



# MCLA

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS



## STUDY AWAY OPPORTUNITIES

Expand your horizons outside the classroom



# STUDY ABROAD

Opportunities to study abroad in:

Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the Pacific through the following organizations:

- Center for International Studies Abroad
  - <https://www.cisabroad.com/>
- International Studies Abroad
  - <https://www.studiesabroad.com/>
- Semester at Sea
  - <https://www.semesteratsea.org/>



# PAYING FOR STUDY ABROAD

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- Financial aid awards are applied to study abroad costs. Program costs vary; students are responsible for any costs **not** covered by financial aid.
- Scholarships are available through our affiliated programs, the Gilman Scholarship Program, MCLA (scholarships designated for study abroad) and many external organizations.
- Loans to help cover expenses may be an option.
- Financial aid is not available (or is very limited) for summer programs.

Bottom line: Meet with Student Financial Services staff to review individual needs!



# ANOTHER OPTION: TRAVEL COURSES

- Travel courses offered during the spring semester (travel takes place during spring break).
- Three-credit course prior to and after the trip.
- Learning outcomes, grading, and assessment established by faculty leader.
- Scholarships are available to help with expenses.

## Sample Travel Courses:

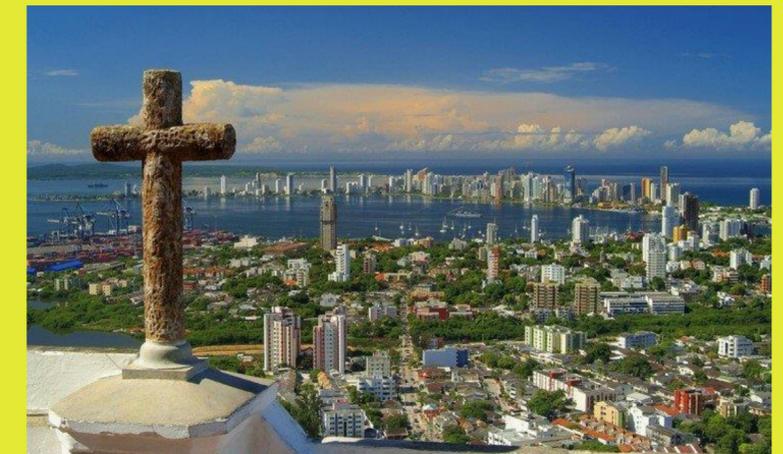
China  
Colombia  
England  
Ireland  
Japan  
Mexico  
South Africa  
Spain



Ireland travel course 2019



Mexico travel course 2019



Colombia travel course 2019

# STUDY AWAY – National Student Exchange

Study away at a participating college or university in the United States and its territories (Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands) or in Canada.

A more affordable alternative to study abroad.

Tuition and fees paid to MCLA; room and board to the host institution.



Kayaking in Alaska



Researching reef ecology in the Virgin Islands

# National Student Exchange (NSE)

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- Applications are submitted to the MCLA Study Away Advisor for review.
- Students are “placed” at NSE’s annual placement conference in March.
- First choices are not guaranteed, but students have many alternative options.

Click below for a sample NSE experience:

[Step outside your comfort zone!](#)



# THE WASHINGTON CENTER



- Transform your major into an exciting career while living, working, and learning with a Washington, D.C. internship.
- The Washington Center experience goes beyond internships to give you the professional development, connections, and guidance you'll need to pursue a fulfilling career.
- Spend a summer or a semester in Washington, D.C. and earn internship credits at MCLA.\*

*\* Juniors and seniors are eligible to apply for credit-bearing internships.*

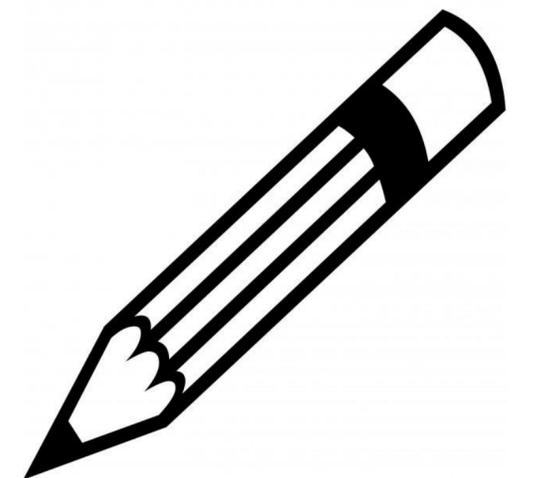
# ELIGIBILITY BASICS

- At least a 2.5 cumulative MCLA GPA (program GPA requirements vary)
- At least sophomore status (30 credits) by the time of departure
- Must not be on any college probation (academic or disciplinary)
- Must not be any holds on the student's account



# ADVISING FOR STUDY AWAY

- Students meet with the advisor for study away as well as their faculty advisors and/or department chairs for course selections to ensure appropriate courses are chosen.
- Note: Although grades do not transfer, credits from study away programs transfer to MCLA as long as the student earns a C- or higher in each class.
- Students must be cleared by Student Financial Services for approval to study away.



# MARKETING YOUR STUDY AWAY EXPERIENCE



- In today's job market, it can sometimes be difficult to make yourself stand out from a pile of prospective applicants. However, individuals who have studied abroad have an immediate competitive advantage over applicants who may not have any international experience. That is why it is important to learn how to communicate and present your study away experience on your cover letter, résumé, and during an interview.
- Two of our study abroad affiliates, ISA and CIS Abroad, have alumni programs to assist students in marketing their experiences.
- You can also be a Global Ambassador on campus to help promote MCLA's study abroad programs.

# QUESTIONS?

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