



Social Work

Study & Intern Abroad Opportunities



Why should I study abroad as a Social Work Major?

Social Work majors are encouraged to consider completing part of their undergraduate or graduate program abroad. Study in an international university exposes students to social issues and allows students to learn through diverse human interactions. Social work majors have the opportunity to couple classroom knowledge with first-hand experience of international issues and communities.

What are my options for Study Abroad?

Traditional study abroad locations

- ★ Queensland, Australia
- ★ Valparaiso, Chile
- ★ London, England
- ★ Paris, France
- ★ Caen, France
- ★ Marburg, Germany
- ★ Osaka, Japan
- ★ Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK
- ★ Glasgow, Scotland, UK
- ★ Durban, South Africa
- ★ Pamplona, Spain

TRADITIONAL STUDY ABROAD: Study that allows you to deepen your understanding of social work with our MU partner institutions abroad.

FIELD PLACEMENT: A semester long field experience in which students observe and facilitate Social Work practices abroad. Locations include: Cape Town, South Africa; Dublin, Ireland; London, England.

INTERNSHIP: 6-8 weeks work-based internship opportunities that can be completed during the summer.

SERVICE LEARNING: 1-2 weeks Alternative Break that couples learning with community based collaboration. Locations: Vary



“Not only was this the most beautiful experience, but also it truly spoke volumes to see individuals being rich with true love, happiness, and peace.”

- BA Social Work Student; Service Learning Trip, Mexico

How will studying abroad benefit me as a social work major?

An international internship provides you with much more than just work experience. Unlike having an internship at home, you will gain global skills and have experiences that will truly set you apart from other graduates. Your internship experience will go beyond the workplace as you explore the local culture and immerse yourself in the day-to-day patterns of another country.

More than any time in the past, employers are seeking candidates with a global viewpoint, the ability to work with diverse groups, ability to problem solve, and the willingness to step outside their comfort zone to take on new challenges. Interning abroad gives you all of that and more. Living abroad and being immersed in a new culture strengthens your resume but even further, fosters personal growth through the development of skills such as adaptability, independence, critical thinking, and working in a multicultural environment, which are important to success in the workplace and community.

How can I afford to study or intern abroad?

- ★ If you qualify for federal and/or PA state financial aid, you may apply it to your approved study abroad program. You will review estimated cost with Office of Global Education & Partnerships (OGEP)
- ★ Students may meet with Financial Aid, prior to submitting an application, to review how the cost of their program factors into their financial aid package. Estimates can be provided to determine whether a student is eligible to apply for additional aid.
- ★ After a student is accepted to study abroad, OGEP sends final cost estimates to Financial Aid to determine a student's official aid package.
- ★ There are a wide variety of scholarship opportunities for students studying abroad. OGEP will advise you where to search and how to apply for such scholarships.



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Testimonials

“This trip has definitely made me a more humble person and reminded me how important it is to never take anything for granted.”

- **MSW Student; Service Learning Trip, Nicaragua**

“The experience I gained from studying in Cape Town is something I wouldn't trade for a lifetime. I was able to immerse myself in another culture, learn pieces of the language, and create lasting bonds with those around me.”

- **BA Social Work Student; Field Placement, Cape Town, South Africa**

I am extremely happy that my agency is very flexible with me wanting to travel and explore!

- **MSW Student; Internship, Dublin, Ireland**