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Meet our Senior Staff



I'm
Joseph Michel,
Program Coordinator at the Office
of Study Abroad. As a native New Orleanian,
My first interaction with study abroad programs
was at Delgado Community College. About ten years
ago I was lucky to join an International Business Studies
Program that connected students to a French University through
videoconferencing courses. As part of the program, I participated
in a one-month Marketing Internship at Ginestet for a biennial wine
exposition in Bordeaux, France. After completing my college work at
Delgado I made a life changing decision and moved to France. I obtained
financial support through sponsorships, small scholarships, and part-
time jobs. I was fortunate to devote three years of my life studying French,
meeting friends, sharing life with a new family, eating stinky cheese and
drinking great wine, traveling Europe and even visited Morocco in North
Africa. The final result was a degree of French Studies at the Université
Michel De Montaigne, Bordeaux III and a soul enriched with
so much culture and heritage in too many ways to list.
My life is a true testimonial on how a semester of
study abroad can be a life changing experience.
As the Program Coordinator, I take pride in
developing, and delivering programs and
services to help students identify these
opportunities to discover their own
career paths, experiences to cherish,
and stories that will last for a
lifetime!

Meet
Joseph Michel,
Program
Coordinator



I'm
Scott Pentzer,
Associate Dean for Global
Education. Study abroad changed my
life, and also put me on the path to a satisfying
career. As an undergraduate I spent a year at
the Universidad de Costa Rica. My studies focused
on history and the social sciences, but I think the most
enduring gifts I received that year were a love of the Spanish
language and an expanded sense of places and situations where
I could feel at home. I don't think I was back on campus for more
than a few months before I had signed up again to volunteer for
a year in Peru, and since then I have never gotten too far away
from international education. Since completing my Ph.D. in Latin
American Studies here at Tulane I have had the chance to live
in work for extended periods both in Mexico and most
recently in Costa Rica where I directed a study abroad
program from 2005 to 2009. I am delighted to be
back in New Orleans and in a position to encourage
and learn from Tulanians as they pursue their
education across the world. You don't know
exactly where study abroad will take you,
but you will never regret it. ¡Buen
viaje!

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What Are You Doing This Summer?

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DAVID LOCASICO

Everyone has heard about Tulane's semester abroad programs, but have you heard of our summer abroad programs? They are four week programs that offer the opportunity to take two 3-credit hour courses abroad in cities like Dublin, Cádiz, Paris, Copenhagen, and Siena, as well as one 10 day program in Morocco that offers 3 credits. What the Summer Programs offer are great benefits that might not necessarily arise through studying abroad during the school year. So here is a list of some of the many pros of going abroad this summer through Tulane!

1. NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT CREDITS TRANSFERRING

Because the summer programs are run directly through Tulane there is no need to worry about Course Equivalency forms or whether the credits you took will apply to your major upon your return. All the courses you sign up for are Tulane courses, so there is no confusion with what they will count for.

2. THREE DAY WEEKENDS

The way the program is set up allows for you to have every Friday off during your four week study period. This means that you are given extra free time to travel

and delve deep into the culture of your location!

3. SET PROGRAM EXCURSIONS

Each program has a set 3-4 day excursion into the country that you're staying in, meaning that you have the opportunity to explore beyond the walls of your campus and the boundaries of your city. The locations and length of this weekend excursion varies by program, but each one offers a great chance to reach places you might not be able to otherwise. And the cost is included in the price of the program! 4. BOTH IMMERSION AND NON-IMMERSION CLASSES. Taking classes in a foreign language can be intimidating, especially if you have never taken classes in that language before. What's great about the summer programs is that while they do offer courses in a foreign language, most classes are taught in English. So you aren't inhibited by a language barrier, you can go on any program whether you speak the language or not!

5. OPPORTUNITY TO GET CLOSER WITH FACULTY

The faculty on the program are actually professors from Tulane, and because the programs are made up of a small group

of students this gives you the opportunity to get closer with your faculty than the regular classroom setting would allow.

6. FIELD TRIPS THAT ENGAGE YOU IN YOUR CITY ABROAD

One of the greatest parts of the summer programs are the field trips you get to take within your courses. The leniency of the four-week programs allows the faculty to use class time for excursions to historical sites, museums, and such things that engage with your course study. It's great way to apply the knowledge you are gaining to the actual city. And the cost of all these excursions are included within the program price!

These are only a few of the great things studying abroad during the summer has to offer, you also are saving money on cost per credit hour and gaining the opportunity to engage with a close knit group of Tulanians who can help enhance your experience abroad. It's an amazing alternative or additive to a semester abroad and is very likely to be one of the best summers of your life.

You still have time to sign up! We are taking applications up until May 1st, so come into the office with questions or look out for our flyers around the campus!

Where In The World Are *Tulane* Students?

This spring semester we have 114 students abroad, spanning over 28 countries. Our 3 most popular programs are located in Denmark with 12 students, Australia with 10, and a tie for third between Costa Rica, Chile, and Brazil with 8 students. Let's take a look where our students are:



Next fall we will have 336 students studying abroad, doubling the number of students and spanning over 34 countries. Denmark being the most popular with 53 students, followed by the Czech Republic with 28 students, and Australia with 22. Here's where we will be next fall



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EMMA LOOS

Scholarship Opportunities at the Office of Study Abroad

Each semester the Office of Study Abroad awards scholarships to students who meet the eligibility requirements. This spring we awarded over \$13,000 in scholarship money to 16 different students who studied abroad on Tulane's 2014 semester and academic year programs.

If you are interested in potential

scholarships for Fall 2014, the applications are due on April 18th. For more information on the scholarships that we offer here at the Office of Study Abroad, you can check out our website: <http://studyabroad.tulane.edu/> You can find the scholarships by clicking on "Planning Study Abroad" on the side bar, from there click on "Study

Abroad Scholarship". If one of the scholarships suits you, you can apply for Fall 2014 by completing the scholarship applications at the bottom of the specific scholarship page. Unfortunately, however, we do not offer scholarships for summer programs. If you have any further questions feel free to contact our office!

Boarding Pass Photo Contest Winners



FOOD PHOTO:
ALEXANDRA BERNSTEIN,
TAKEN IN BELGIUM



LANDSCAPE PHOTO:
ADAM ROUAN,
TAKEN IN NEW ZEALAND



CULTURAL PHOTO:
ELIZABETH HANLON,
TAKEN IN CHINA



TULANE APPAREL PHOTO:
ALEX HANEL,
TAKEN IN ARGENTINA



ARCHITECTURAL PHOTO:
MARGO FRIEDLAND,
TAKEN IN CHINA



FRIEND PHOTO:
JOSHUA ZALIS,
TAKEN IN AUSTRALIA

Announcements and Upcoming Deadlines

The Financial Aid Summer Addendum for summer programs will be released in April. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for further questions.

Host Family Seminar: April 16th, 2014, LBC 208, 6-8pm

Make-Up Pre-Departure Orientation for Fall 2014 Study Abroad Students: April

25th, 2014, Kendall Cram Room, 4-5pm
Scholarship Application Deadline: April 18th, 2014

Secondary Application Deadline for Fall 2014 Study Abroad Students: April 23rd, 2014

Tulane Summer Program Application Deadline: May 1st, 2014

If you saw something you liked in our newsletter, or felt like something was missing please let us know! We'd love to hear from you. If you are interested in writing an article about your time abroad or sending in photos from your trip you can contact our office at cge@tulane.edu you can address your email to Cara and we will get it into the right hands!