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Please note: All students participating in study abroad programs will be charged a Study Abroad Fee of $140, in addition to the program costs. Students will also be required to purchase Student Travel Insurance ($25 for programs of 2 weeks or less, or $50 per month). Program costs listed below do not include UW tuition, the Study Abroad Fee, or cost of insurance.

CHINA

CHIN 2041: Summer Intensive Chinese Study Program
(3 UW credits + 9 credits transferred from the Harbin Institute of Technology)

The University of Wyoming Chinese Language Program will offer students a unique opportunity to participate in an 8-week intensive Chinese program followed by a 1-week internship at Harbin Institute of Technology (HIT) during the summer of 2017. This program allows students to immerse themselves in the target language both in the classroom (28 hours per week) and outside of it through cultural activities. Four language classes will be offered during this program: Contemporary and Traditional Chinese Culture (CHIN 2041); Advanced Conversational Chinese (I & II); and Advanced Translation. Culture classes will include Chinese calligraphy, martial arts (Taichi), traditional fashion/dress, tea ceremony, knot making, and paper cutting. Cultural activities include HIT Annual Sporting Events, HIT International Cultural Festival, and volunteering with the 109 Middle School that caters to under-privileged children. Students will go on academic excursion trips to Beijing, the Siberian Tiger Park, the Ice Lantern Park, Temple of Bliss, Confucius Temple, and Daqing Hot Spring & Dumeng Grassland trip, among other places. The program is especially designed for students who have completed two years of Chinese at the college level and plan to pursue a Chinese minor. Students who have not completed these prerequisites must have a proficiency equivalent to two years of college level Chinese, as evaluated by the instructor. HIT is one of the most prestigious universities in China which offers professional Chinese language professors, Chinese home-stays, and Chinese roommates. The program will create an unforgettable life changing experience. Scholarships are available to qualified students who enroll in this program.

Dates: May - July 2017
Cost: $3900 (cost may be adjusted in the event of significant changes in exchange rates or other factors beyond the control of UW. Fee includes HIT tuition and learning materials; on campus housing; meals; use of a cell phone; cultural activities; excursions; visa application fee. Does not include vaccinations, airfare, UW tuition).
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ECUADOR

Darwin and the Galapagos Islands

This travel abroad course combines a spring 2017 semester seminar with an expedition following the semester to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands National Park. The goals of the course are to introduce students to: the history and natural history of the Galapagos Islands; the role of the islands in the development of the theory of evolution by Charles Darwin; current research on the biology and ecology of the islands and the impact on evolutionary theory; and current conservation issues on the Islands and similarities to issues in Wyoming. Students will spend 8 days and 7 nights on board the Yacht Reina Silvia touring, hiking and snorkeling on and around Galapagos National Park. An important component of the tour is that while on the islands the group will be lead by Greg Estes, co-author with Thalia Grant of Darwin in Galapagos: Footsteps to a New World, published in 2009 by Princeton Press. Greg has over 25 years experience as a researcher and guide on the islands and has consulted on numerous projects about Darwin and the islands including the BBC/National Geographic Society documentary Galapagos: the islands that changed the world. Additional days will be spent on the mainland studying the natural history and culture of the region. The target audience for the course and travel abroad experience is undergraduate and graduate students in the biological sciences at community colleges and the University of Wyoming. The preparatory spring seminar is offered on the Outreach Video Network and is open to students intending to travel to Ecuador and students that desire to take the seminar alone.

