Overseas and Off-Campus Programs

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As a liberal arts college committed to international education, Lewis & Clark offers an extensive program of overseas and off-campus study opportunities. Each year roughly 300 students participate in more than 30 programs, either abroad or in selected areas of the United States. Over half of the students who graduate from Lewis & Clark will have spent at least one semester studying overseas or at a domestic off-campus location.

Overseas and off-campus programs form an integral part of the total educational experience at Lewis & Clark, supporting and enhancing on-campus curricula. Through immersion in foreign or domestic cultures, students learn firsthand about the history, culture, and contemporary issues of the area. They also gain insights into their own culture by comparing and contrasting American institutions and values to those of the host country. Recognizing the significant educational value of study in another culture, Lewis & Clark includes international studies in its General Education requirements (http://docs.lclark.edu/catalog/archive/2013-14/undergraduate/graduationrequirements/generaleducation/#international_studiestext) for graduation. Most overseas programs offer courses that fulfill that requirement.

Faculty broaden their historical, cultural, and linguistic knowledge of the world by leading overseas and off-campus programs. Many of Lewis & Clark’s present faculty have led study groups, which have gone to 66 countries.

Students should start planning for overseas or off-campus study early in their college careers. Faculty advisors are prepared to offer academic advice about integrating overseas study with majors or General Education requirements (http://docs.lclark.edu/catalog/archive/2013-14/undergraduate/graduationrequirements/generaleducation) . Program information and applications are available on the Overseas and Off-Campus Programs website (http://go.lclark.edu/overseas).

Students may not receive transfer credit for an overseas program not sponsored by Lewis & Clark that occurs at the same place and time as a Lewis & Clark overseas program.

Eligibility

All students in good academic standing (http://docs.lclark.edu/catalog/archive/2013-14/undergraduate/policiesprocedures/academicstanding) and without pending disciplinary sanctions are eligible to apply for an overseas or off-campus program.

Enrollment in an overseas or off-campus program is by selective admission. Acceptance into the program is determined by examination of academic preparation and by personal interview. In order to participate in the program, a student must remain in good academic standing during the period between acceptance and program departure. Students on academic probation or on disciplinary warning or probation may apply for participation but must be in good academic standing and off disciplinary probation or warning by the end of the semester preceding program departure. Students are advised that some programs have specific prerequisites and a higher minimum GPA for eligibility. Students are not allowed to participate in an overseas or off-campus program until they have completed the core requirement, Exploration and Discovery (http://docs.lclark.edu/catalog/archive/2013-14/undergraduate/graduationrequirements/generaleducation/#coretext) .

Credit

Students in all programs may earn a total of 16 semester credits per 14-week program, the amount deemed necessary to make normal progress toward an undergraduate degree. Since curricular offerings vary with the program location and academic focus, students should consider their need to fulfill major or General Education requirements (http://docs.lclark.edu/catalog/archive/2013-14/undergraduate/graduationrequirements/generaleducation) in close consultation with their academic/major advisor before applying to an off-campus program. An internship or independent study is available in the same semester as an overseas or off-campus program only when the internship or independent study is part of the program curriculum approved in advance by the curriculum committee.

Program Fee

Students participating in off-campus study programs are charged a comprehensive fee, which covers round-trip travel, room and board, field trips, excursions, mandatory health insurance, and tuition and instruction. Not included are books, inoculations, passports, visas, International Student Identity Cards (ISICs), and incidental expenses. Round-trip travel is not included for domestic off-campus programs. Financial aid and Federal Direct Loans may be applied to the comprehensive fee. Please refer to Overseas and Off-Campus Program Fee (http://docs.lclark.edu/catalog/archive/2013-14/undergraduate/costs/charges/#overseasandoffcampusprogramfeetext) in Costs (http://docs.lclark.edu/catalog/archive/2013-14/undergraduate/costs) for the current comprehensive fee.

Application and Selection

Students apply to overseas programs by completing an application, which includes information regarding academic preparation, program objectives, a self-evaluation, release and agreement forms, and personal and academic references. Applicants are interviewed by the program leader or director. Final decisions regarding selection are made by the Office of Overseas and Off-Campus Programs.

Normally students apply one year in advance. A maximum of 25 students usually are selected for most programs. The application deadline for fall semester
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The application deadline for spring semester and summer programs is in early February of the academic year preceding the program.

Program Payment Schedule
A $300 nonrefundable deposit must be made within 30 days of acceptance to a program. The remainder of the fee is paid on a per-semester basis according to regular on-campus billing periods and procedures.

Withdrawal of Participant
Students who withdraw from an overseas or off-campus program three months or more before group departure forfeit the nonrefundable program deposit of $300, plus airfare if a nonrefundable ticket has been purchased in the student’s name. Students who withdraw less than three months before departure are charged a $3,000 fee, plus airfare if a nonrefundable ticket has been purchased in the student’s name. (In such a situation, the ticket is turned over to the student.) In the event a student voluntarily withdraws from an overseas or off-campus program after departure for the program site, the following fees and charges will apply:

- If the withdrawal takes place within the first month of the program, the participant will be responsible for 50 percent of the comprehensive fee.
- If the withdrawal takes place after the first month of the program, the participant will be responsible for 100 percent of the comprehensive fee.

