### Why BCA Brussels

- Gain professional experience with an international internship! Apply to Vesalius College's Internship Program to work with one of more than 40 local and international organizations with offices in Brussels including Human Rights Watch, Mission to Macedonia, Oxfam International, UPS, MasterCard and ING Belgium.
- Examine the European Union's perspectives on current world topics and learn from experts in the field by completing the college's European Peace & Security Studies Certificate Program or join the Model European Union program.
- Experience the diversity of Brussels, known as the de facto capital of the European Union, and its citizens through your coursework and homestay with a local family.


I struggled for months deciding what location was best for me, and I was never able to fully make up my mind until I learned about the European Peace & Security Studies (EPSS) certificate program … study abroad is much more than just traveling around the world … You are spending four months in a completely foreign location, so I made sure to find the location where I thought I would thrive the most. For me, that was Brussels.

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- Emily West: Brussels, Belgium 2015-2016

### Traveling abroad can certainly take someone out of their comfort zone, but that is really how one grows and makes unforgettable experiences. Be sure to take advantage of the opportunities that come your way.

- Nicholas Redic: Brussels, Belgium '17

### CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

- Live (and eat) like a local with the help of the BCA Brussels Resident Director who takes you on a culinary tour of Belgium! Indulge in uniquely Belgian dishes such as mussels and frites and of course waffles and chocolate and learn about their cultural significance.
- Venture outside of Brussels with our RD as your guide as you explore other historically and culturally significant locations in Belgium. BCA's signature excursion may vary each semester but in the past students have visited the North Sea and Ypres to learn about the impact of WWI on the region and reflect on the way that the war is still being remembered today.

### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

- Volunteer during your time in Brussels through Vesalius College's partnership with Serve the City – an organization that assists community members in need through sports, music, arts, meals and friendship.
- Develop your expertise in European affairs by taking advantage of Brussels' role as the "Capital of Europe" and attend lectures from important local and international leaders. You can also engage with the campus community by writing for the student newspaper, working for the student government and joining other clubs and athletic teams. Meanwhile, your host family will provide you with yet another perspective of Belgian life and culture.

### ACADEMICS

- Vesalius College is a small school with a large population of international students representing more than 50 nationalities. Small class sizes and interactive learning environments allow faculty to challenge students not only to develop skills and knowledge important for their future careers, but also to think critically and develop themselves personally as citizens of an increasingly multicultural and globalized world. Exciting internship opportunities allow you to set yourself apart and show future employers that you have experience working in a foreign country, have a global network and can balance academics as well as professional commitments.

### AREAS OF STUDY

- Accounting
- Arabic Language
- Business Administration
- Chinese Language
- Communications
- Economics
- Foreign & Security Policy
- French Language
- History
- International Finance
- International Relations
- Law, International & European
- Law/Pre-Law
- Management
- Marketing
- Mass Communications
- Mathematics
- Media Studies/Media Production
- Peace Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Statistics
**Why BCA Dalian**

- Experience Chinese hospitality and learn about family life through the monthly BCA host family program. The time you spend with the family visiting local cultural sites, learning about traditional foods or celebrating festivals and holidays will provide a different perspective on the customs and culture of Dalian.

- Connect with local artists and experts who can help you to learn and practice traditional Chinese arts such as painting, music, papercutting, calligraphy, Tai Chi and kung fu through courses at the university.

- Push yourself to learn Chinese at the largest center for Chinese language instruction in northeast China. DLUFL hosts many international students, but few U.S. study abroad students, all committed to learning Mandarin.

**BLOG: Reflections from Studying Abroad in China**

One of my favorite aspects about studying abroad at DLUFL is hearing all the different languages. It’s not uncommon to sit down at a café and hear four different languages one minute and then, suddenly, only hear Mandarin. If you sit down at a table with international students, I can guarantee they will be speaking Mandarin because it is the common language here. Studying at a language school not only makes my want to keep working on Mandarin, but also makes me want to learn more languages!

