Student Study Abroad Program Catalog 2024

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with the Maricopa Community Colleges

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The costs for these programs are approximate and do not include the cost of a passport (currently $165). The actual costs may vary, depending upon residency status, number of credits taken, and other factors.

Financial aid and scholarships are available for many study abroad opportunities. Contact your Financial Aid Office for available financial aid. For scholarship information, contact your college’s designated International Education Director or Office listed above.

The Maricopa Community Colleges was selected by the Institute of International Education to receive an IIE American Passport Project Grant that will enable up to 25 eligible students from one of MCCC’s ten community colleges the funding and application assistance needed to receive a U.S. passport. To learn more about student eligibility and how to apply, go to: maricopa.edu/study-abroad. Deadline to apply: November 20, 2023

Legend

C = Cultural Diversity
G = Global Awareness
H = Historical Awareness
HU = Humanities & Fine Arts
SB = Social & Behavioral Science
L = Literacy
Dear Students and Community Members,

The Maricopa Community College District offers you the opportunity to participate in the life-transforming experience of study abroad. This catalog highlights ten study abroad programs taking place in 2023-2024 in Asia, Europe, and North and South America. These programs are led by experienced faculty members from our colleges who teach Maricopa credit-bearing courses in international program settings. Courses range from one to four weeks in length and are open to students from any of the ten colleges as well as community members.

Participating in a study abroad program yields great rewards. It allows students to travel to another country, immerse themselves in its culture, all while gaining exposure to its people, customs, language, and history. Students emerge with greater cultural understanding and a sense of global citizenship and connectedness. As one Maricopa faculty program director stated, “The travel experience opened students’ eyes and changed perspectives on their own and others’ worldviews, their role in the world, ways that they thought, and how they viewed life back in the United States.”

Likewise, employers value students with study abroad experience. Companies are looking for graduates who understand global challenges, cross-cultural and language skills, paired with self-knowledge and adaptability that study abroad fosters. Study abroad experience empowers students to gain a competitive edge while also likely to be personally transformed – opening their minds to the world, making new friends, and challenging themselves in new and unexpected ways.

The Maricopa County Community College District is committed to providing the best possible study abroad experience, including out-of-classroom opportunities that empower students to make a global impact. Getting out of your comfort zone is not always easy, but studying abroad can significantly enhance your life and career. I encourage you to review the programs featured in this catalog and consider this opportunity for yourself.

Steven R Gonzales, Ed.D.
Chancellor
The Maricopa County Community College District
Japanese Language & Psychology and Culture
Fukuoka, Japan | June 2–17, 2024

Required Online Coursework: May 13–31, 2024

Take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity in Fukuoka, Japan, where you will learn the language as well as conduct a psychological analysis of the traditional and current Japanese pop cultures.

Excursions will include visits to an automobile company, the Dazaifu Tenmangu shrine and Kyushu National and Kitakyushu Manga museums, participation in a Hakata doll painting and Japanese tea ceremony as well as the opportunity to watch a Japanese baseball game. You will also visit the Ohori Park Japanese Garden/Art Museum, visit local schools and have a kimono dress-up experience.

Highlights of your stay in Japan will include 4 nights with a local Japanese host family. This is a rare opportunity to establish relationships with Japanese people and to learn the way of life in Japan! Fukuoka was awarded Best in Travel 2023 by Lonely Planet!

Course Enrollment: (two courses required)
JPN115 Beginning Japanese Conversation I, 3 cr. OR
JPN116 Beginning Japanese Conversation II, 3 cr. AND
PSY132 Psychology & Culture, 3 cr.; fulfills C, G, SB

Estimated Program Fee: $2,912 (program fee due March 1, 2024)
Estimated Tuition: $597 (due by Summer tuition deadline)
Estimated Airfare: $2,500 (not included in program fee)
Estimated Meals: $400 (not included in program fee)
Estimated Optional Wi-Fi: $55 (not included in program fee)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: $6,409

Application Deadline: February 2, 2024
(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

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## Marine Biology in Puerto Peñasco

**Puerto Peñasco, Mexico (Rocky Point)**  
**May 22–29, 2024**

This introduction course to Marine Biology, designed for the non-major, will take you to the Sea of Cortez (our nearest ocean experience), which has one of the best intertidal expanses in the world! At low tide, as much as 300 feet of what was once covered by the sea is exposed. Students will visit and learn about different aquatic habitats as well as the organisms that live there. They will take part in an ongoing scientific survey of intertidal organisms in local habitats as well as sea lions and local bird populations. In addition to biology, our study abroad also focuses on the effects of the ocean on local culture and business.