Lewis & Clark reserves the right to add any fees incurred by the participant to the participant’s account, and to refuse registration, provision of transcripts, and issuance of degrees until all fees are paid in full. Please refer to the Overseas and Off-Campus Programs (http://go.lclark.edu/overseas) Release and Agreement for complete details of the policies in force once a student has been accepted to an overseas or off-campus program.

Types of Programs
Overseas and off-campus programs vary considerably in form and content. However, the majority involve language study, academic coursework, field projects, excursions, and a period of residence with host-country families. Most programs include an intensive orientation prior to departure, and in all cases returning students are expected to share their experiences with Lewis & Clark and the Portland community.

All Lewis & Clark overseas and off-campus programs belong to one of these three categories:

General Culture Programs
General culture programs immerse students in a foreign culture to enable them to learn as much as possible about the area and its history and contemporary issues. At least six such semester programs, focusing on specific areas or cultures, are offered each year in Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. Please note that although the primary focus is on the host culture, some programs also have a significant language component. Please visit Overseas and Off-Campus Programs (http://go.lclark.edu/overseas) for details.

Since many programs are repeated annually or biennially, students may choose from a variety of programs during their four years at Lewis & Clark. Specific sites include Australia, China, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, East Africa (Kenya and Tanzania), Ecuador, England, France, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Russia, Scotland, and Spain.

Language-Intensive and Departmental Programs
These programs are open to students who meet departmental prerequisites and who are affiliated with the sponsoring department or discipline. Ongoing programs are offered in Chile, the Dominican Republic, and Spain (Spanish); France and Senegal (French); Germany (German); London (fine arts/social sciences/psychology); Japan (Japanese); Russia (Russian); and China (Chinese). Additional programs are offered on request by academic departments.

Off-Campus Domestic Programs
Off-campus programs are offered in the Arizona borderlands, to study immigration issues and policy; in New York City, to study fine arts and theatre; and in Washington, D.C., to study the U.S. government and economy.

Scheduled Programs
As of publication time for this catalog, the following overseas and off-campus study programs are planned.

2013-14
Language-Intensive Programs
Chile: Santiago
Chile: Valparaiso
China: Beijing
China: Harbin
Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo
France: Nancy
France: Strasbourg
Germany: Munich
Japan: Osaka at Kansai Gaidai University
Japan: Osaka at Osaka Gakuin University
Russia: St. Petersburg
Russia: Vladivostok
Senegal: Dakar
Spain: Alicante

General Culture Programs, Fall Semester
China: Beijing
China: Chengdu
East Africa: Kenya and Tanzania
France: Nancy
France: Strasbourg
Greece: Regional Area Study
India: Regional Area Study
Japan: Sapporo
Russia: St. Petersburg

General Culture Programs, Spring Semester
Australia: Regional Area Study
Ecuador: Cuenca
England: London (Fine Arts)
France: Nancy
France: Strasbourg
Ireland: Regional Area Studies
Russia: St. Petersburg

Domestic Program, Spring Semester
Arizona: Border Studies

General Culture Program, Summer Semester
Ecuador
Japan

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Language-Intensive Programs
Chile: Santiago
Chile: Valparaiso
China: Beijing
China: Harbin
Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo
France: Nancy
France: Strasbourg
Germany: Munich
Japan: Osaka at Kansai Gaidai University
Japan: Osaka at Osaka Gakuin University
Russia: St. Petersburg
Russia: Vladivostok
Senegal: Dakar
Spain: Alicante

General Culture Programs, Fall Semester
China: Beijing
China: Chengdu
Dominican Republic: Santiago
East Africa: Kenya and Tanzania
France: Nancy
France: Strasbourg
Japan: Sapporo
Russia: St. Petersburg
Scotland: Regional Area Study
Vietnam: Regional Area Study

Domestic Programs, Fall Semester
New York City
Washington, D.C.

General Culture Programs, Spring Semester
Australia: Regional Area Study
Dominican Republic: Santiago
Ecuador: Cuenca
England: London (Fine Arts)
France: Nancy
France: Strasbourg
Italy: Siena
Morocco: Regional Area Studies
New Zealand: Biology
Russia: St. Petersburg
Spain: Seville

Domestic Programs, Spring Semester
Arizona: Border Studies

General Culture Programs, Summer Semester
Australia
Ecuador

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Language-Intensive Programs
Chile: Santiago
Chile: Valparaiso
China: Beijing
China: Harbin
Dominican Republic: Santo Domingo
France: Nancy
France: Strasbourg
Germany: Munich
Japan: Osaka at Kansai Gaidai University
Japan: Osaka at Osaka Gakuin University
Russia: St. Petersburg
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Ecuador

Australia Psychology Internship