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- Emily Seratch: Dalian, China 2017

**Cultural Activities & Excursions**

Learn why Dalian is known as the North Pearl of China, the City of Romance and the City of Fashion and get to know your host city like a local with the expert guidance of the BCA Dalian Resident Director. Your RD will help you to learn about and reflect on the rich cultural diversity of China through various activities and visits. The BCA excursion may vary by semester, but in the past has included visits to an off-the-beaten path section of The Great Wall of China, the Terra Cotta Warriors of Xi’an and Zhangjiajie National Forest Park—the inspiration for the mythical land in the film Avatar.

**Academics**

Dalian University of Foreign Languages (DLUFL) specializes in Chinese and other language instruction. DLUFL was one of the first National Chinese Proficiency Test centers in China, and there is no better place to study for students seeking complete immersion in Chinese language and culture. As a BCA student you are required to take an Introduction to Chinese Culture course as well as a package of Chinese language courses based on your language proficiency. Additionally, you choose to take one or two courses either in the fields of Chinese arts and culture, international business or diplomacy.

**Areas of Study**

- Business Administration
- Chinese Culture
- Chinese Language
- International Business
- Law, International & European
- Management
- Marketing

**Languages of Instruction:**

- Chinese and English

**Community Connections**

You have the chance to meet and befriend local students interested in improving their English and learning more about American culture through activities with the School of English Studies. You also have opportunities to join clubs such as the travel club for outdoor enthusiasts and participate in events on DLUFL’s lively campus. Students who are more independent also meet locals through daily tai chi practice in parks or other activities around the city. BCA’s monthly host family program allows you to practice your Chinese and learn about family life in Dalian.
It was an intense inter-cultural experience in which I was able to form relationships across linguistic and cultural barriers and examine my own culture and way of life.

— Sarah Ullom-Minnich: Quito, Ecuador ‘16

WHY BCA QUITO

• Develop meaningful connections with indigenous communities during the BCA excursion to the Amazon and learn directly from them about the issues that impact their lives and community, from matters of environmental justice to the tension between modernization and traditional practices.

• Get involved in the Quito community by interning or volunteering at a variety of agencies, non-profits or foundations that work with different communities and connect to the community through an internship in an agency or an agency working on development through organizations such as a medical clinic, refugee services or local non-profit organizations such as a medical clinic, refugee services.

• Learn about the contemporary issues that threaten their culture and way of life.

— Colby Schweibenz: Quito, Ecuador 2017

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

There are many ways for you to become involved in the community and to learn about Ecuadorian culture and traditions from local people. You can join the university’s Exa-buddies program where you are matched with an Ecuadorian student and encouraged to do fun activities together. Living with a host family gives you the chance to explore Quito on your own. Together you will traverse the historical center of Quito, visit a cloud forest, hike around volcanic lakes, and visit the renowned Galapagos Islands all while exploring how your visits and presence impacts the local culture and environment. BCA signature excursion varies by term, but in the past family has included a trip to the Ecuadorian Amazon Rainforest to meet and learn about indigenous communities, participate in a homestay, and learn about the contemporary issues that threaten their culture and way of life.

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Cheltenham, England for a life-changing three months. Although short, my time abroad was transformative in ways that have influenced my life every day since … I could go on and on … these three months abroad were filled with so many experiences that have left an impression on me and are memories that I’ll never forget … Of course, I had to return to pursue my passion by enrolling in a Masters program at the University of Gloucestershire when the opportunity presented itself.

A little over five years ago, I studied abroad in the beautiful spa town of Cheltenham, England. The British town presented itself as the perfect fit for my major in Photography program at the University of Gloucestershire when the opportunity presented itself.

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BLOG: Five Years Later: A Reflection on my Experience in Cheltenham

The British students were so interested in having Americans around that they taught us their ways … we were so immersed in their everyday life; it was easy to forget we were from different countries.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

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« Become a part of the local community by participating in one of the many events the town hosts throughout the year.
« Befriend British students as you live and study together and experience the city like a local.
« Pursue a true immersion experience by studying abroad in an English city not frequented by tourists or study abroad students! Cheltenham is known for Regency architecture, beautiful parks, fine shopping, live entertainment, a world-famous horse racing course, international festivals and proximity to the beautiful Cotswolds region.

