

College of Integrated Science and Technology (CISAT)

Short Term Study Abroad Programs

Ten short term study abroad programs are offered by faculty in CISAT in Summer 2009

Go to http://www.jmu.edu/international/abroad/programs_shortterm.shtml for more information.

Child Health & Wellness in South Africa - Western Cape Academic Program

The purpose of this program is to provide a select group of ten JMU students with a unique opportunity to gain an awareness of child health promotion and disease prevention efforts in South Africa. Specifically, we will visit university programs, township clinics, schools, and an orphan care center and assist with medical, educational, and social interventions. We will also go on historical, cultural, and environmental excursions. For example, we will visit Robben Island, tour the beautiful Cape, dine on Cape Malay and other African cuisine and finish with a 4-day/3-night African safari at a private game lodge situated in the Sabi Sand Reserve in the south western section of the famous Kruger National Park.



JMU Summer in Malta: Health and Human Services Academic Program

Malta provides an exciting opportunity for health sciences studies to study with esteemed health care professionals educated in Malta and the UK. Last year, Malta was ranked number 5 in the World Health Organization's ranking of the world's health systems. Students will have an opportunity to interact with and work with professionals in their specific discipline. Malta's health care system offers universal health care and a careful analysis of their system and that of the US will enhance student learning.



Pura Vida: Costa Rican Adventure Academic Program

The course will focus on Sustainability Issues in Costa Rica. Enrolling in two 3-credit courses from the list below, students will examine the global issues of growth and conservation using Costa Rica as a case study. In Costa Rica we will visit a number of communities that are working to create a balance between the conflicting desire for urban and economic growth, and the preservation of agricultural and natural lands. We will work side-by-side with farmers while we explore the pros and cons of eco-agriculture, and join the debate on whether these new approaches are sustainable and transferable. We will also experience eco-tourism and adventure tourism and consider their relative impacts while we explore the wilderness of the Osa Peninsula, snorkel in the Caribbean Sea, raft the class 4 rapids of the Pacuare River and zip-line through the canopy of the Monteverde Cloud Forest.



Japanese Language and Culture Summer Experience Academic Program

Students will get an intensive study of Japanese language and culture. During the first four weeks, you will spend three days a week in the classroom (MWF) and will either have excursions or free time to explore on non-classroom days and weekends. You will live with a Tokyo family and commute on the subway. During the final week you will travel around the country. You will experience sumo wrestling, zen meditation, a Japanese bath house, Shinto shrines, Buddhist temples, medieval Japanese castles, and the Hiroshima Peace Park memorializing the tragedy of the first atomic bomb. You will come face to face with many of the fantastic contradictions that make up modern life in Japan. This will be a truly unforgettable experience.



Environmental and Energy Sustainability in Germany Program Location

The city of Saarbrücken is in southwest Germany, immediately on the French border. It is about 2 hours from Frankfurt, 2 hours from Heidelberg, 1 hour from Luxembourg, 1 hour from Strasbourg, and 2 hours from Paris by high-speed train (3.5 hours by car). The region is famous for wine, but is also a hotbed of activity in alternative energy and sustainable industrial systems. JMU's partnership with the HTW des Saarlandes (the Saarland University of Applied Science) provides the opportunity for many connections to the region and interactions with German college students. The program itinerary allows plenty of free time to explore Saarbrücken and its environs, as well as three weekends to try Heidelberg, Paris, etc.



Philippines Mabuhay Geography: The Global Dimension - An Adventure in Experience Academic Program

The Philippines Mabuhay (local language, Tagalog, for "welcome") study abroad course provides the opportunity to experience and travel in a tropical SE Asian country known for its friendly people. The program involves frequent travel within the country (including different islands), vastly different environments (urban, mountain, lowland, volcanic, coastal and coral reef), cultural studies, scuba diving and strenuous long distance hiking. Areas to be visited are Luzon (Manila, Laguna, and Ifugao), Cebu, Bohol, Panay (Boracay) and Negros.

Cross-cultural Psychology in Perugia, Italy Academic Program

This program is a travel-study course in which students will study principles of cross-cultural psychology and learn to make and interpret comparisons between social institutions and behavior in the Shenandoah Valley and venues in Italy. The program begins with an 8-week block class during the Spring Semester, with lectures about and trips to various places in the area, such as schools, churches, and museums. During the first week of summer, students will travel to Perugia, Italy, where they will stay for the first 12 days; we will visit such sites as the Umbrian National Museum, a monastery, schools and universities, Etruscan sites and various public monuments. The final 5 days in Italy will be spent in Florence, visiting sites such as churches, museums, and the Medici Palaces.



HIV/AIDS in a Diverse World - The Micronesian Perspective Academic Program

This intense lecture and practicum seminar is based on the principles of participatory learning, in which students will be involved in a set of formal and informal learning experiences designed to enhance their understanding of HIV/AIDS in a developing region, and the challenges that its residents encounter on a daily basis. Specifically, students will examine theories of the origin, statistics, and characteristics of the causative pathogen, incubation, illness patterns, transmission, prevention, and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Micronesia. In collaboration with the Guam HIV/AIDS Network (GUAHAN) Project, as well as the University of Guam and Micronesian Area Research Center, students will observe and participate in a variety of clinical, social, and education programs related to HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention. Through educational excursions to urban and rural areas—visits to public and private health facilities, nutrition centers, and NGO project sites—students will have the opportunity to develop or strengthen existing levels of crosscultural awareness and cultural sensitivity, and gain an appreciation of the diverse economic, political, and social landscape of Micronesia.

Nursing Care and Culture of Mexico Academic Program

The purpose of this course is to address developing nursing cultural competence in our increasingly diverse healthcare settings. In this course students will examine Mexican healthcare delivery systems, nursing in Mexico, and Mexican culture and health beliefs. Students will study Spanish language speaking with the language immersion school CETLALIC, in Cuernavaca, Mexico. CETLALIC is a well recognized school that focuses on social justice issues and provides a well-rounded program of developing cultural competency.



Geography of Europe Academic Program

This course in the geography of Europe includes a three-week classroom component at JMU, followed by a 12-day tour of France, Germany, England, Luxembourg and Belgium. The course will cover the physical geography of Europe, but its focus will be primarily on the human geography factors such as culture, language, national identity, and politics. A central theme of the course will be the unification of Europe in light of the strong nationalistic traditions of its individual member states.