Educational excursions include talks from local experts on whales and other large animals of the Sea of Cortez (Gulf of California) at the Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans (CEDO); bird-watching while kayaking through the Morua Estuary; a boat trip to Isla de San Jorge to view, snorkel or possibly scuba dive with a sea lion colony, and group excursions to explore the town of Puerto Peñasco in the evenings. Accommodations are in CEDO dormitories, the base of operations for the trip. The program includes transportation, lodging, some meals, and tuition.

**Course Enrollment:**  
- **BIO149SV Field Marine Biology in Mexico, 1 cr.**  
- Estimated Tuition: $112 (due by Summer tuition deadline)
- Estimated Meals: $150 (not included in program fee)
- Estimated TOTAL Cost: $1,554

**Estimated Program Fee:**  
- $1,292 (program fee due March 23, 2024)
- Estimated Tuition: $112 (due by Summer tuition deadline)
- Estimated Meals: $150 (not included in program fee)
- Estimated TOTAL Cost: $1,554

**Application Deadline:** March 1, 2024

(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

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## Namibia Study Abroad

**Namibia, Africa | May 20–June 14, 2024**

**Required Predeparture Coursework:** May 13–17, 2024

A trek through the wilds of Africa will probably be the single most adventurous and exciting thing that you will ever do! In true safari style, you’ll travel Namibia in 4x4 vehicles, exploring Africa’s amazing wildlife, breathtaking landscapes, unique people and ecosystems. You’ll visit Etosha Park with Africa’s big five (lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino, leopard), come face to face with cheetahs at the Cheetah Conservation Fund, track desert elephants, stay at a Himba village, and bushcamp in the world’s oldest desert. By exploring the wildlife, flora, people, and landscapes of Namibia you’ll learn about global conservation, biodiversity and environmental issues, as well as the impact of expanding human populations and climate change. You’ll use field techniques to census wildlife and examine environmental topics such as biodiversity loss. With a mix of wilderness bush camping, rest camps, relaxing starlight campfires, BBQ’s, and unique wildlife everywhere, this will be the learning adventure of a lifetime! But you’ll also have down time for optional activities like dune surfing and adventure sports at Swakopmund on Namibia’s coast.

**Course Enrollment:** (both courses required)  
- **BIO105 Environmental Biology (4 cr + $10 course fee); fulfills SQ**  
- **BIO298AA Special Project–Birds of Namibia**

**Estimated Program Fee:** $2,757 (program fee due March 22, 2024)

**Estimated Tuition:** $510 (due by Summer tuition deadline)

**Estimated Airfare:** $1,800 (not included in program fee)

**Estimated Meals:** $50 (some not included in program fee)

**Estimated Himba Village Visit:** $22 (not included in program fee)

**Estimated TOTAL Cost:** $5,139

**Application Deadline:** March 1, 2024

(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

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Nice and the French Riviera
Nice, France | May 19–June 12, 2024

Required Online PreDeparture Coursework: May 16–18, 2024

Visit one of the most beautiful parts of the world in the Nice and French Riviera (Côte d’Azur) Study Abroad Program! Participants will be immersed in the history, language, and culture of this area that is bordered by the crystal blue waters of the Mediterranean and the grandeur of the French Alps. In addition, participants will explore the richness of the marine life and habitats of the area through activities such as kayaking, whale watching, scuba diving, and snorkeling.

The program’s home is Nice, the 5th largest city in France. Classes are held in a school in the Liberation-Borriglione quarter of the city, where participants can enjoy the Mediterranean sun between classes in the school’s garden. Nice is home to the famous Promenade des Anglais, which runs along its famous pebbled beach as well as several open-air markets and unique buildings.

Participants spend three weeks exploring the rich heritage of one of the world’s most beautiful and diverse areas with excursions to Beaulieu sur Mer (Tempe Sister City), Antibes (kayaking), Cagnes sur Mer estuary, Villefranche-sur-Mer (whale watching/snorkeling/scuba), Monaco/Monte Carlo, and Villa Euphrussi de Rothschild. Students will also visit sites in Nice such as Musée Massena, Musée Marc Chagall, Musée Matisse, Musée Archéologique, Musée des Beaux-Arts de Nice, and Vieille Ville (Old Town).

Because the courses focus on the humanities and on marine biology, no knowledge of French is necessary. However, students will benefit from some short French lessons, taught by native speakers, that will help them converse in everyday situations in shops, restaurants, markets, and train stations. While in Nice, local families provide homestays (including breakfasts and dinners), thus providing an invaluable cultural, language, and food immersion experience.