Experience Cheltenham with the help of your Resident Director, who was born and raised there. Journey with the BCA signature excursion to Cheltenham Racecourse where you will tour the Кen, find out how horses are trained and have an opportunity for cultural exchange and dialogue. The tour will include a visit to the Grade I-listed Cheltenham Racecourse and the Grandstand, which makes it an excellent location for you to fulfill major or general education requirements. Film studies, sport & exercise science and education are some of the top disciplines at the university.

BCA Semester Programs
Different stories people have to tell. I never could have imagined just how quickly this place would become so familiar, nor could I have known how much I ache when I think about leaving them. I never could have imagined just how much I would love it! … Continue reading the full story on our blog! www.bcastudyabroad.org/blog

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CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

London offers nearly endless cultural activities for students committed to finding them. Your BCA London Resident Director will help you to find these opportunities and make sure that after your first few days you feel comfortable seeking out new experiences on your own. As part of orientation, you will even go on a photo scavenger hunt, giving you the chance to quickly get your bearings in your new home. In addition, your RD will take you outside of London so you can see other parts of England. BCA excursions vary by semester, but in the past included daytrips to Oxford and Stonehenge.

ACADEMICS

There are approximately 18,000 students at the University of Roehampton, and international students from over 140 countries make up 10 percent of the student body creating a diverse and exciting learning environment. The university is especially strong in media and creative studies, education, business and psychology, but also offers courses in a variety of other subjects, making it an ideal location for you to fulfill major or general education requirements. In addition, you can take special London Studies courses which are specifically designed for study abroad students and include field trips in the city.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Your introduction to campus will include welcome events, campus tours and opportunities to sign up for the many student societies and clubs available on campus, so you can quickly meet local and international students at the university. Since you will live on campus, you will get to know other students through your housing, hanging out at the different cafes and pubs on campus, and participating in the many university sponsored events each semester. There are four distinct colleges (living and learning communities) for students at the university, and you can show your college pride and help your college earn distinction through volunteer, sport, environment and community projects.

WAY BCA LONDON

- Break through the London tourist cliches by studying abroad in the most residential area of southwest London. BCA offers activities, including a walking tour with Union Tours, an organization that works with homeless, ex-homeless and vulnerably housed Londoners, to help you learn about different areas and perspectives of London.
- Challenge yourself to grow outside of the classroom and earn the University of Roehampton's Provost's Global Award through a commitment to progress in five areas: academia, community, employability, intercultural awareness and social skills.
- Connect to the Growhampton Project, a sustainability program organized by the Roehampton Students’ Union and dedicated to embedding sustainability in the everyday lives of students and staff on campus and beyond. You can help to care for the chickens or work in one of several growing spaces on campus. All the produce grown is used in the Hive Cafe on the university's campus.
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FRANCE

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WHY BCA STRASBOURG

» Challenge yourself to strengthen your French language skills by enrolling at a university in northeastern France with fewer study abroad students than you will find in larger cities. Strasbourg is a great place for language learning because you're unlikely to hear English spoken in your daily interactions.

» Gain an increased understanding of the local culture, meaningful interactions with local people and field experience in a variety of disciplines such as education, social services, health care or the arts through the required Integrative Cultural Project.

» Live and study at the crossroads of Europe. Strasbourg is home to the European Parliament and is conveniently located near Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium. It offers unique opportunities for language learners and students of business, international relations and European studies.

Strasbourg Reflections from the Resident Director

You will find a warm welcome awaiting you in this charming French border city. I myself was a BCA Study Abroad student in Strasbourg during my undergraduate junior year. Therefore, I'd encourage you to prepare to be inspired, excited and challenged, all while having fun! I know that your semester in Strasbourg will deepen your understanding of the French language and culture, and, like all good journeys, this one will also lead to unprecedented insights about your home culture and yourself.

Soyez le bienvenu à Strasbourg!

- Dr. Ronald Lyndaker, BCA Strasbourg Resident Director

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Your BCA Strasbourg Resident Director will help you maximize your time by quickly connecting you to the local culture. You will find yourself visiting cafés and walking down streets that look much as they did 200 years ago. Together with your RD, you will delve into the history of Strasbourg that led to the classification of the city's historic center, the Grand Île (Grand Island), as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As part of the BCA signature excursion you will travel to Paris to walk along the River Seine and learn about the art, food, architecture and culture of the City of Light.

