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Upcoming Spotlight Sessions

- June 20th, LAC Seminars
- July 18th, University Study Abroad
- July 25th, Minnesota Studies in International Development (MSID)
- August 8th, Language Learning Abroad

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Benefits of participating in an internship abroad

- Become more “career ready”
- Gain professional skills: communication, appreciation for diversity, leadership, and confidence
- Understand daily work life in another country
- Deepen inter-cultural understanding and development
- Learn to reflect on the experience through accompanying course
- Use experience for obtaining future jobs
- Develop the ability to speak articulately about the competencies developed and experienced gained



Learning Abroad Center Internship Structure

- Internship as the “textbook”
- Variety of placements to match student interests
- Duties vary based on site and student skills
- Credit-bearing guided experience, unpaid
- Often the highlight of a student’s experience abroad
- Available for all majors



LAC programs offering internships

Africa & the Middle East

- MSID—International Development in Senegal
- Study Abroad in Jordan
- University Study in Israel: Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Americas

- MSID—International Development in Ecuador
- Study & Intern in Buenos Aires

Asia & Oceania

- MSID—International Development in Thailand
- Study & Intern in Sydney
- University Study in Australia: University of Sydney
- University Study in South Korea: Korea University

LAC programs offering internships

Europe

- Study & Intern in Barcelona
- Business in Dublin
- Business in France
- Cross-Cultural Health in Spain
- Design in Sicily
- Engineering in France
- Language & Culture in Southern France
- Psychology & Research in Madrid
- Study & Intern in Florence
- Study & Intern in London
- University Study in the UK: Queen Mary University, London
- Study & Intern in Madrid
- Study & Intern in Toledo
- Study Abroad in Dublin
- Teaching Practicum in France
- University Study in Italy: Università Cattolica del Sacro Coure
- Youth Development in France

Most Semester & Summer Programs with Internships

- University study and Center based programs
- Coursework infused with internships throughout the term abroad
- Internship course supplements hands-on placement and allows for reflection
- Most sites offer placements in English or the local language
- Typically 3-6 credits
- Broad range of professional placements depending on location:
 - Art and Design
 - Advertizing
 - Business
 - Education
 - Environmental Studies
 - Event Planning
 - Food/Nutrition
 - Government
 - Health/Healthcare
 - Marketing/Communication
 - Journalism
 - Public Relations
 - Political Science
 - International Relations
 - Social Services
 - Tourism



Minnesota Studies in International Development (MSID)

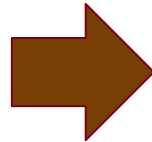
- Locations: Ecuador, Senegal, Thailand
- Different program model
- Themes: Entrepreneurship, Health, Human Rights, Sustainability
- 25-30 hours per week for 6 weeks



Internship Process - Application to Placement

Student applies to the internship generally as part of program application.

Supporting materials may include: *resume*, *cover letter*, and *questionnaire*



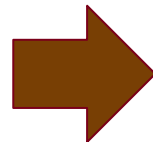
Onsite staff reviews student application materials in an effort to understand student skill set, experience, personal and professional goals, career plans and preferred industry.



Onsite staff works with existing and new internship sites to find a good match to the skills, experience and goals of the student.

Student may do a virtual call pre-departure with the on-site staff or the internship placement, to ensure good fit.

Some sites confirm the placement prior to arrival and some confirm it after arrival on-site.



Student arrives onsite and completes an internship orientation and starts internship within several days meeting site supervisor and co workers in person

Internship Course

Academic course that helps students to reflect on their internship experience, professional skills and competencies they develop

Networking

Communications

Remote Collaboration

Global Perspectives

Cultural Awareness

Organization/Time Management

Problem solving

Adaptability

Goal Setting

The internship is considered the text or context for the course

Variety of teaching and learning activities and methods

reflection, lecture, workshop, discussion, informal/formal presentations, mock interviews

Opportunity for students to discuss and compare experiences and activities to gain insight into their roles within internship organization

Idea of moving from self-reflection to self-projection

In some cases a 6-credit course has a specialized focus developing an internship/industry related research project

Common Misconceptions About Internships Abroad

- Must choose between either interning or study abroad
- Students must find their own placement
- Position will be paid
- Internships abroad are extremely competitive
- Positions/organizations available aren't relevant
- Only programs titled "Study & Intern" have internships
- Programs titled "Study & Intern" mean an internship is required

Student Internship Abroad Profile

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Student: Corissa Wurth

Program: Study and Intern in London, Summer 2017

Student Major: Psychology

Department, Birkbeck Univ.



