

A purple-tinted map of Germany is the background for the left side of the image. The map shows various German states and cities. Overlaid on the map is the JMU logo, which consists of the letters 'JMU' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, enclosed within a white outline that follows the shape of the letters. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located to the right of the logo.

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Study Abroad



Let's get started!

What's on the agenda?

1. A snapshot of study abroad programs at JMU
2. Why study abroad?
3. Student perspective
4. Costs and financial aid
5. Steps to making it happen

But first...

Raise your hand if...

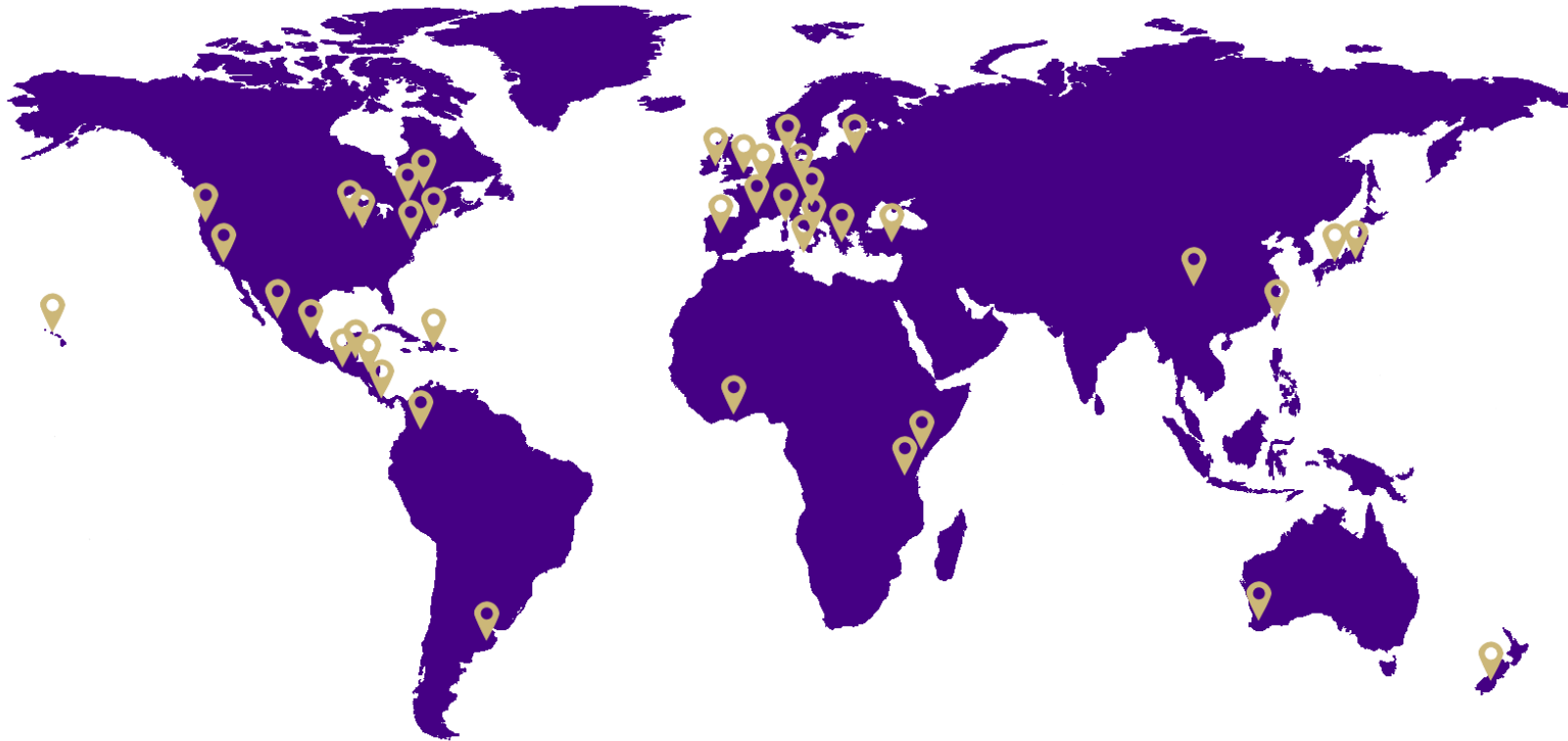
1. You traveled less than 3 hours to get here
2. You traveled 3-6 hours to get here
3. You traveled more than 6 hours to get here
4. You had a family member go to JMU
5. You know what you want your major to be
6. You already know you want to study abroad