ACADEMICS

The Université de Strasbourg is the second-largest university in France with more than 46,000 students and 4,000 researchers. You'll study primarily in the Université de Strasbourg L’Institut International d’Études Françaises (IIEF) and Institut des Études Politiques (IEP). BCA has two separate academic tracks available for intermediate and advanced French students. Intermediate language students study at IIEF and take language and elective courses. Advanced language students can take regular university courses with French students. All BCA students will participate in the Integrative Cultural Project designed to create a structured hands-on learning experience in the local community.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

While in France, you can choose to become a language buddy with a Université de Strasbourg student, so you can improve your French and help other students with their English. You can also connect with local students through the more than 75 clubs available at the university. Additionally, your host family will show you around the city, introduce you to local cuisine, take you to festivals and events, share family customs and celebrations, and help you perfect your French!

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BEFORE YOU APPLY

FALL SEMESTER

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Sep. 15

PROGRAM DATES:
Early September - Late December

LANGUAGE PRE-REQUISITE:
4 semesters of college-level French or equivalent

INSTITUTION:
Université de Strasbourg IIEF and IEP

SPRING SEMESTER

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
Oct. 15

PROGRAM DATES:
Mid January – Late May

LANGUAGE PRE-REQUISITE:
Intermediate and advanced French

INSTITUTION:
Université de Strasbourg IIEF and IEP

GPA REQUIREMENT:
2.8 or higher

HOUSING:
Homestay, on-campus, and off-campus

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:
French

INSTITUTION:
Université de Strasbourg IIEF and IEP

MEALS:
Some meals with host family

AREAS OF STUDY

• Education
• French Language
• History
• International Relations
• Literature
• Political Science

FALL SEMESTER

• European Studies
• French Language
• History

SPRING SEMESTER

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VISITING AN OLD FRIEND IN STRASBOURG

I spoke German and he spoke French to the waiters in the restaurants. It was an awesome reminder of the power of the EU’s open borders!

- Nick Callahan, Marburg, Germany ’15

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Université de Strasbourg IIEF and IEP

GPA REQUIREMENT:
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HOUSING:
Homestay, on-campus, and off-campus

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:
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BLOG Staying the Year in Marburg

The Marburg program will let you study abroad programs you see on your sorority sisters’ Instagram. I don’t go to a new city every weekend and I am not the ultimate tourist. Instead, I have a deep understanding for German culture. Going abroad for a year was one of the scariest things I’ve ever done — it’s never easy to leave everything behind. It’s also been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I wouldn’t just recommend staying a year to someone who wants to improve their German as much as they can — I would recommend it to anyone who wants to go outside of their comfort zone and learn a new culture.

WHY BCA MARBURG

» Tailor your experience to your interests and needs by taking advantage of volunteering opportunities and Education internships available.
» Apply to live in Marburg’s Schloss Castle, which rests atop a hill that overlooks the city, with a community of local students. Practice your German language as you share meals, games of billiards and celebrations.
» Spend the semester studying abroad in two countries! You will start in Vienna, Austria for an eight-week course focusing on developing your German language skills. Then transition to Marburg, Germany to enroll in courses taught in English at Philipps.
» In addition to meeting students through your courses and Marburg communities, you can get to know local students by joining a club sports team or one of the many student organizations. Many students have also pursued their passion for music by becoming involved in the rich music scenes of Vienna and Marburg. Past students have even been able to play with the Lahn Symphony or a local orchestra to connect with local social services such as a refugee center, a senior citizen center, a waste assistance agency or a hospital to connect with local communities.

Germany

Marburg

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Your BCA Marburg Resident Director will meet you in Vienna to orient you to the city and connect you to the many cultural events and activities available. In Marburg, your RD will be there to show you all the local landmarks and cultural hotspots. Together you will also visit other locations in the area. The BCA excursions may vary by semester, but in the past included a weekend excursion to the cities of Salzburg, Austria and Frankfurt, Germany to take in the Alpine scenery, spend an evening at the Opera and experience the difference between the thick but melodic Austrian German dialect and the quick but nevertheless relatively easy to understand variant of German spoken in Hesse. In Vienna, you’ll attend Internationales Kulturinstitut Wien (IKI) for eight weeks with students from all over the world focused on improving their German language skills. In Marburg, you’ll enroll at Philipps-Universität, an internationally renowned institution with a variety of course offerings across many departments, including life sciences, Middle East studies, psychology and geography. If your German is not as advanced, you can take BCA courses taught entirely in German. If you have an advanced level of German, you can take BCA courses taught in English at Philipps. The Marburg program isn’t like the study abroad programs you see on your sorority or taking courses at the Center for Conflict Studies.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