Approximate dates: May 27 - June 3, 2017
Approximate Cost: $5175 (does not include international airfare)
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ZOO 4900: Problems: Behavioral ecology and biodiversity in Ecuador
(1-2 credits)
The Andes and Amazonian lowlands of South America have the most diverse assemblage of birds in the world. Ecuador straddles the equator and has land on both slopes of the Andes. Although Wyoming covers approximately 2.5 times the area of Ecuador, Ecuador has four times as many species of birds (> 1,600 species). This 10-day trip will introduce students to one of the biodiversity hotspots of the world, instill an appreciation for the flora and fauna, especially the birds, and allow them to get hands-on experience in exploring the fascinating repertoire of behaviors exhibited by the animals (mostly birds, but also embracing mammals, amphibians and invertebrates) that live in these diverse habitats. The main field site, the Milpe Reserve of the Mindo Cloud Forest Foundation (http://www.mindocloudforest.org/milpe-bird-sanctuary/), is at 1,100 meters on the west slope, with excursions to higher elevation cloud forest (2,000 meters) and low-elevation forest (350 meters), at each of which most of the plants and animals will be different. Field projects will emphasize inquiry-based learning about why tropical animals behave in the ways they do. Days will be long, typically with early rising and extensive hiking. Evening lectures and presentations by students, faculty and other researchers will supplement the field experience. Prerequisites: GPA 3.0 or better, or permission of the instructor; sophomore or higher.
Tentative dates: Summer 2017
Estimated cost: $2,500 (including airfare, lodging, meals and all in-country transportation)
Contact: David McDonald (dbmcd@uwyo.edu)

ENGLAND AND ITALY

HP 4154: Shakespeare in England and Italy
(3 credits)
Students attend Shakespeare's Italian plays staged in London and Stratford-upon-Avon, then travel to Milan, Verona (home of Romeo and Juliet), Vicenza, and Venice. The course offers a chance to gain insight into historical and contemporary aspects of these societies and an introduction to cultural translation, in other words, how one society understands and uses another.
Tentative Dates: Summer 2017
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FRANCE (Angers)

AGEC 4280: International Food and Farm Culture
(3 credits)
Offered jointly by the Ecole Superieure d'Agriculture (ESA), University of Wyoming, and select other American universities.
Students spend four weeks learning about the sustainable food culture and agriculture of France from a mixture of lectures and field trips. Most classes and visits are held in or round the cultural-rich city of Angers though the program starts and ends in Paris. The course covers horticulture, agriculture, viticulture, wine-making, bread-making, agribusiness, food quality, and gastronomy as components of a sustainable system. The longer excursions from Angers take students to the Louvre, Versailles, Amboise, St. Malo, CaenWar Museum, Mont Saint Michel, Omaha Beach WW II Landing Sites and American Cemetery, and Bayeux. During their studies, students stay mainly with host families in Angers. Instruction is in English, with the exception of French language classes. Scholarship support is available, and additional credits can be earned from added an optional month-long farm internship or research project.
Estimated Cost: $3,650 + UW tuition. Optional Farm Internship Cost: $510
Estimated Dates: Summer 2017
Contact: Tom Foulke (tfoulke@uwyo.edu)
ISRAEL

RELI 2040: Religions of the Middle East: Judaism, Christianity and Islam
(3 credits) [CH, G]

This course introduces students to the religions, history and contemporary dynamics of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Students will visit historic and sacred sites and meet with contemporary leaders in Jerusalem, Galilee, and throughout Israel. Visits and lectures analyze the origins and development of three major religions that arose in the Middle East: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, as well as traditions such as Bahá’í, Druze and LDS with a presence in Israel. The course will spend time in Jerusalem, the eternal city and “non-stop” Tel Aviv, and schedule permitting, visit an active UW archaeological site. Travel in Israel provides an outstanding opportunity to understand the basic principles, historical development, political and cultural context, and structure of each religion and to encounter religious festivals and observances. Students will prepare for this journey with 15 hours of pre-travel seminars, readings, informal meetings and research in Wyoming. Highlights of previous trips include visits in Jerusalem to the Western Wall, Holy Sepulchre, Temple Mount/Dome of the Rock, Mt. of Olives/Ascension of Jesus, Jerusalem Day with the Mayor. In addition to these, students have enjoyed riding camels at a Bedouin camp, climbing Masada, tours of Israeli universities, and a cruise on the Sea of Galilee.

