower fees; April 30\textsuperscript{th} - regular deadline)

For more information on HWS summer affiliate programs and to apply, please click on the affiliate link(s) on the HWS website. These links will direct you to an HWS internal information page and application portal for all short-term and summer affiliate programs. Scroll down and select the summer affiliate program you are interested in for more information and application instructions.

**Non-Affiliate Outside Providers:**

- Students may apply to go abroad in the summer with an outside provider, but if you participate in a program not on our list of approved affiliate providers, you will need to work with your advisor, department and Dean before you apply to ensure that you will receive credit – and this is not guaranteed. If credit is approved, it will be considered transfer credit not HWS credit.

- You would need to fill out an online registration form through the CGE to pursue a program with an outside, non-affiliate provider AND apply directly with the provider once you have received approvals from your department and Dean. Please contact HWSabroad@hws.edu for further information.

- Students on programs through non-affiliate outside providers are not eligible for funding through HWS.

For more information on short-term/summer programs, please see Anthony Mandela in Trinity 306 Mandela@hws.edu or (315) 781-3663