FALL SEMESTER: April 15
SPRING SEMESTER: November 1

PROGRAM DATES:

FALL SEMESTER: Early August – Mid-December
SPRING SEMESTER: Early February – Late July

LANGUAGE PREREQUISITE:

No previous German is required

INSTITUTION:

Vienna: Internationales Kulturinstitut Wien
Marburg: Philipps-Universität

OPPORTUNITIES:

Volunteering opportunities and Education internships available

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

In addition to meeting students through your courses and housing, you can get to know local students by joining a club sports team or one of the many student organizations. Many students have also pursued their passion for music by becoming involved in the rich music scenes of Vienna and Marburg. Past students have even been able to play with local orchestras! You can also volunteer at local social service agencies such as a refug...
IRELAND
DUBLIN
WHY BCA DUBLIN
» Examine how people manage conflict and gain an understanding of how conflict affects society in BCA’s required Peace and Studies Conflict course; you’ll study the Irish conflict known as The Troubles through lectures and dialogue with policy makers connected to the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for Conflict Intervention at Maynooth University.

» Dedicate yourself to understanding Ireland from a local’s perspective and sign up for Maynooth University’s buddy program to ensure that you befriend and get the perspective of Irish students!

» Break free of the traditional, touristy study abroad locations by living in Maynooth, Ireland, a quaint community known as the only college town in Ireland. Then push yourself to step into Dublin, which is only a short train or bus ride away.

BLOG: Looking Beyond the Murals
Driving into North Belfast, the first thing that greets you is a large mural of masked gunmen and the slogan, “Ready for Peace, Prepared for War.” … It is hard not to get a macabre feeling as the image of the barrel of the gun follows you up the small one way streets into the neighborhood lying behind. The neighborhood itself seems pretty average… As an outsider, it’s easy to forget that the image of the gunmen looms opposite on the wall behind me. However, my peace and conflict studies on the BCA Dublin program have taught me to look beyond the murals. … Continue reading the full story on our blog! www.bcastudyabroad.org/blog - Savannah Olshove: Dublin, Ireland 2017

My experience … helped me take a step back and see things from a new perspective. It helped me personally face fears and grow in ways that I didn’t even think possible. Professionally, it has helped motivate me to look towards ways I can help and serve communities in the States and around the World.

- Julianne Haines: Dublin, Ireland ’17

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS
With the help of your BCA Dublin resident director, get to know the local highlights of Maynooth, find the best ways to get around and quickly gain the confidence to strike out on your own and visit Dublin and other parts of Ireland. You’ll also travel with your RD outside of Maynooth to learn more about Irish history and culture. On the BCA signature excursion you will travel as a group to Belfast, Northern Ireland, to see the famous murals, speak with locals about the ongoing Irish peace process and reflect on the importance of peace and conflict skills for resolving disputes both large and small.

ACADEMICS
At Maynooth University, you’ll be taking courses alongside Irish students and other international peers. The university offers a wide variety of disciplines making it a perfect location to take courses toward your major or general education requirements. Interested students can also explore their roots or simply make the most of their time in Ireland by completing the Irish Cultural Heritage Certificate which offers an interdisciplinary evaluation of early Irish cultural history. The BCA course and other courses in peace and conflict studies offer meaningful opportunities to study themes of social justice and change.

