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LAC University Study Programs

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- Iceland
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Japan

What is a *Direct Enroll* Program?



Any study abroad program based at a foreign university (as opposed to a study center or faculty-led program).

Typically students take classes with local students, live among local students, and have the same access to campus groups and resources as local students.

*University Study and Exchange programs fall into this category

LAC University Study Programs:

- **Australia:** Australian Catholic University, University of Sydney
- **Austria:** University of Graz
- **Germany:** Freie University
- **Ireland:** University of Limerick
- **Israel:** Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- **Japan:** Hiroshima University, Hitotsubashi University, Nagoya University, Ritsumeikan University, Sophia University
- **Netherlands:** University of Amsterdam
- **New Zealand:** University of Auckland, University of Otago
- **Norway:** University of Life Sciences, University of Bergen, University of Oslo
- **South Korea:** Korea University
- **United Kingdom:** Queen Mary University of London, University of Glasgow

Benefits of Direct Enroll Programs



ENGAGE

- Allows for significant integration & engagement into life of a host country university student
- Coursework at large universities fit almost any major
- Potential for greater advancements in personal, student and intercultural development

Challenges



- Requires much higher degree of independence and tolerance of ambiguity
- Requires more academic planning ahead of time
- Generally less student support on-site than in the US

Students who are a good fit for Direct Enroll Programs

- Students looking to get away from US student cohort setting
- Students seeking greater level of cultural integration
- Students with underrepresented study abroad majors
- Students who are self directed and comfortable with and able to handle independence



Academic Expectations

GPA before going abroad: **3.34**

GPA upon graduation*: **3.31**

Fall 2012 - Spring 2015

187 of 311 Uni Study participants (60%)

Cape Town, Glasgow, James Cook, Limerick, Melbourne, Oslo, Queen Mary

*Current GPA used for students still currently enrolled



Global Identity

OLPD 3330: *Connecting Your International Experience to Your Future* (online, 1 credit)

Maria Mantey, course coordinator

Cost comparison

Fall 2022	Estimated cost for a semester
UMN (In-State)	\$16,303
UMN (Out-State)	\$26,518
Queen Mary University	\$26,805
University of Sydney	\$25,860
Korea University	\$16,340
Exchange in Japan	\$16,815

10 Things Advisors Should Know...

Direct Enroll programs are not for everyone

Academic flexibility is essential

Other countries use different terminologies

Grades and credits use different scales

Other countries have different teaching methods standards and assessments

10 Things Advisors Should Know....

Direct Enroll programs can be great for “difficult” majors

Students must be full-time; take classes for grades

Students perform as well academically as at home

Students with special needs should plan ahead

No other program model provides as much freedom and opportunity

Comments? Questions?



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