Study Abroad and Student Exchange Programs

Foreign Student Programs

International Projects and Research

“We aim to enrich the experience of our students by adding national and international dimensions to our student body and the programs we design for them. We will strengthen our recruitment of students locally, nationally and internationally, and promote study abroad for the students of Alberta.” —Mission Statement

Through the involvement of foreign students on campus, opportunities for Canadians to study abroad and the international research and experience of faculty members, the university is committed to provide an international dimension to all students programs and the undergraduate curriculum.

Starting in 2002 all undergraduate programs will provide an international component to the program which may include study abroad (as outlined in the Report on Curriculum Redesign 1998). Enhance your academic program, employment prospects and personal growth by studying abroad for a term or year. International experience is a desirable notation on a graduate’s transcript.

Increasingly, problems are international in their dimensions and require global solutions as countries are linked culturally, economically and ecologically. University graduates require skills which enable them to find solutions in a world characterized by a diversity of languages, religions, living standards, technological standards, historical perspectives and cultural values.

The University of Calgary has over 1300 international students registered (Fall 2002) from over 100 countries. In addition, our alumni, including Canadians are living in all areas of the world, proving the importance of an international education.

Students unable to study abroad may get involved with international activities on campus: volunteering with international offices or taking part in events to promote discussion and an international understanding.

Studying abroad is a valuable intellectual experience but is also demanding, particularly where a student is exposed to a different culture and another language. While some study programs require knowledge of a language other than English, not all the U of C exchange partners expect a student to be fluent in order to participate. It is possible to combine study abroad with language learning.

The University of Calgary offers a variety of study abroad options in more than 35 countries including: Student Exchange Programs for a term or full year; Term Abroad Programs to China, India or Czech Republic with U of C courses taught on site; Field Schools to selected sites which offer intensive study opportunities abroad with U of C faculty members. Students may also use their initiative to design their own program of study.

The U of C is a Partner in a number of funded consortiums:

Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education
1. North American Consortium for Disability Services and Human Resource Development
2. Academic Mobility Towards University/Industry Linkages & technology Transfers

Canada-European Community Program for Co-operation in Higher Education & Training
1. Integration and Disintegration in Multi-Level Systems of Governance
2. The Use of European Credit Transfer System to Enhance EU-Canada Mobility for Science Students
A variety of short- and long-term English as a Second Language programs are offered by the University of Calgary.

Curriculum redesign requires every undergraduate program at the University of Calgary to include an “international component.”

The International Association of Students in Economics and Commerce (AIESEC) arranges international work experience programs for students in business, economics and computer science. More than 750 universities in 87 countries are involved.

The University of Calgary has developed a Master’s program in energy and the environment offered in Quito, Ecuador in partnership with major universities in Latin America.

19 field courses in Asia, Africa, Europe, the USA, Mexico and the Caribbean are offered in 2003.

Each year International Week on campus highlights international issues and opportunities.

The Student Refugee Committee of the Students’ Union sponsors one new refugee student at the University of Calgary each year through World University Services of Canada (WUSC).

New student orientation programs assist international students to become comfortable with their new environment.

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Europe: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

The University of Calgary has agreements to receive funded/scholarship students from a number of countries including Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

There are a number of awards available to Canadians wishing to study abroad as part of their University of Calgary degree program. Contact the International Student Centre for more information.

A term abroad in Barcelona, Spain, is offered already to EVDS and Fine Arts students.

The University of Calgary plays a key role in health development and education projects in Nepal, Bangladesh, Peru and Bolivia. These projects aim to strengthen local institutions.

In 2003, more than six hundred University of Calgary students will study abroad as part of their degree programs. Many participate in spring or summer schools abroad.

Offices involved in International Education:

(www.ucalgary.ca/international)

Credit Travel Study
(Credit study programs/field schools)
Room 275 MacEwan Student Centre
Tel: 403-220-8922
Fax: 403-210-3869
Email: crdttrvl@ucalgary.ca
www.ucalgary.ca/cted/specialsessions/travel

International Centre
(Faculty initiatives abroad, development projects and university international relations)
Room 570 Biological Sciences
Tel: 403-220-7700
Fax: 403-289-0171
Email: jlongan@ucalgary.ca
www.ucalgary.ca/UofC/departments/IC

International Marketing & Recruitment
(Prospective international students)
Room 547 Biological Sciences
Tel: 403-220-4380
Fax: 403-220-1342
Email: intlrect@ucalgary.ca
www.fp.ucalgary.ca/intlrect

International Student Centre
(International student advising, study abroad programs and student exchanges)
Room 275 MacEwan Student Centre
Tel: 403-220-5581
Fax: 403-289-4409
Email: ischome@ucalgary.ca
www.ucalgary.ca/ISC

The University of Calgary’s Co-op program offers a limited number of placements in European institutions.

The University of Calgary offers Term Abroad Programs in India, China and Czech Republic. Join us for Fall 2003.

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