• Accounting
• Anthropology
• Biology
• Business Administration
• Chemistry
• Chinese Language
• Communications
• Computer Science
• Education
• Engineering, Electrical
• English
• European Studies
• Finance
• French Language
• German Language
• History
• Information Technology
• International Development
• Physics
• International Finance
• Irish/Celtic Studies
• Management
• Marketing
• Mathematics
• Music
• Peace Studies
• Philosophy
• Political Science
• Psychology
• Sociology
• Spanish Language
• Statistics

PROGRAM DATES:
FALL SEMESTER
May 1 - September 15
SPRING SEMESTER
September 16 - October 15
INSTITUTION:
Maynooth University
OPPORTUNITIES:
Summer program available

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
Maynooth University is regularly identified as Ireland’s friendliest campus in national and international polls. The university has more than 100 clubs and societies including sports, political parties, arts, comedy, music, dance, drama and history. The international student society arranges social evenings and weekends away throughout the year. Additionally, you’ll share housing with other international students, so you’ll quickly meet people from around the world. During the semester you will be close to all the Irish music, classical literature, lively pubs and famous theatres of Dublin.
New Zealand: Dunedin

Every Week Is a Whirlwind: Reflections About Joining Clubs Abroad

Wednesday evening in Dunedin, a group of people from all walks of life, short, tall, young, old, scientists, psychologists, artists and trade workers alike join together in Otago University Students' Association (OUSA) activities hall. Upon walking in, there is inevitably a cluster of smiling faces and embraces to welcome you to the community. You’ll easily find some of the world’s rarest animals, such as albatrosses and yellow-eyed penguins, living at the city’s edge. You will explore these issues through varied discussions with local experts, participating in an on-going conservation project on a local island and a visiting a local farm. You will explore these issues through varied discussions with local experts, participating in an on-going conservation project on a local island and a visiting a local farm.

ACADEMICS

The University of Otago is New Zealand’s oldest and most prestigious university and is regularly ranked among the top universities in the world. The university offers a rich cultural life, reflecting a diverse international student community and New Zealand’s own multicultural population. With internationally ranked departments in arts and humanities, life sciences and medicine, social sciences and management, it’s the perfect place to take major-specific courses, pursue internship opportunities. Plus, with the wide variety of disciplines available, you can also enroll in courses to fulfill general education requirements.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

Your Resident Director in Dunedin will introduce you to culturally and historically significant spots and provide you with opportunities to hike the breathtaking landscapes of the city and surrounding area. Through your activities together you will meet Kiwis (New Zealanders) and share experiences that you just cannot find in a tourist travel book or a general tour. The BCA Semester Programs also organize optional trips around the South Island each semester which is a great way to meet new people and experience the diversity of the country. In addition, there are many volunteer opportunities available to connect you with local organizations and community members.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Dunedin is the only university town in New Zealand and it provides you with plenty of opportunities to connect to local people and the environment! Through the fantastic student activities program at The University of Otago, you can join one of the more than 70 societies including dance, hiking, music and sports clubs. Various offices on campus also organize optional trips around the South Island each semester which is a great way to meet new people and experience the diversity of the country. In addition, there are many volunteer opportunities available to connect you with local organizations and community members.

REGIONAL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

- Wellington, the capital of New Zealand, where students have included a multi-day orientation and excursion in a tourist travel book or a general tour. The BCA Semester Programs provide you with opportunities to hike the breathtaking landscapes of the city and surrounding area. Through your activities together you will meet Kiwis (New Zealanders) and share experiences that you just cannot find in a tourist travel book or a general tour. The BCA Semester Programs also organize optional trips around the South Island each semester which is a great way to meet new people and experience the diversity of the country. In addition, there are many volunteer opportunities available to connect you with local organizations and community members.

DUNEDIN - Alaina Lewis: Dunedin, New Zealand 2017

WHY BCA DUNEDIN

- Engage with the community through activities and volunteer opportunities designed to introduce you to environmental conservation, sustainability, and social justice themes. You will explore these issues through varied discussions with local experts, participating in an on-going conservation project on a local island and a visiting a local farm.

- Learn about New Zealand’s indigenous community by taking Māori culture and language classes in Dunedin. Participate in cultural performances and events.

- Experience New Zealand’s natural beauty! Dunedin is surrounded by white sand beaches, forest-clad hills and volcanic formations. You’ll easily find some of the world’s rarest animals, such as albatrosses and yellow-eyed penguins, living at the city’s edge.

- Explore Dunedin’s vibrant arts scene. Attend music and theater performances, exhibitions, and art festivals.

- Volunteer with local organizations and community members. There are many volunteer opportunities available to connect you to local organizations and community members.