Course Enrollment: (both courses required)
- BIO149SV Field Biology: Ecological and Environmental Field Experience, 1 cr.
- HUM107 Humanities Through the Arts, 3 cr.; fulfills HU

Estimated Program Fee: $3,218 (program fee due March 22, 2024)
Estimated Tuition: $403 (due by Summer tuition deadline)
Estimated Airfare: $1,700 (not included in program fee)
Estimated ETIAS travel authorization: $8 (not included in program fee)
Estimated Meals: $300 (lunches not included in program fee)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: $5,629

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024
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The City of One Hundred Spires
Prague, Czech Republic | June 28–July 19, 2024

Predeparture Classes: June 17–26, 2024

Experience one of the most beautiful cities in Europe through the Prague Study Abroad Program! The Czech Republic is geographically situated in the center of Europe. Czechs like to think of their country as “the bridge between East and West.” Bordering Germany, Austria, Poland, and Slovakia, the country has always been an important crossroads.

Prague is also known as the “City of 100 Spires.” Its compact medieval center remains an evocative maze of cobbled lanes, ancient courtyards, mysterious passages, and churches beyond number, all watched over by a 1,000-year-old castle. Prague was one of the few European cities relatively untouched during the world wars, allowing its historic architecture to stay true to form. Prague is a traditional cultural center of Europe, hosting many festivals and concerts. A three-night excursion to Berlin, Germany, is included in the program barring no travel restrictions.

Course Enrollment: (choose one course)

- **AVC142** Introduction to Digital Photography, 3 cr.
- **AVC143** Intermediate Digital Photography, 3 cr.
- **ENG217** Personal & Exploratory Writing, 3 cr.; fulfills L
- **HUM 245** Introduction to Holocaust Studies, 3 cr.; fulfills HU

**Estimated Program Fee:** $3,570
**Estimated Tuition:** $306 (not included in program cost)
**Estimated Airfare:** $1,200–$1,900 (not included in program cost)
**Estimated Meals:** $700 (not included in program cost)
**Estimated ETIAS travel authorisation:** $8 (not included in program fee)

**Estimated TOTAL Cost:** $5,784

**Application Deadline:** April 1, 2024
(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

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Study Abroad Ireland
Athlone, Republic of Ireland | June 2–July 1, 2024

Spend summer school in Ireland and see for yourself why the country is nicknamed the Emerald Island!

Held on the campus of Athlone Institute of Technology, located in Athlone, Co. Westmeath, you will spend a full month immersing in the study of Irish culture and history while exploring and experiencing the rich and diverse heritage of Ireland. Using picturesque Athlone as a home base, participants will make field trips to locations such as the prehistorical monuments at Loughcrew and the Hill of Uisnach, the early Medieval monastic city of Clonmacnoise and the Norman castles of Dunamase and Trim, and the 18th Century great house, Emo Court. You will also spend several days in Galway, Ireland’s Cultural Heart, visiting the Burren, the Cliffs of Moher, and the island of Inis Mor, as well as a day-trip to Dublin City. Your Irish adventure will be a learning experience you will never forget!

Course Enrollment: (both courses required)

REL250 Religion in Ireland: Neolithic to Medieval, 3 cr.; fulfills HU, H
STO290 Irish Storytelling Tradition, 3 cr.; fulfills G

Estimated Program Fee: $1,762 (program fee due March 23, 2024)
Estimated Tuition: $597 (due on Summer tuition deadline)
Estimated Airfare: $1,550 (not included in program fee)
Estimated Transportation: $38 (not included in program fee)
Estimated Meals: $1,200 (not included in program fee)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: $5,147

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024
(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

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Canterbury and London Study Abroad

Required Predeparture Classes: May 30–June 12, 2024 (two classes per week)
Required Post-trip Classes: July 8–10, 2024

Complement your learning with an immersive cultural and educational experience in England. For two weeks, continue your literature studies while staying in Canterbury, England, on the University of Kent campus—living among the local student population, learning in the school’s classrooms, and experiencing college life at a British university. Take two full day trips to London to visit the Tower of London, the Portrait Gallery, St. Paul’s Cathedral, and other amazing historical and cultural sites that England’s capital has to offer. Visit the medieval Dover Castle, England’s largest castle and one of most important historic fortresses in England’s history, while looking across the sea at the White Cliffs of Dover. Study theory and literature while exploring where selected authors lived and witnessing the sites, settings, and inspirations of their work.

The University of Kent is a research-led British university with its main campus residing in Canterbury, England. Canterbury, the birthplace of Renaissance playwright Christopher Marlowe, is a beautiful small British town in southeastern England that retains a medieval feel. Located roughly 60 miles east of London and 150 miles northwest of Paris, Canterbury is home to the Canterbury Cathedral (the pilgrimage site that Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales is based on) and the Benedictine monastery of St. Augustine’s Abbey. The city is surrounded by medieval walls, the majority still with original construction; you can walk along the walls while touring the city or simply making your way to a restaurant.