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Student: Catlyn Christie

Program: MSID Thailand, Spring 2017

Major: Non Profit Management, Sustainability Studies minor

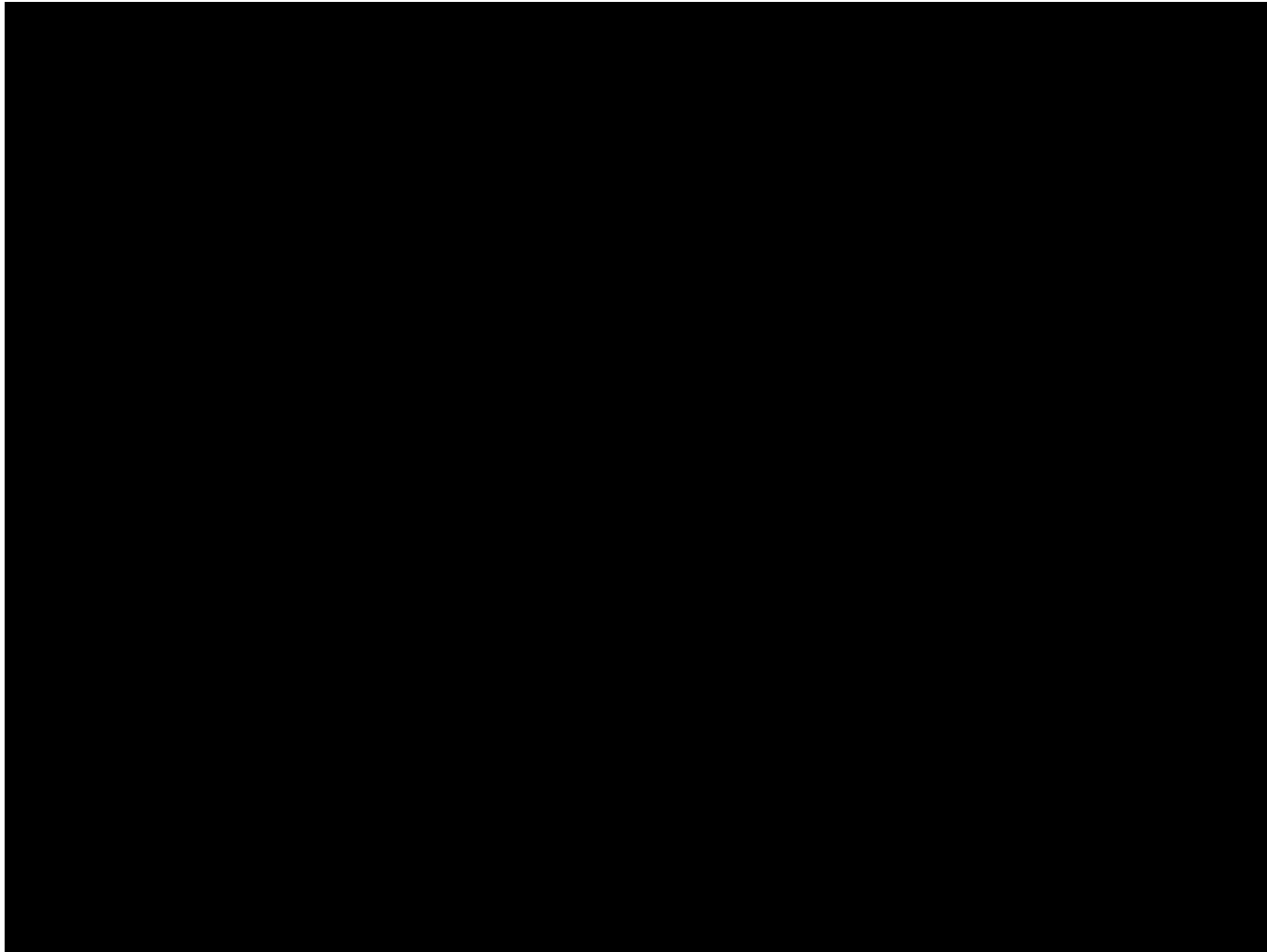
I spent 6 weeks interning full time at an agricultural village in rural Thailand, renowned for its organic farming practices. I spent my days doing a wide range of activities including cleaning and sorting seeds, harvesting veggies, planting banana trees, helping with educational programming, etc. Overall the greatest takeaway for me was learning about the farmers perspectives and philosophies on land stewardship farming development and life in



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Finding Internships on the Website



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Virtual International Internships

- Great option for students who can't or don't want to travel abroad
- 8 locations
- Many options in English, but also French and Spanish
- Fully virtual in Summer and Fall
- Planning to offer a "Hybrid" model in Spring 2023

Internship Industries

	Buenos Aires	Dakar	Florence	London	Madrid	Montpellier	Nairobi	Quito
Advertising		X	X	X	X		X	
Art History	X	X	X		X		X	
Art Management	X	X		X	X		X	
Biotech				X				
Business	X	X		X	X	X		X
Communications	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Computer Science		X		X	X			X
Creative Arts/Writing	X			X				
Creative Media		X	X			X		X
Data Analytics		X			X			X
Design			X		X			X
Education	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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