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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Where do I obtain information about international studies and study abroad programs?

- The International Office is located in Tinsley Hall, ph. 523-2409, international.office@nau.edu. The Office maintains a well-stocked resource library for program research, including pamphlets, videos, and catalogues, and information on grants and scholarships. They also have student advisors available to help you answer questions.
- Check out the International Office website: www.nau.edu/~instu
- Read the informational pamphlet that the International Office publishes (located in the Tinsley office or on the International Studies Bulletin Board in Cowden) titled “Northern Arizona University: International Study Abroad.” It lists all available programs as well as their basic requirements and features.
- Check the NAU *Lumberjack* at the beginning of the semester for dates/times for informational meetings. Weekly email memos from the Honors advisor office may also have reminders about informational meetings.

2. What financial aid is available for Honors students?

- *Karl Doerry Study Abroad Award* -- \$500: available for all Honors students in good standing, regardless of length or country of program. Honors students need only apply and get accepted into the Study Abroad program for the scholarship to be awarded.
- Competitive Scholarships:
 - **Fullbright* (October deadline; see the website www.iie.org for more information)
 - **Boren NSEP* (February deadline; mandatory service obligation; see the website www.iie.org for more information)
 - **Rotary* (variable deadline; make application at local Rotary Club)
 - **Freeman Award* (for study in Asia; see the website www.iie.org for more information)
- Program-Specific Awards:
 - *Germany: *Laski Scholarship* [\$6000]; *Verband Award* [DM 1000/month]; several intensive language study awards; several university-specific awards [typically DM 500-900/month]
 - *China: 2 annual [and modest] awards for living expenses at Beijing Second Foreign Language University
- NAU’s Financial Aid Package: this does apply for study abroad programs administered by NAU. Contact Tuti Lown (3-8960) or Arlene Petranovich (3-7116). No NAU financial aid can be used to pay for a study abroad program administered by another university, college, or institution. Students may apply for financial aid to the sponsor of the program and to any source outside of NAU.
- See the “Financial Aid Websites” appendix to this document for more information.

3. How many credit hours transfer from a study abroad semester?

- It is possible for Honors students to receive up to 9 hours of Honors credit for a study abroad experience: (1) see your Honors advisor for details on receiving 3 hours of Honors credit through HON 201; (2) you may also earn up to 6 additional hours of Honors credit through HON 301. To do so, you must petition the Director in advance, who will take into consideration the rigor of your Study Abroad learning experiences, including the written assignments, research projects, and/or oral reports that you are expected to complete.¹
- As part the 9 hours of Honors credit that you can earn during your study abroad experience, you may also choose to conduct an independent study (HON 497) or undergraduate research (HON 485). You should arrange such classes, and should have them approved, prior to your departure.
- The International Office will assist and advise students in the process of converting your credits earned abroad into credit for NAU courses.

4. How do exchange programs differ from other study abroad programs?

- In a student exchange program, NAU and a partner institution agree to exchange a balanced number of students and integrate the students into both institutions' academic programs. The on-site services are provided by the host institution, and students typically only pay their NAU tuition, their personal travel expenses, and living expenses. Tuition waivers are also applicable. The program strongly suggests that students' language skills are advanced and that students applying for exchanges be independent and self-sufficient.
- In a fee-based program, NAU contracts with a host institution to offer certain courses, and/or to offer access to the host institution's total curriculum, for the payment of a study abroad fee (which often includes other expenses, like housing, excursions, etc.); NAU students pay NAU a comprehensive fee that includes their normal NAU tuition. (Tuition waivers normally cannot be honored in these programs.) All other features – continuous NAU registration, direct NAU credit, financial aid eligibility – apply, as do all the support services of the NAU International Office.

5. What steps do I take to participate in an NAU study abroad program?

- Acquire information from the sources listed in number 1 above, and select a specific program.
- Attend the appropriate “Study Abroad Information Meeting” or meetings. Do this in a timely fashion, even if you do not plan to apply immediately, for this will enable you to take care of prerequisites in time.
- Make follow-up meetings with the International Office staff as necessary.
- Apply by the deadline: applications are handed out at information meetings and at the International Office. You will receive a response within about a week. If accepted, you will be asked:
 - to confirm your placement in the program and to make up any deficiencies that remain;
 - to register for OIS 499 (a holding category for all study abroad participants);
 - to develop a list of courses you wish to take while abroad and have them approved by your academic advisors (including your major and Honors advisors); then submit them to the International Office;
 - attend a mandatory pre-departure meeting at the end of the semester.
- **STUDY ABROAD!**
- Return to NAU. The International Office will help you convert courses to NAU credit; if you fill out the “Study Abroad Report” you will receive a special T-shirt!

