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Applications for 2021/2022 study abroad are now closed!

Applications for semester/academic year study abroad closed on November 1. If you have additional questions about the application process please visit the Application Q&A page for more information. Summer 2021 application deadline has been extended to November 15. You will be notified of your summer acceptance mid-December and semester/academic year acceptance mid-January. The commit deadline for both summer and academic year programs is January 22, 2021.



The decision to suspend spring 2021 study abroad was disheartening but necessary for the health and safety of all the students. Notre Dame International is committed to working with all students to find their study abroad programs. The summer study abroad deadline has been extended to November 15th. Apply Now! Be sure to check out our brand new program offering in Santiago, Chile! Conducted in Spanish, this 6-week program immerses students in the language and culture of Chile while helping students understand the many social and political forces that have shaped and continue to shape the country.

Looking for funding to study abroad this summer? Any student participating in two NDI study abroad programs within the same summer will automatically receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Additionally, any student applying for an NDI summer program is eligible to apply for the Daniel, Sharon (Fedor), Mary, John, and James Hunter Family Endowment Fund, which provides up to \$2,000 towards their summer program fee. Apply by February 1, 2021 to be considered!

Winter GPE Program

The Virtual Global Professional Experience (vGPE) is a 4-6 week internship that will take place during the winter term of December 2020 and January 2021. In this program, students will be conducting remote work from the comfort of their homes with an international company or organization. Positions vary by location, but may include work in social media, ecology advocacy, creative writing, business, and other areas. Students will be enrolled in a 1-credit course during the internship and there is no cost associated with the program. The deadline to apply is November 11.

National First Generation Student Week

Join NDI Study Abroad in celebrating first generation college students! November 8th is the national celebration of first-gen students, a term that refers to any student who is the first in their family to pursue a four year degree. Take a moment to celebrate any first generation students you know and learn more about Jaime Spencer, who studied abroad in Jerusalem!



Jaime Spencer

"As a first-generation college student, stepping onto Notre Dame's campus as a first-year provided an overwhelming sense of opportunity which was also, unfortunately, shadowed in doubt. Before my family left, they made sure to reassure me that I worked hard to establish my place as a Notre Dame student and that I belonged. As the months rolled by, a new reality began to set in creating a fierce journey and struggle through imposter syndrome for me. I found myself just getting used to being on campus and adjusting to what would be my life for the next few years as the study abroad deadlines approached.

Traveling abroad was the last thing on my mind as I had just settled in a place that felt so foreign to me for many semesters. The final push came from a friend of mine that encouraged me to apply. I found peace in that submitting an application would buy me time to make a final decision. Those decisions turned into a beautiful year abroad in the 2019 London Summer: Neuroscience and Behavior program as well as the fall 2019 Jerusalem Global Gateway. My time spent away from Notre Dame's South Bend campus hosted many of my fondest memories as an undergrad here. Studying abroad and experiencing different cultures emphasized the power of a diverse voice. When I came back to campus, I felt a new confidence in my own diverse voice here on campus when looking to see where I fit in as well as my own journey to foster a sense of belonging. My advice to first-generation students is to find power in your own unique background, experience, and perspective because they are valuable. Don't be afraid to share your story with others around the world and here on campus because you never know who you're inspiring."



International Education Week

International Education Week (IEW), a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education, is celebrated annually in mid-November. This year IEW is the week of November 16-20, 2020! To celebrate this annual recognition of international education, Notre Dame International is hosting an event on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 9:00 am EST. This event will feature a panel of University of Notre Dame faculty and administrators who will discuss the Catholic mission of the University and the importance of international study, research, and partnerships to advancing this mission. Registration is required to attend this virtual event.



Study Away Locally: Meet Nicoles

In early July, Nicole Marinho Vieira Weiss found out she would not be able to attend the University of Notre Dame's campus due to the new COVID-19 regulations. The finance and economics major was excited to start her freshman year, but quickly found herself overwhelmed with disappointment, and started searching for other solutions in Brazil and abroad to start the academic year on time.

When talking to the study abroad team at Notre Dame International, she learned about a new program called study away locally. With this new opportunity, she finally saw a light at the end of the tunnel. With this new program, she could still attend the University while studying at one of Notre Dame's international locations around the world.

Read more of Nicoles story here.

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PODCAST

The study abroad team launched the first ever student-led study abroad podcast in October 2020, Beyond Study Abroad. Each Friday the host Sofia Perez takes a deep dive into student stories and their experiences abroad. In case you missed the previous episodes, they are available on the Spotify and iTunes. Make sure to subscribe to get notifications on new episodes.

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