STUDY ABROAD: CROSSING BORDERS, ENGAGING CULTURES
• Study Abroad
• International Students and Scholars
• Experiential Education
• International University Partnerships
• Promotion of International Education
Topics for Today

- Isn’t study abroad too risky these days? Too expensive?
- What role should parents play in the study abroad experience?
Why Study Abroad?
Study Abroad Goals

Provide students with opportunities to learn what it takes to be an enlightened leader in a richly diverse and increasingly complex world: that is,

to learn how to work with local people on local projects of local importance using the local language and employing local means and methods in a locally acceptable manner.
Alumni Study

To what extent did your study abroad... provide insights and skills important to your current position

Alumni Responses

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Benefits of Study Abroad

• Gained greater levels of global and intercultural competence.
• Enhanced cross-cultural communication skills.
• Gained an appreciation for diversity and improved their ability to interact among cultures
• Built international professional networks.
• Better understanding about the global job market and better prepared for international careers.
• Learned how to express themselves in a language other than English.
• Grow and gain confidence in their ability to be independent and adapt to various situations.
• Learned how to function in an unfamiliar environment
• Gained confidence in their ability to step way outside of their comfort zone and still be okay.
Who Studies Abroad?
Students Participating

- Sophomores: Winter and Spring Short-term
- Juniors: All programs
- All majors eligible to participate

Participation rates:
  - Female 60%
  - Males 40%

Average per academic year: 250 students in 37 programs in 28 countries

Overall: more than 80% of “K” graduates continue to take advantage of the Study Abroad Program at Kalamazoo College
Who Studies Abroad?

236 Students went Abroad in 2013-14!

Males and Females Abroad 2013-14

- 62% Male
- 38% Female

Study Abroad Participation by Academic Division - 2013-14
Eligibility

- Sophomores (Short-term)
- Juniors (Short-term, Long-term, Extended-term)
- 2.5 minimum GPA (some programs have a higher minimum)
- Foreign language proficiency
- No academic probation
- No history of significant violations of College policies and regulations
When Do Students Go?
Participation Rates by Term

Average Participation

- Short-Term: 15% (10 weeks)
- Long-Term: 80% (18-20 weeks)
- Extended-Term: 5% (academic yr.)
Where Do Students Go?
Participation Rates by Region

Average Participation

- Europe 51%
- Asia 18%
- Latin America/Caribbean 16%
- Africa 9%
- Australia 4%
- Middle East 2%
Study Abroad Countries and International Partnerships 1962-1963
Study Abroad Countries and International Partnerships 2014-2015
What: Study Abroad Process
First Year Students

- Study Abroad Fair
- First Year Interest Forum

- Connect with past participants and international students
Sophomores

- Continued advising
- Goal setting/clarification
- Application and selection process
- Pre-departure prep and orientation
- Program specifics
Juniors

- Program participation
- Continued connections to campus
Seniors

- Returning to the U.S., home, and K College
- Moving from experience to learning—integrating their study abroad experience
- Figuring out how to go back again:
  - Senior Individualized Project (SIP)
  - Post-graduate opportunities
How It Works...
Transfer of Aid

All Short-, Long- and Extended-term programs are eligible for the transfer of Federal, State, and most Third-Party financial aid grants and scholarships.

Kalamazoo College financial aid is available for study abroad programs in category 1 and 2 on the list of program and is supported by grants and endowments established by the following:
Established in 1997, the foundation seeks to "contribute to a pluralistic society that celebrates diversity and dignity, invests in youth and justice, and promotes tolerance and compassion."

The Arcus Gay and Lesbian Fund Study Abroad Endowment supports the transfer of need-based institutional scholarships for students enrolled in eligible study abroad programs.

Jon Stryker, K‘82, is the President of the Arcus Foundation. More information on the Foundation’s activities can be found at: www.arcusfoundation.org
A visionary gift of Dr. Richard U. Light, Chair of the Kalamazoo College Board of Trustees during the nascent years of the K-Plan, the S. R. Light Fund provides partial support for the transfer of Kalamazoo College merit-based scholarships for student enrolled in eligible study abroad programs.
Transportation Subsidy

• Available to eligible students with demonstrated financial need (as determined by the Financial Aid Office)
• Students admitted to Group 1 or 2 study abroad programs only
Program Fee Includes:

- Tuition
- Fees
- Housing during academic program
- Meals during the academic program
- Some excursions (if the study abroad program is managed by “K”)
- Medical/Political/Natural Disaster Evacuation Insurance
Program Fee Does Not Include:

- Books
- Domestic/international transportation/airfare
- (Travel Subsidy available for eligible students)
- Local transportation
- Personal expenses (Be honest about budget!)
- Housing and meals during academic breaks
- Student’s independent travel
- Personal property/accident insurance
- Required health insurance
- Passport application fees or visas
- Some application fees (depends on program)
- Gym memberships
- Immunizations or vaccinations
Program and Credits

