Why Study Abroad?

Career Advancement

- Living abroad leads to an increased sense of independence, adaptability, and ability to cope with new and different situations – qualities employers look for when hiring new professionals.
- Expand career opportunities. The job market reflects the growing importance of internationalization.
- Top employers are seeking graduates who can think critically and also have a global perspective.
- Increase your employment potential. Study abroad on your résumé gives you the competitive edge.

Academic Objectives

- Complete foreign language requirements. Earn credit toward your major or minor.
- Study a topic not offered at USC’s campus, such as Australian Art or Italian Architecture.
- Learn on site! Study the culture IN the culture! Study history WHERE it happened!

To Have Fun!

- Experience the excitement of it all – Explore the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.
- Explore new interests. Try playing cricket in Australia or hiking in the Scottish highlands.
- Take a cooking course in France or Flamenco lessons in Spain.

Language Skills

- Perfect existing skills while LIVING the language
- Learn a new language not offered on campus.

Personal Growth

- Experience an increase in self-confidence and open mindedness.
- Gain cultural appreciation and knowledge of other countries, cultures, lifestyles, and values.
- Gain new insights and outlooks while enjoying new relationships.

Make New Friends

- Live with a host family or in residence halls with local students.
- Take classes with students from around the world, or with host country nationals.
- Meet people from different backgrounds and cultures.
- Forge international friendships, understand cultural differences and get rid of old stereotypes.

Spending a semester overseas can be a life changing experience that can also lead to career success. Contact the Study Abroad Office soon to find out how YOU can take advantage of this unique opportunity.