Estimated Cost: To be determined
Tentative Travel Dates: June 28 - July 19, 2017
Contact: Seth Ward (sward@uwyo.edu)

ITALY

UWYO 4965: Archaeology Field School in Italy: Excavations at the Villa del Vergigno
(3 credits)

The University of Wyoming announces an archaeological field school in Tuscany, Italy. The project includes excavations of an extensive Roman villa (1st century B.C.E. – 4th century C.E.) and field surveys of an adjacent Medieval sites. The project takes place in Montelupo Fiorentino, a small Tuscan town just ten miles west of Florence. No previous excavation experience is required.

Participants will receive hands-on training in excavation techniques, survey methods, and site mapping using Geographic Information Systems, as well as process and conserve artifacts discovered during excavation. On weekends, staff will lead optional excursions to nearby historical sites, such as Etruscan tombs, the leaning tower of Pisa, and major museums at Florence, Fiesole, and Arezzo. Accommodations are in a large historic villa located near the center of Montelupo, less than five minutes walking distance from cafes, grocery stores, shopping, and train service directly to Florence and beyond.

Cost: $3850. Cost includes lodging during the dates of the field school; 3 meals per day on work days (Monday-Friday); optional group excursions; professional, onsite instruction; and field equipment and tools. Does not include UW tuition; travel insurance; travel to and from Florence, Italy; weekend meals.

Dates: June 28 - August 3, 2017
Contact: McKenzie Lewis (clewis1@cord.edu)

JAPAN

JAPN 2070: Intensive Japanese Language
(4 credits)

Through intensive classroom practice and guided interactions with Japanese people, students will develop listening and speaking skills relevant to daily life in Tokyo. During the final week, the class will travel to Hokkaido to experience Japan’s national parks, small towns, and hot springs. Completion of JAPN 1020 required.

Dates: June 4 - July 1, 2017
Cost: $2200 (does not include international airfare)
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HP 2152: Modern Japanese Society and Culture
(3 credits)
This course introduces students to modern Japanese culture and society. After a day at the Laramie campus; students travel to the campus of Kobe College, in Nishinomiya, Japan. Through observing Japanese culture and people, readings of literary and scholarly texts, and their own research, students will come to understand how the Japanese view themselves.
Field trips take students to nearby Osaka, Nara, Kyoto, Kobe, and Hiroshima.
While at Kobe College, students live at Kenwood House, a Kobe College facility. Students will have the opportunity to interact with Kobe College students: They will have a chance to practice their English and provide first-hand information about modern Japan. Students will have a three-day home stay with a Japanese family.
Tentative Dates: Summer 2017
Estimated Cost: $2800
Contact: Noah Miles (nmiles1@uwyo.edu)

KOREA BAHROM INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM (BIP)

Hosted by Seoul Women's University
(3 credits)
Participants will learn about the various aspects of Korean culture. Starting from the historical and religious background of Korea and proceeding onto a detailed look through Korean tradition, the program concludes with a powerful analysis of the current economic and political status of Korea. Participants will live with Korean counterparts, all of whom are exchange students. This program is a fully-funded scholarship program through the University of Wyoming, which allows for approximately four (4) student participants.
Dates: Applications deadlines for competitive scholarship placements to be announced soon. Program dates are throughout the month of June.
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LONDON, ENGLAND OR TOURS, FRANCE

Midwestern State University, in partnership with the University of Wyoming, is excited to announce their summer study abroad programs in London, England, or Tours, France. Each student participating in the program will take one class and receive six credit hours. Classes will operate in a seminar-style format with all students actively participating in discussions with their professors as well as numerous guest lecturers. Each lecture will be supplemented with a field experience that will add a practical application to the issues that have been raised in class. Areas of study include business, criminal justice, mechanical engineering, communications, sociology, and French. For more information, check out MSU Study Abroad.
Estimated Cost: $6,900 for London; $6800 for France (Includes airfare from Denver, housing, tuition, and program-related transportation [as well as 2 meals per day for France program]).
Estimated Dates: Summer 2017
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NEW ZEALAND

