Why Study Abroad?

Here are a Few Reasons:

Study abroad programs give students a chance to travel during college and PSC offers a variety of programs to help you make the most of your undergraduate experience.

• **Learn about another culture** – By living in another country, you’ll have the opportunity to learn the aspects of that country.
• **Learn another language** – Learning a second language is easier when studying it in its native country. There are also additional languages you can learn that are not available at PSC.
• **Enhance your résumé** – Studying abroad will set you apart from other applicants because it shows that you are adaptable to new situations and adventurous.
• **Earn credit** – Take classes in another country that will count towards your degree. You can learn about Shakespeare in England or study Buddhism in China.
• **Travel** – Studying abroad during college is cheaper than traveling after you graduate.
• **Learn about your own culture** – You can reflect on your own culture as you interact with people from different backgrounds.
• **Make friends** – You can make lifelong friends around the world!

### Study Abroad Opportunities:

**China (Fall Semester)** – Introduce yourself to the Chinese culture and language.

**Program Description:**
- Xi’an International University (XAIU) is well-known in China because it is one of the four private universities in Xi’an. XAIU offers Bachelor’s and Associate’s degrees, as well as postgraduate work with different levels of programs, and various models of instruction. XAIU is a modern institution that maintains a small school feeling despite its large size. The university has over 40,000 students enrolled each year and over 1,728 full-time faculty and staff to accommodate these students annually.
- The program consists of transferable credit courses taken in English with other Chinese students.
- The students may earn 12-16 college credits per semester.
- Previous study of Chinese is required.

**The program fee for Spring 2011 is $5,000**, and will cover:
- Admissions and excursions listed as included in the cost of the program.
- Course-related field trips.
- Full-time administrative staff.
- Housing instructional costs.
- Round-trip airfare from Chicago.
- Travel Health Insurance.
- Visa fee.

**The fee does not include:**
- Passport.
- Personal expenses.

**Application Deadline:**
Applications are available through your institution’s ICISP Representative. You must apply through your home institution; applications submitted directly from students will not be accepted.

More information can be obtained by visiting www.icisp.org

*Prices subject to change

### Am I eligible to study abroad?

- All programs have the following requirements that you must meet to study abroad:
  - 2.75 or higher GPA, based on 12 or more credits of college study.
  - Two faculty recommendations.
  - English Composition completed with a grade of C or better.
  - An essay outlining your goals for participation in the program.
  - International Health Insurance Package (cost variable).

*Additional requirements may be necessary depending on the program.

### I’m interested. Now what?

- Visit Teresa McCann, Study Abroad Representative for PSC.
- Determine why you want to study abroad - Do you want to learn a language or do you need additional credits?
- Research the different opportunities available to you.
- Decide a location and a semester - Most programs need at least one semester’s advance notice to participate. All programs require a deposit and all fees must be paid in full before the trip.
- Money - While there are scholarships available, most of the time scholarships do not cover the full amount. Financial aid is available to those who qualify.
- Fill out the application - You also need a doctor’s release. You may need to write an essay about why you want to study abroad.
- Send in the application and the deposit.