Course Enrollment:

| Course   | Description                                      | Credits |viewport

Estimated Program Fee: $2,155 (program fee deadline: April 1, 2024)
Estimated Tuition: $306 (not included in program fee, due by Summer 2024 deadline)
Estimated Airfare: $1,800 (not included in program fee)
Estimated Meals: $500 (for those not included in program fee)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: $4,761

Application Deadline: February 24, 2024 (late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

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Additional Programs To Be Offered

Please check the website for additional study abroad programs that are projected to be offered, but were not yet approved at the time of the printing of the 2024 Study Abroad Catalog.

Exploring Economic Dynamics and International Business in Costa Rica
San Jose, Costa Rica
Tentative Dates: May 21–June 4, 2024
Predeparture Classes: May 13–15, 2024
Post-trip Coursework: June 5–12, 2024
Course Enrollment: ((both courses required)
  ECN 211 Principles of Macroeconomics, 3 cr; fulfills SB
  (no prerequisites)
  IBS101 Introduction to International Business, 3 cr; fulfills G

Tentative Application Deadline: January 27, 2024
mesacc.edu/study-abroad

Art History and Intercultural Communication
Florence, Italy
Tentative Dates: June 3–20, 2024
Tentative Predeparture Classes: May 15–30, 2024
Course Enrollment: (choose one course)
  COM263 Elements of Intercultural Communication,
  3 cr.; fulfills SB, C, G
  ARH102 Renaissance through Contemporary Art,
  3 cr.; fulfills HU, H

Tentative Application Deadline: January 27, 2024
mesacc.edu/study-abroad
mesacc.edu/study-abroad/italy
Available Scholarships

Students are highly encouraged to apply as early as possible so that they can receive their scholarship payment in time for their departure. All applicants are notified of their status by email. For additional information and to apply:

- Visit GilmanScholarship.org and complete the application.
- Contact your campus study abroad advisor as early as possible to inform them you are applying for the scholarship. They are a great resource!

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

The U.S. Department of State’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program enables American undergraduate students with high financial need to study or intern abroad through scholarships of up to $5,000. Students studying critical need languages are eligible for scholarships up to $8,000. For over 20 years, the Gilman Program has provided access and opportunity to study abroad for more than 38,000 exceptional U.S. undergraduate students, who have gained skills critical to their personal and professional development, as well as for our national security and economic prosperity.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen
- Undergraduate student in good academic standing
- Federal Pell Grant recipient
- Participating in credit-based program abroad up to an academic year in length
- In the process of applying for, or accepted to, a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program in a country with an overall Travel Advisory of 1 or 2 according to the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory System.

Benefits of Being a Gilman Scholar

- No-competitive eligibility for federal employment
- Networking opportunities with thousands of Gilman Scholars and Alumni via a private platform
- Access to professional development seminars and career-development resources

Application Deadlines

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5
For overseas programs that start December 2023–October 2024

THURSDAY, MARCH 7
For overseas programs that start May 2024–April 2025

Gilman-McCain Scholarship for Undergraduate Dependents (child or spouse) of Active or Activated Military Personnel

The U.S. Department of State’s John S. McCain International Scholarship for Military Families (Gilman-McCain Scholarship) provides awards of $5,000 for undergraduate dependents (child or spouse) of active or activated United States military personnel to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. Developed under the framework of the State Department’s Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, the John S. McCain International Scholarship for Military Families (Gilman-McCain Scholarship) is open to eligible students enrolled at accredited U.S. colleges and universities who receive any type of Title IV federal financial aid.

The Gilman-McCain Scholarship is a congressionally funded initiative of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and named after the late Senator John S. McCain from Arizona. With the support of the U.S. Congress, this scholarship honors Senator McCain’s legacy of public service by enabling undergraduate children and spouses of active or activated United States military personnel to develop the leadership and career readiness skills and global perspective to pursue careers of service and contribute to preserving the principles and alliances that are critical to an international order based on the rule of law, human rights, and democracy.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen or national
- Undergraduate student in good academic standing
- Dependent (child or spouse) of active or activated United States military personnel during the time of application (including Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, Space Force, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and USPHS Commissioned Corps)
- Recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid
- In the process of applying for, or accepted to, a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program in a country with an overall Travel Advisory of 1 or 2, according to the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory System

Award Amount

The Gilman-McCain Scholarship recipients are awarded $5,000 to be used toward the cost of study abroad or international internship programs.

For more information, visit GilmanScholarship.org or contact gilman@iie.org with your questions.
Passport Processing Times

**Routine:** 10-13 weeks*

**Expedited:** 7-9 weeks and an extra $60*

*Mailing times are not included in processing times. Processing times only include the time your application is at one of our passport agencies or centers. The total time to get your passport includes both processing and mailing times. It may take up to 2 weeks for applications to arrive by mail at a passport agency or center, and up to 2 weeks for you to receive a completed passport in the mail after we print it. **Consider the total time it will take to receive your passport when you are booking travel.**