

Study Abroad Connections

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Message from the Director

Aloha, and welcome to a new academic year at Mānoa! The expression "It's a small world!" used to convey surprise at discovering a personal connection in a distant or unexpected place; these days, however, countries and communities around the world are becoming more connected with the advances in technology and transportation. It is more apparent now than ever that we must cultivate internationalization in our young adults and to prepare them to be effective global citizens.

In this issue, we read about Sanghun Ham, an international student from Korea majoring in Management Information Systems at the Shidler College of Business, who chose to further expand his horizons and studied abroad in Seville, Spain, last Spring. We also read about Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science (KRS) faculty Rachel Lindsey who led a group of KRS majors to Sydney, Australia, where they learned first-hand the differences between Australia's universal healthcare and the U.S.'s healthcare system. Come visit us at our 23rd Annual Study Abroad Fair, and we can help you get started with your internationalization!

Sincerely,

Sarita Rai
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Seoul — Honolulu — Seville

Sanghun Bruce Ham
Management Information Systems
Seville, Spain, Spring 2017

Even though my study abroad experience in Spain was not my first international experience (I am an international student from Korea), interacting with the Spanish people and experiencing Spanish culture for one semester was absolutely different and new. The very first difference that I noticed about Sevilla was that the area was a lot less occupied by big chains such as McDonalds or Starbucks than Korea or anywhere else I have ever lived in so far. There still are more of local restaurants, bars and cafes in Sevilla. The second difference is that Sevilla seemed less affected by the mainstream or international trend in fashion or life style.

I had very little exposure to Spanish culture and language before I went to Seville, and so I had some communication challenges in Spain. With my host family, I used Google Translate most of time to express what I wanted to say. Keao, my roommate and fellow study abroad participant from UH Mānoa, who is an intermediate Spanish speaker, also helped me communicate with the host family. As time went by, I picked up words or expressions that my host family repeatedly used, and I became a lot more comfortable being with and communicating with them. If I had not had the opportunity to live with a host family, I would not have learned as much Spanish culture and language and as quickly.

The International College of Seville (ICS) where I studied, is a much smaller campus than UH Mānoa, and of course, classes were smaller. It's a family-like school where you would know every faculty member or student. Everyone there was like brothers and sisters. Each student participated more in the classes and shared stories and thoughts. As I am a Business major, I took more business and economics-related courses, and those classes covered more about Spanish or European materials or compared the European cultures or companies to the US. It

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was really fun and interesting to hear about Spanish and European culture and history from a European instructor.

I became a member of International Business Organization (IBO) to fulfill my Johnson Scholarship obligations, which was to promote study abroad. I really would like to encourage fellow international students to study abroad, for a couple of reasons. Firstly, it is a cheaper option than taking a semester at UH Mānoa as an international student! The total cost included UHM credits, living with a host family with two meals provided a day, textbooks, and excursions that the host institution organized. The prices, in general, are cheaper in Sevilla than in Hawaii, which gave me a little extra money to explore Spain and the rest of Europe. Secondly, the credits I earned are automatically UH Mānoa credits; there is no transfer of credits to UH Mānoa. Lastly, it is a great opportunity to live in Europe for four months! I like to travel and I knew how limited my time was during one semester in Spain. I spent most of my weekends visiting different cities in Spain.

The most important piece of advice that I would like to give anyone who wishes to study abroad is a simple one: be open-minded, not just to the interesting moments or experiences, but especially to unpleasant circumstances as they are happening to you. It is not always convenient living in a country that you are not from or familiar with. Different cultures and people have different ideas about issues or circumstances. Respect their ways to do things. If you don't respect their ways, why should they respect you?

It is a rare opportunity to live for four months in Spain and with a Spanish family. Even though in the beginning of the application process, I was a little frustrated by the amount of paperwork and the preparation involved to apply for the program, it was all totally worth it. My study abroad experience gave me the confidence in living in a different country, and I learned that I am good at adapting and adjusting to a new environment. I would love to encourage other international students by sharing my stories and experiences. If it is cheaper and helps to add more international experience, why not do it?