AIST 4200: Experiences in New Zealand
(4 credits)

This program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to learn about Maori culture and explore New Zealand. The journey will encourage students to explore the culture of Indigenous peoples, expand their boundaries, and understand the comparative aspects of governance between American Indians in the U.S. and the Maori of New Zealand. Along the way, we will visit several communities, tour Parliament, backpack the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, and visit the Te Papa National Museum in Wellington. Other cultural events, and experiences are also a major part of this program.

Tentative Dates: Early Summer 2017
Approximate Cost: $4000
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PERU

SPAN 4600: To the Lost city of Machu Picchu: Following the Inca Trail (3 credits)
SPAN 3070: Peru: A Kaleidoscopic Culture (3 credits)

Students will be introduced to the literature, the culture, and the history of Peru from pre-Hispanic time to the contemporary. Throughout the trip, students will attend academic lectures, engage with local scholars, and participate in relevant cultural activities, all conducted in Spanish. While the lectures will illustrate the influences and contributions of the Peruvian Nobel Prize Mario Vargas Llosa and his works, students will learn about critical compression of Peruvian culture with artistic impression: ceramics, textiles, religious jewelry, architecture, dances, celebrations, music, painting, clothes, and imagery. For this purpose the course includes guided tours to the museums, convents, artisan workshops, public places, art galleries, and churches in the Sacred Valley. The course will finish with the classic four-day Inca Trail trek that starts in Cusco to Aguas Calientes passing the Inca ruins of Llactapata, Runkurakay, Sayacmarca, Phuyupatamarca, and arriving at Machu Picchu for sunrise on the fourth day of the trek.

Both courses in this intensive four-week program are taught in Spanish. For the first part of the program, students will live with a Peruvian family to experience linguistic and cultural immersion, expand their cross-cultural views and deepen their Spanish language skills.

Dates: July 11 – August 8, 2017
Cost: $2,400 ((includes accommodations, breakfast and dinner, in-country transportation, tours; does not include roundtrip airfare)
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REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

POLS 4710/5710: Topics in Political Science: Freedom, Regulation, and Policy
(3 credits)

In the summer of 2017, UW students have the opportunity to study alongside students from the Republic of Georgia at one of that country’s premier institutions in public administration and political science. This course, which is offered at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, will focus on the question: in what ways should our choices be constrained to protect us from ourselves? Many of the most pressing public policy issues today involve trade-offs between personal choices and collective outcomes. Is the government justified in intervening in the name of advancing the common good and preventing individuals from making bad choices? Should the government make persons save for retirement, mandate helmets for motorcyclists, and otherwise compel persons to do the ‘right’ thing? This course will examine these issues but will do so in an unusual, international context: UW students will sit alongside students from the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA) in Tbilisi, the Republic of Georgia. Each student will develop a case study to illustrate the policy and moral complications and trade-offs. There will also be cultural activities built into this study abroad course. The Republic of Georgia sits at the crossroads of Europe and Asia. Students will have homestays arranged with personnel from GIPA, both in order to hold down costs and to make the trip more culturally immersive.

Dates: Summer
Cost: $835 (does not include airfare, tuition, and fees)
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RUSSIA (Saratov University)

Located in the center of the city of Saratov (approximately 450 miles southeast of Moscow), Saratov University is one of the oldest in Russia, and during the year 2010 was awarded the prestigious title “National Research University of the Russian Federation.” Summer Program of intensive Russian language takes place mid-June to late July. Tuition includes cultural program of museums, ballet, opera, and local sightseeing, as well as host family stay. Tours of the Volga River and sightseeing in Moscow and St. Petersburg are also available. For more information, go to http://www.uwyo.edu/saratovstudy/.

Dates: Mid-June to late July
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