

# ESPECIALLY FOR ...

## *Cheap and exciting study abroad trips*

Office of International Programs  
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### **K-State Exchanges** \*Out-of-state students pay in-state tuition!\*

#### **Yuan Ze University, Taoyuan, Taiwan**

[http://www.yzu.edu.tw/eng\\_2003/](http://www.yzu.edu.tw/eng_2003/)

Gain valuable international experience for the job market by studying at one of the most dynamic private universities in Asia! Numerous courses in business, computer science and information management are available in English. Students will pay tuition and fees to Kansas State, and room and board to Yuan Ze University. Living costs in Taiwan are significantly cheaper than in Kansas.

#### **Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Mexico**

<http://www.studyattecde monterrey.com.mx>

Study at one of nine different campuses, from Mazatlan to Guadalajara to Cuernavaca, at this renowned private university. Campuses range from mountainous and cool, to beachfront and hot, from large urban centers to small towns with a rich historical flavor. All schools offer internships for academic credit, and students also have the opportunity to volunteer in local communities. In addition, most students take advantage of living with a Mexican host family, cultural excursions, and intramural sports. Students can study Spanish language at any level, from no previous Spanish to near fluency. In English, classes in computer science, information systems, and math are offered, as well as several business, humanities and social sciences classes. Students pay tuition and fees to Kansas State.

#### **ISEP programs, Worldwide**

<http://www.isep.org>

Through Kansas State's membership in the ISEP consortium, you'll pay tuition, fees, room and board to Kansas State while studying in one of thirty-five countries around the world. You can take classes in English at universities in Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, Ghana, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Malta, the Netherlands, South Africa, Sweden or Thailand! If you know another language, you'll have even more options. Your semester will cost a little more than a semester at Kansas State once you include airfare and a few other expenses, but ISEP remains a very affordable way to study abroad nearly anywhere in the world. ISEP programs have early deadlines, so begin research early.

### **K-State Affiliations**

#### **College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS) programs, Worldwide**

<http://www.ccisabroad.org>

CCIS offers very affordable programs worldwide. Several of their programs, such as the ones in China, Morocco and Costa Rica, may cost less than a semester at Kansas State. Other locations, such as England and France, will be a bit more expensive than a semester in Manhattan, but are nonetheless excellent values and very affordable given the locations. CCIS offers reasonably-priced programs in Argentina, Ecuador, Germany, India, New Zealand, and other countries.

#### **Alcalingua, Alcalá, Spain**

<http://www.alcalingua.com>

Study Spanish intensively in Alcalá, Spain, during the summer or for a semester. You can even take classes training you in business Spanish or Spanish for tourism. Alcalá is a vibrant university town only half an hour from the center of Madrid. You'll take classes at the University of Alcalá, which was founded in 1499, and has been recognized by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site due to its historical tradition and its role in the expansion of Spanish language and culture.

**World Endeavors** (<http://www.worldendeavors.com>) and **USAC** (<http://usac.unr.edu>) also offer comparatively affordable programs.

These are just a few programs that may cost you less than a semester at Kansas State.  
Come in to the Office of International Programs to learn about even more opportunities.

## Other Programs

### **Rangsit University, Bangkok, Thailand**

[http://www.rsu.ac.th/sao/abc\\_main.htm](http://www.rsu.ac.th/sao/abc_main.htm)

Rangsit University has just established a very affordable three-month long Asian Business and Culture program. Classes offered are International Business in Asia, Asian Culture and Cultural Management, Asian Economies and Finance, and International Sales and Marketing Management in Asia. Since South East Asia is playing an increasingly significant role in today's international economy, a semester here would provide great experience for business students.

### **Direct Enrollment, Spanish language and culture programs, Spain**

<http://internacional.universia.net/espanya/cursos/espanyol.htm>

One affordable option for studying abroad in Spain is to enroll directly at in a language program run by a Spanish university. Several K-Staters have studied in Spain by this method and they have found it to be significantly cheaper than going with a group program. You could study at the Universidad de Salamanca (<http://cursos.usal.es/>) or the Universidad de Alicante (<http://www.sri.ua.es>), to name just two locations. Another reasonably priced option is the intensive Spanish language program in the beautiful town of Ronda in southern Spain (<http://www.rondapiee.com>). In the spring semester, students with intermediate or advanced Spanish may participate in a business Spanish program that includes a two-month summer internship. The Study Abroad Office can help you examine the different options.

**In addition, see our “Especially for Volunteering” handout for other ideas for cheap international experiences!**

## A note on study abroad costs

Our office can help you find locations that are cheaper than, similar to, or a little more than a semester at Kansas State. But costs should not be the only factor that you look at in choosing a study abroad program.

There are several factors to think about when comparing costs. For example, how long is the program? What is included? Some programs are more expensive than a semester in Manhattan, but also provide you with benefits you don't get at Kansas State, such as weekend-excursions and field trips. You can't expect these programs to cost the same as Kansas State, when K-State doesn't take you to the theater in Kansas City and on a free trip to Chicago as part of your tuition!

Some locations are always going to cost more than a semester at Kansas State. For example, Australia or New Zealand will always be more expensive due to the cost of a plane ticket. But, if you've got your heart set on a semester “down under,” the cost may be worth it. Studying abroad is an investment that can make your resume more attractive to employers, particularly if you participate in an internship. Also, when comparing the cost of study abroad to the cost of a vacation you may take in later life, studying abroad is a far cheaper way to see the world.

Working your way through college? In the United Kingdom, Australia, and other locations, you'll have permission to work up to 20 hours as a foreign student, so this source of income will not be lost. A part-time job is a great way to meet locals!

If you go on a study abroad program that is affiliated with Kansas State, all of your financial aid will be applicable to your experience. Even if you don't currently receive financial aid, you can obtain it for study abroad. In addition, the financial aid office can increase your amount of financial aid when you choose a program that costs more than a semester at Kansas State. No one wants to take out more loans, but most study abroad participants see it as a worthwhile investment. Kansas State is such a great financial bargain for college in the first place that you still come out ahead of many American students!