Snapshot of Study Abroad at JMU



By the numbers

JMU Study Abroad: Quick Facts



70+
JMU
Programs

40+
Countries

1,200+
students abroad
annually

Program Offerings

1 JMU Semester Programs

- Fall, Spring, Summer semesters

2 JMU Faculty-led Short-term Programs

- Summer, Spring Break, Winter Session
- Internship opportunities

3 JMU Partnership Programs

- Exchange Programs
- Study @ ... Programs

4 Non-JMU Options

- External Programs
- Another University's Program

Fall, Spring, Summer Semesters

JMU Semester Programs



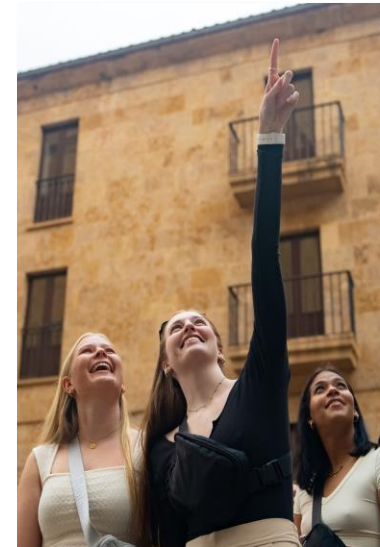
Antwerp, Belgium



Florence, Italy



London, England



Salamanca, Spain



Edinburgh, St. Andrews,
Scotland

Summer, Spring Break, Winter Sessions

Faculty-led Short-term Programs

70+ Programs

- JMU faculty-led. Designed by your professors to mirror required coursework.
 - major/minor required classes & electives
 - GenEd requirements
- Run 3-10 weeks and offer 3-9 credits



On the job experience

Summer Internship Programs

- **Internship Location**
 - Australia (HM, SRM KIN)
 - Germany
 - Ghana
 - Guatemala
 - Ireland
 - New Zealand
 - Spain
- **Enhance your resume**
- **Open to all majors, except Australia**
- ***Open to graduating seniors**



A group of about ten hikers are resting on a rocky mountain peak. They are dressed in outdoor gear, including backpacks and hiking boots. The hikers are looking out over a vast, scenic valley with rolling hills and a small town in the distance. The sky is filled with large, white clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

Why Study Abroad?

Why Study Abroad?

Students who have international experience gain leadership and time management skills, are more adaptable and open-minded, and have a greater ability to deal with ambiguity.

89%

of students report that their study abroad experience aided in their professional development

90%

of U.S. based employers have a high demand for employees with world language skills

60%

of hiring managers prefer candidates with international experience

* Sourced from IIE Open Doors, 2023

A group of students, mostly young women, are walking away from the camera down a narrow, sunlit street in a European city. They are wearing backpacks and casual summer clothing. The street is lined with historic stone buildings. On the right, there is a shop with a yellow sign that says "Kinnie SNACKS" and a red circular logo. Below that, a sign for "WANDER" is visible. On the left, there is a red and white circular sign. The sky is clear and blue. A purple banner with white text is overlaid in the center of the image.

Student Voice

Transform your future

Why the strong outcomes?

- Better problem solvers
- More flexible, creative, and complex thinkers
- Higher self confidence
- Increased global awareness, awareness of emotions of others, and self awareness
- Increased openness to difference



Cost & Financial Aid



MYTH

“I can’t afford to study abroad.”



We have students of all financial backgrounds participate in study abroad.



REALITY

Annoying answer: It depends!

What does it cost?

JMU Semester Programs

- Regular JMU Tuition
- Room & board
- Supplemental program fee
(approx. \$5,500)

JMU Short-Term Programs

- Regular JMU Tuition (3-9 credits)
- Program fee - depends on number of weeks and destination (**as low as \$500** and as high as several thousand)

What do I get for that price?

- **Academic credits**
- **Program related expenses, including:**
 - Housing
 - Most or all meals*
 - Excursions
 - In-country transportation
 - Health insurance
 - Admissions and entry fees
 - Books
- **Not included:**
 - Airfare
 - Personal expenses (passport, free travel expenses, etc.)



MYTH

“I have to pay for study abroad out of pocket.”



There are various types of financial aid available for both short-term and semester programs.



REALITY

What aid is available?

- **Semester Programs**
 - Your regular financial assistance
 - Additional loan eligibility
- **Summer Programs**
 - Federal direct student and parent PLUS loan – *Must enroll in **at least 6 credits** and still have eligibility*
 - Private student loans – *No academic credit limit for most lenders*

The Office of Financial Aid is a great resource if you have individual questions!

Scholarships are out there

What aid is available?

- **JMU Study Abroad Scholarships**
 - Scholarships available for both JMU Summer and semester programs
 - Many are need-based scholarships
- **Other Scholarships**
 - Outside scholarships (Boren, Fund for Education Abroad, Gilman, etc.)
 - JMU departmental scholarships

Pro tip: Don't be afraid to ask for help!

Any student that has high financial need has been awarded a scholarship.



Make it Happen



Plan Ahead!

1. Follow us on Instagram @jmuglobal
2. Consider what type of program you want and how it will fit into your degree plan
3. Communicate with your transfer advisor – plan courses accordingly
4. Apply to study abroad early – 1 year in advance
 - Applications open September 1, priority deadline is November 1, final deadline March 1
 - Apply by November 1 for CGE Scholarships
5. Join us at the Study Abroad Fair on **Thursday, September 26th**
6. Meet with a Global Duke or Study Abroad Advisor
7. Get a passport!

Thank you!

Have questions or need guidance on next steps?

Email us:

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