

Study Abroad and Student Exchange Programs

Foreign Student Programs

International Projects and Research

“ Recruiting excellent students and providing them with a fulfilling educational experience is key to the university’s success. The programs and experiences we offer must be appropriate to the needs and aspirations and futures of our students and our society.” – *Raising Our Sights*, Academic Plan 2002-2006

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.

International Education

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.

The University of Calgary has 1500 international students registered (Fall 2003) from 100 countries. In addition, our alumni, including Canadians are living in all areas of the world, proving the importance of an international education.

All undergraduate programs provide an international component to the program which may include study abroad (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.

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.

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.

The U of C has over 150 international alliances that include collaborative research, joint academic and scientific studies, collaborative degrees and student exchanges, training programs, internships and practicums. These include participation in:

Program for North American Mobility in Higher Education

1. North American Mobility in Higher Education: North American Scholars Program
2. The Trilateral Consortium on Capacity Building in Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies

Canada-European Community Program for Co-operation in Higher Education & Training

1. The Use of European Credit Transfer System to Enhance EU-Canada Mobility for Science Students
2. A Multidisciplinary, Distributed, Cooperative Education Initiative in Software Engineering
3. Canadian-European Cooperation on Regulatory Issues in National Resources, Environmental and Energy Studies

The University’s international education, international development, international business, student exchange and study abroad programs involve many countries around the world. For further details consult the International Directory available at www.ucalgary.ca/international

The Faculty of Medicine has Health Exchange Programs with faculty, students or research trainees in: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Zamboanga, Philippines; Harbin, China, Sapporo and Takamatsu, Japan; Concepcion, Chile; Bangkok, Thailand; Vientiane, Laos; and South Korea.

Education students at the University of Calgary and the Hokkaido University of Education in Japan engage in exchange visits to learn about the education system in the host country.

Agreements with universities in Australia will permit Student Exchanges in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Townsville, and Newcastle.

4. Biotechnology and Managed Biodiversity in Agriculture and the Environment

And study opportunities in the following countries (2004/05).

Americas: Antigua, Argentina, Belize, Bermuda, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, United States

Africa/Middle East: Ghana

Asia/Pacific: Australia, China, Fiji, Hong Kong (SAR), India, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea (S. Korea), Singapore, Taiwan

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

A variety of short- and long-term English as a Second Language programs are offered by the University of Calgary.

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's Co-op program offers a limited number of placements in European institutions.

A term abroad in Barcelona, Spain, is offered annually 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.

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

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.

Field courses in Asia, Africa, Europe, the USA, Mexico and the Caribbean are offered in 2004.

The University of Calgary offers Term Abroad Programs in India, China and Czech Republic. Join us for Fall 2004 or Winter 2005.

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.

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

In 2004, 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.

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International Education

Main offices involved in International Education:

(www.ucalgary.ca/international)

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

A number of university departments collaborate to offer 'International Studentships' (grants of \$500 - \$1000) to support U of C students including an international study experience in their program. Contact the International Student Centre for more information.

Credit Travel Study

(Credit study programs/Spring and Summer field schools)
 Room 275 MacEwan Student Centre
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Fax: 403-210-3869
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www.ucalgary.ca/cted/specialsessions/travel

International Centre

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

International Marketing & Recruitment

(Prospective international students)
 Room 702 Earth Sciences
Tel: 403-220-4380
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International Student Centre

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