- Attend lectures. What was taught in Dunedin is more than just what was learned – it will be enough to give me, as an Alaina, a lifetime of memories and experiences in this beautiful country. I have loved every single moment of my time in Dunedin, and I have met amazing people and learned more than I ever thought was possible in one year. The city, the people, the food, the culture and the experiences have all contributed to shaping who I am today. In conclusion, if you have the opportunity to study in Dunedin, I highly recommend you take it. It will be an experience of a lifetime – one that you will cherish forever.

- Aubrey Maryniak: Dunedin, New Zealand 2017

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NEW ZEALAND DUNEDIN
WHY BCA BARCELONA

- Refine your Spanish skills while also learning about Spanish culture and history during BCA's pre-semester course. This three-week course ensures that you’re set to succeed in your Spanish-language courses abroad and helps you begin to acclimate to life in Barcelona—one of the most beautiful and culturally rich cities in the world.

- Join intercambios—a program designed for students for whom Spanish is not their first language. Between the BCA and UB courses, students can find a wide variety of options in many academic disciplines including 12,000 international students. As an advanced language student, you can challenge yourself to take UB courses alongside local students. If your Spanish is not as advanced, you can take a combination of BCA and UB courses. BCA classes are taught in Spanish, but are designed for students for whom Spanish is not their first language. Between the BCA and UB courses, students can find a wide variety of options in many academic disciplines including the arts and humanities, business, professional studies, social sciences and STEM.

- Spanish and English instruction

- Spanish Culture
- Spanish Language
- Urban Planning
- Sustainability

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BLOG: Studying Abroad as an Art & Business Major in Barcelona, Spain

Coming to Barcelona, I had three main goals: First, to improve my Spanish. I can say with great confidence that I have been challenged by my Spanish language through both my homestay, classes, and day-to-day interactions. Second, I hoped to grow as a person. I feel I have stepped out of my comfort zone and grown more as a person in one month than I would in a year in the United States. Third (and lastly), I wanted to grow as an artist. The city of Barcelona has shown me that to create great art you must step outside of the classroom...

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Sarah Melgar: Barcelona, Spain 2018

Ways to Contribute

- Volunteer opportunities available & Spain summer program available

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Barcelona is perfectly situated between the ocean and the mountains, so you can go to the beach, hike or take advantage of city life. The city is known for its vibrant street life, incredible food and amazing architecture. You can enjoy Spain’s cultural dances such flamenco, salsa or swing by visiting a local theatre or joining community festival committees to further connect to the city and its people.

ACADEMICS

- There are approximately 66,000 students enrolled in the Universitat de Barcelona (UB) across six campuses, including 12,000 international students. As an advanced language student, you can challenge yourself to take UB courses alongside local students. If your Spanish is not as advanced, you can take a combination of BCA and UB courses. BCA classes are taught in Spanish, but are designed for students for whom Spanish is not their first language. Between the BCA and UB courses, students can find a wide variety of options in many academic disciplines including the arts and humanities, business, professional studies, social sciences and STEM.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

- Your Resident Director will help you maximize your time in Spain. Together you will explore works of world-famous architect Antoni Gaudí, including Cascada Fountain at Parc de la Ciutadella—inspired by Rome’s Trevi Fountain — and his most famous work, La Sagrada Familia— the unfinished Catholic church. The BCA signature excursion may vary by semester but in the fall, you will visit the port city of Tarragona known for its ancient Roman ruins and Cistercian monasteries, the 10th century Benedictine monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes and the city of Gerona famous for its ancient Roman ruins and Cistercian monasteries, the 10th century Benedictine monastery of Sant Pere de Rodes and the city of Gerona known for its Romanesque and Gothic influences.

- You will be able to attend concerts, plays, film festivals and outdoor events. The city of Barcelona is also known for its many museums and art collections, including the Picasso Museum.

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- The mountain range just outside of the city will provide you with the opportunity to go hiking or swimming in beautiful lakes.

- You will have daily opportunities to participate in community service projects throughout your stay. You can volunteer with local organizations working in the city. The BCA Resident Director can help connect you to a local community partner to learn more about the work they do and ways that you can be of service to their mission.

