

TYPES OF STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Exchange Programs

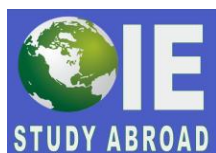
Reciprocal agreements between IUP and an international institution provide for an equal exchange of students (i.e. we can only send as many as we receive). In an Exchange program, IUP students pay IUP in-state tuition and are assigned IUP course equivalencies for the work they do abroad. Participants will be responsible for paying for flights, books, travel, etc. in addition to their regular IUP in-state tuition, while room and board vary with each exchange site. Students will most likely be in regular university classes with students from the host country, and not in special classes designed for foreigners. Proficiency in the host language may be required. Programs are available for all majors, though some may be restricted to a specific department of school. Students should refer to specific program information for details. Students receive transfer credit, not grades.

Faculty-led Programs

Faculty-led programs are study abroad programs led by an IUP faculty member. In a Faculty-led program, students pay IUP tuition for their courses according to their classification and degree level. Students also pay a program fee which generally includes accommodations, meals, local transportation, program related excursions, airfare, and other expenses. Each program focuses on a certain academic discipline with students earning direct IUP course credit, and incorporates excursions and field trips to give students the opportunity to explore and learn about their host country. These programs are primarily offered in the summer and winter sessions. Students are directly enrolled in IUP courses; therefore, will earn grades for each course.

Partnership Programs

Partnership programs are offered by foreign universities, or study abroad organizations, that have an official agreement with IUP. As opposed to Exchange and Faculty-led programs, participants in an IUP Partnership program DO NOT pay IUP tuition. Instead they pay a program fee, which includes tuition and MAY include additional features like accommodation, meals, dedicated on-site staff, in-country orientations, airport pick-up, insurance, overnight excursions, and local field trips as part of a comprehensive program package. Students participating in partnership programs may be taking courses with students from the host country, or only with other American or international students. Compare programs detail and costs carefully because not all programs include the same features. In Partnership Programs, IUP students are assigned IUP course equivalencies for the work they do abroad and just as the reciprocal exchange programs the grades earned are not factored into their IUP GPAs.



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