

University of Florida
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REALIZING YOUR CHILD’S STUDY ABROAD DREAMS CAN BE A REALITY

Study Abroad can be fundamental to a student’s experience at University of Florida.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The College of Journalism and Communications (CJC) has a robust study abroad program that will enrich your student’s college experience at the University of Florida. It’s never too early to start dreaming up, thinking about and planning how your child can participate in a study abroad program while at college.

The CJC Study Abroad program, the largest voluntary program at the UF, is a testament to the students’ interest and desire to have an international experience. CJC Study Abroad students have traveled to and will continue to travel to international destinations such as London, Paris, Florence, Barcelona and various cities in Greece.

The study abroad team begins planning trips at the end of each summer. The planning process culminates in a meeting to finalize specifics about locations, dates and cost in October. The CJC will begin accepting applications in mid-October after the planning period and after an informative webinar is hosted by Director Michael Weigold. The program is approximately four weeks and takes place in the spring semester after applications are accepted.

The applications process happens rather quickly, filling up typically in the first two weeks with the 90-95 applications the CJC accepts. The program is open to all University of Florida students, including UF Online students and any students attending an accredited university.

The classes that are taught during the study abroad program are predominantly focused in communications, public relations, advertising/marketing and journalism. The program also includes many electives to aid in the transformative experience of traveling abroad.

Along with enriching classes, students will get to participate in a wide variety of arranged professional development visits at media organizations around the world. This has included visits to ad agencies, public relations firms, newspapers, and even sports media organizations.

A previous trip included a behind-the-scenes excursion to the FC Barcelona soccer team's media and marketing department. The CJC Study Abroad program is exciting and full of transformative experiences.

CJC staff put safety and positivity first while traveling with your students. The program helps to build self-confidence and allows students to gain an understanding of international cultures in comparison with their own.

When thinking about whether to support your student and help them fulfill their dreams of studying abroad, Director Weigold says "You can travel abroad at anytime in your life, but you can study abroad only once."

The CJC Study Abroad program is specifically designed and planned to provide your students with a unique, transformative experience to aid in their educational, professional and personal development.

For more information on the CJC Study Abroad program please visit <https://gatorabroad.wordpress.com/> or <https://www.jou.ufl.edu/tag/study-abroad/>

You can also contact Director Weigold via email at mweigold@ufl.edu to set up an in-person or Skype appointment to learn more.

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