On-Site
- On-site orientation and language instruction (if applicable)
- Depending on academic program: “set menu” or “buffet” of coursework
- Contact with on-site staff
- Housing/meals

Credits
- Students are eligible to earn 3 (ST), 6 (LT), or 9 (ET) units of credit
- General graduation requirements
- Only 1 or 2 may count towards major – check with Department
- Must earn at least a “C” to transfer credit
- Courses in the liberal arts tradition
- ICRP – if “K” LT program
K Programs Have On-site Staff

- On-site staff selected by K (Resident Director)
- Administered by Kalamazoo College
- Has a K College CIP staff member as program manager
- Typically, excursions and cultural activities included
K Program On-site Resident Directors

- Organizes arrival, on-site orientation, some excursions, support during program
- Host family/housing selection
- Regular contact with CIP staff
- On-site academic advisor
Programs Managed by Partner Institutions

- Two-part application process
- During pre-departure phase, students will work directly with programs overseas and be responsible for documents required to participate
- In most cases, students will need to apply and pay for student visa on their own
- Local staff responsible for all international students – including housing and academic advising
What Makes Study Abroad at K Unique?
The Program is Integral

The mission of Kalamazoo College is to prepare its graduates to better understand, live successfully within, and provide enlightened leadership to a richly diverse and increasingly complex world.

The 4 areas of the K-Plan
• Depth and breadth in the liberal arts and sciences
• Learning through experience
• International engagement
• Senior Individualized Project

□ Biology Study Abroad or Study Abroad for Biology Students?
The Program is Intentional

Study Abroad Learning Outcomes:

• Understand, through study and experience, the cultures of several parts of the world

• Be sensitive to and respectful of personal and cultural differences

• Engage with global issues and cultural diversity

• Be proficient in at least one second language and display cultural competence in a variety of contexts

• Act effectively and responsibly as a citizen, both locally and globally, and thereby enhance intercultural understanding
The Program is Integrative

Integrative Cultural Research Projects (ICRP)

Goal: integration of students into the local culture, development of ability to appreciate values by which local people organize their daily tasks. Help students to make a switch in perspectives from “they do things this way” to “we do things this way” and “it makes sense!”
Roles: Students, Parents, and the CIP
Health, Safety, & Responsibility

- Relationships, not transactions
- Focus on program descriptions and advising
- Communication with and involvement of parents
- Pre-departure and on-site orientations
- On-campus travel clinic at Student Health Center
- Clear policies, procedures and consequences
- Collaboration with Student Development
- Committed Resident Directors and staff abroad
- Web and e-mail announcements
- CIP pays attention
Student Responsibilities

- Inform themselves about program possibilities and limitations.
- Think about their academic and intercultural goals.
- Talk with their academic advisers.
- Talk with parents/guardians about programs.
- Be honest about who they are and their own limitations.
- Be open to new experiences.
- Remember to keep parents ‘in the loop.’
Parent Responsibilities

- Encourage and support your student during the advising and application process.
- Talk about where, when, why and how.
- Talk realistically about financial matters.
- Talk honestly about Drugs, Sex, and Booze.
- Talk honestly about what your family will do in the event of a death of a relative.
- Inform yourself about the country and city where your student wants to study.
- Call your travel agent, get ready to visit -- DURING VACATIONS.
CIP Responsibilities

- Encourage and partner with your student during the advising, application, and pre-departure process as well as during the study abroad experience.
- Be accessible for questions from both students and parents before, during and after the study abroad program.
- Communicate specific information about programs once this has been confirmed (program dates, course selection, local events in country, etc.).
- Contact parents when necessary and in the event of drug and alcohol infractions.
However, Kalamazoo College

• Cannot guarantee or assure the safety of participants or eliminate all risks from the study abroad environments.
• Cannot monitor or control all of the daily personal decisions, choices, and activities of participants.
• Cannot prevent participants from engaging in illegal, dangerous or unwise activities.
• Cannot assure that U.S. standards of due process apply in overseas legal proceedings or provide or pay for legal representation for participants.
• Cannot assume responsibility for the actions of persons not employed or otherwise engaged by the program sponsor, for events that are not part of the program, or that are beyond the control of the sponsor and its subcontractors, or for situations that may arise due to the failure of a participant to disclose pertinent information.
• Cannot assure that the cultural values and norms of the United States will apply in the host country.
When Will Parents Hear From Us?

1. After your student has been accepted

2. Via Parent Orientation for Study Abroad videos; they will provide additional information
Resources

- CIP Website at https://reason.kzoo.edu/cip/
- Program Descriptions at http://kalamazoo.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ListAll
- Study Abroad Handbook at https://reason.kzoo.edu/cip/handbook/
Thank You

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