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Australia: Health Care and Sciences

**Rachel Lindsey, Assistant Professor
Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science
Sydney, Australia, Summer 2017**

I developed an interest in leading study abroad programs while at my previous institution, West Chester University in Pennsylvania. While there I implemented a short-term study abroad program to London with a focus on health care and sports medicine in both the United States and the United Kingdom. Three faculty members and 22 undergraduate students from the athletic training program took part in the course. We were able to learn from and network with many health professionals while abroad including the sports medicine faculty at London Metropolitan University. After witnessing first-hand how much both the faculty and students learned and grew from this experience I wanted to offer a similar program in the Kinesiology and Rehabilitation Science Department here at the University of Hawaii Mānoa (UHM). I chose to establish this program as a **Faculty-Sponsored Study Tour (FaSST)** as it offered me the ability to tailor the course content and programming to meet my specific goals. The Study Abroad Center offered copious amounts of guidance and support throughout program development. They dealt with course registration, health and travel insurance, risk management and answered all questions thoroughly and promptly from both myself and my students. After months of preparation, **KRS 208 Australia: Health Care and Sciences**, was offered in Summer Session I, 2017. This 3 credit elective course provided students with an opportunity to examine aspects of the United States and Australian healthcare systems and professions throughout one week of classwork at UHM and a 10-day field study in Australia.



Eight undergraduates enrolled and here's what some had to say about their experience:

"By taking this course, I have gained clarity on how the current American healthcare system affects both healthcare providers and the general public. Additionally, KRS 208 has done well to spark my interest in traveling in the future to further seek out my path towards physical therapy."

"KRS 208 has got to be the best summer course I have taken so far during my time here at UH Mānoa. This class has given me opportunities to reflect on our own healthcare system, compare benefits of Australia's universal healthcare to our own, and gain insight on myself in regard to my pursuit in physical therapy."

"This opportunity to explore Australia has been one of the most educational and fun experiences I have had so far. It was my first time being out of the country and experiencing the Australian culture. Over all this journey has been filled with amazing lessons. I had the opportunity to learn about the history and culture of Australia and its indigenous people, their educational system, and government support."

"This class/trip was as eye-opening as it was entertaining. The things that we learned from both US and AU health professionals really just furthered my previous intentions to pursue the field of physical therapy. I'm so glad that I was able to come on this trip with these people, and experience all the things that we did together."



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Dare to Learn, and
Dare to Understand*

Fall 2017 Calendar at a Glance

Study Abroad Fair
Wed., September 6
9:00am - 2:00pm
Campus Center Mall

7th Annual Teaching & Researching Around the World
Fri., September 8
11:30am-12:45pm
KUY106

First Steps to Study Abroad: Study Abroad 101
Tues., September 12
2:00pm - 3:00pm
Moore 155A

Funding Your Study Abroad Program
Wed., September 13
2:30pm - 3:30pm
Moore 155A

Resident Director Summer 2018 Application Deadline
Fri., October 6

Resident Director Fall 2018/Spring 2019/ Academic Year Programs Application Deadline
Mon., November 6

Faculty-Sponsored Study Tours (FaSST) Info. Session
Fri., October 20
11:30am-12:45pm
KUY 106

Mini Conference for Academic Advisors
Mon., October 30
9:00am-1:30pm
Executive Dining Room
Campus Center

Informational Meetings (Fall 2017)
Visit website for details

Meet the next Resident Directors

Spring 2018

London, England

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Academy of Creative Media

ACM 384 (W): Study Abroad – Diversity in Film in UK

ACM 386 (O): Techniques – Film by Auteurs of the UK and the Subjective Eye

Paris, France

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American Studies

HIST 455: French Revolution and Napoleon

AMST 490: Performing in Paris: Artists, Intellectuals and Activists in Transnational Cultural Circuits

Florence, Italy

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LLEA - French

LLEA 270: Freaks and Monsters

LLEA 471B: Fairy Tales and Pitti Palace: Worlds of Marvels

Machida, Japan

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Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences

FSHN 181: Introduction to Foods

FSHN 476: Cultural Aspects of Food Habits

Seville, Spain

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School of Communications

COM 489: Communicating Creativity

COM 433 (W): Screenwriting in Spain