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WAY BCA VALLADOLID
» Focus on your Spanish language development by studying in a city with few U.S. students or English-language speakers. Situated in the beautiful Castile and León region and only an hour via train from Madrid, Valladolid is an excellent city for you to improve your Spanish skills during your daily interactions around the city and with your host family.
» Pursue volunteer or internship opportunities to learn more about and support organizations doing important work in the city. Your resident director can help to connect you to organizations dedicated to education, immigration services, language instruction, physical therapy, services for the homeless and other services.
» Enroll in the course Human Rights in Global Spain to explore the concepts of culture, human rights and social justice in a multi-regional, globalized Spain.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS
Your BCA Valladolid Resident Director was born and raised in the city and is committed to helping you find all the treasures it offers – even some unknown to many residents! Your RD helps you learn about festivals and activities going on in the area. You’ll also venture outside of Valladolid with your RD as a guide. Excursions vary each semester but in the past have included Segovia, known for its iconic ancient Roman aqueduct; and Salamanca, home to one of the most beautiful plazas mayores in Spain.

ACADEMICS
As an educational center focused entirely on Spanish language and culture, Universitas Castellae offers individualized attention to students. The school hosts a small number of U.S. and other international students each semester. Universitas is in the heart of Valladolid with classrooms in the historic and culturally significant Plaza del Viejo – the city’s first bullfighting venue which usually occurs in the morning, so you can use the afternoon to pursue volunteer or internship opportunities in a variety of disciplines or interact with native speakers and explore the city independently.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
» FALL SEMESTER: April 15
» SPRING SEMESTER: October 1

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:
» Spanish

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT:
» 2 semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent

HOUSING:
» Homestay

MEALS:
» All meals with host family

SCHEMES:
» FALL SEMESTER: November – Mid-December
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OPPORTUNITIES:
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BLOG: Studying Abroad as a First-Generation College Student
As I boarded my flight, I thought about the challenges you face as a first-generation college student: the trials and tribulations I faced with my family, the application process and being a first-generation college student made me strong… I fulfilled my promise of letting nothing stop me from spending a semester studying abroad… My time in Spain was both enjoyable and unforgettable. I loved amongst the Spanish community through a host family. I immersed myself in Spanish culture through the language and customs… I ate foods I never ate before, danced to music I never heard before, and traveled to parts of the world I never knew existed.

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Jaime Ramos II: Valladolid, Spain 2017

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St. Augustine Reflections from the Resident Director

A wonderful opportunity awaits you in our twin islands of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Here is where you can begin your journey toward discovering and exploring your creativity; developing your global mindset by your exposure to diverse ethnicities, perspectives and cultures; and developing your leadership capability through opportunities for volunteerism, assisting local communities and NGOs. All of this and more while living and learning among friendly and hospitable people, in an environment of lush greenery, sceneries of colorful flora and fauna as well as summer weather and activities year-round.

As a native of Trinidad, your BCA St. Augustine Resident Director is the perfect cultural guide for exploring Trinidadian culture and carnival year-round! You will experience a diverse learning environment with committed lecturers who are highly accessible to you. The University of the West Indies (UWI) offers world-class accredited academic programs. The campus provides modern teaching and learning centers with access to state-of-the-art technology which you can use to further connect with local people.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Trinidad and Tobago is the most southern Caribbean nation positioned off the northern edge of South America. The city of St. Augustine in Trinidad is the birthplace of soca and calypso music as well as the steel pan. It's also home to the largest Caribbean carnival which showcases the country's creativity and talent as participants wear extravagant handmade costumes and dance in the streets for hours. As a BCA student, you can learn about the significance of carnival through courses and activities at the university. You can also join on campus activities and clubs, or volunteer in the local community to further connect with local people.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES & EXCURSIONS

As a native of Trinidad, your BCA St. Augustine Resident Director is the perfect cultural guide for your semester abroad. Through activities in St. Augustine and around Trinidad, your RD will help you have a Trinidadian experience and connect you to the cultural and ecological diversity of the country in locations like the Caroni Swamp, a large mangrove wetland, or beaches that are the nesting grounds for the endangered leatherback sea turtle. The BCA signature excursion varies by semester, but may include a multi-day excursion to the autonomous island of Tobago known for its white, sandy beaches and biodiverse tropical rainforest.