¹ HON 201 and HON 301 are currently in the process of being evaluated and thus are not available. Students can use HON 299 and HON 399 as possibilities for transferring credits from a term abroad program.

6. What is the “Tandem Program” at NAU?

- This is a program designed to pair former NAU study abroad students with international students studying at NAU. You will have a chance to mentor such students and to help them integrate themselves into the social and academic life at NAU.

7. How do prepare myself for a study abroad semester? And if I can’t study abroad during the semester of my choice, what other options might I pursue?

- *Take NAU courses that have an international focus:* try enrolling in courses in Humanities and Religious Studies, world and multi-ethnic literature courses, courses in Women Studies (which often have a multi-ethnic focus), and international courses in Political Science, History, Geography, Anthropology, and Business. Enroll in Modern Language courses of all kinds, from language to literature courses.
- *Plan your study abroad experience for the spring, not fall, semester.* Most deadlines for spring semester study abroad programs are October 15.
- *Plan on an international summer:* NAU offers a limited number of study abroad experiences for the summer, and other institutions and organizations offer hundreds of such programs. Look at the Short Term Study Abroad programs described in the International Office, and read the brochures of the Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE), of the American Institute for Foreign Studies (AIFS), and of similar organizations, all available in the International Office.
- *Work abroad.* Consider using the summer to work abroad. Several organizations conduct work abroad programs in many countries, including English-speaking countries. Many of these internships are paid, sometimes quite generously.
- *Research the semester abroad program you would like to pursue, and then take courses that fulfill your pre-requisites for this particular program.* This will ensure that when you apply for the program again, or even for the first time, the process will be more streamlined for you.

8. What is the National Student Exchange, and how does this program work in conjunction with the Honors Program?

- The National Student Exchange is a program that enables NAU Honors students to participate in honors programs at other universities, and vice versa. Most host campuses require that students be enrolled in the honors program at their home campuses and/or have a specified grade point average. Some host campuses may also require admission to the host honors program, recommendation of the home honors program, an interview, and/or the instructors’ permission prior to enrollment. Students from other universities who are interested in being a part of the Honors Program at NAU must have 30 or more earned semester hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 in previous course work in order to take NAU Honors courses. More contact information: bworley@fwi.com; <http://www.nse.org>; and 219-436-2634.

FINANCIAL AID WEBSITES

To get you started...

Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctoral
International & Study Abroad

*There are so many different types of financial aid waiting for someone to use...
don't be afraid to apply!*

Abbreviated Grant Seekers Guide

<http://www.el-dorado.ca.us/~grants/seekers.shtml>

American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC)

<http://www2.aigc.com/aigc/>

Arizona Commission for Post-Secondary Education

<http://www.acpe.asu.edu/>

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation

<http://www.jvm.com/davis/>

The At-a-Glance Guide to Grants

<http://www.sai.com/adjunct/nafggrant.html>

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service)

<http://www.daad.org/usa.htm>

Federal Pell Grants

http://www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/StudentGuide/1998-9/pell.html

Financial Aid (Ross)

<http://www.rossvet.edu/financia/finast.htm>

Fulbright Fellowships/Scholarships

<http://www.iie.org/fulbright>

Grants from the net (a list of several grants and aid through Indiana University)

<http://www.indiana.edu/~srs/fundopp/net.html>

Harry Truman Scholarship Foundation

<http://www.act.org/truman/>

Hispanic College Fund, Inc.

<http://hispanicfund.org/>

The Indian American Scholarship Fund

<http://www.iasf.org/>

Institute of International Education (IIE)
<http://www.iie.org/pgms/>

International Education Financial Aid
<http://www.iasf.org/>

International Education Finance Corporation
<http://www.iefc.com/>

Japan-U.S. Educational Commission (JUSEC)
<http://www.jusec.go.jp/E3/menu.html>

Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation
<http://www.marine-scholars.org/>

MOLIS Scholarships/Fellowships (Minority Scholarships and Fellowships)
<http://www.fie.com/molis/scholar.htm>

National Academy of American Scholars
<http://www.naas.org/educator.htm>

Nationally Coveted College Scholarships, Graduate Fellowships & Postdoctoral Awards
<http://sandburg.unm.edu/scholarships/scholars.html>

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships
http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational_programs/ambassadorial_scholarships/

The Scholarship Page
<http://iwc.pair.com/scholarshippage/>

Scholarships for Women and Minorities
<http://members.aol.com/ox13qr/webpages/eyfswm1.html>

Scholarship Search
<http://www.istc.umn.edu/osad/scholarship-search.html>

