



SAN DIEGO STATE  
UNIVERSITY

L. Robert Payne School of  
Hospitality & Tourism Management

## International Experience Policy & Guidelines

### Effective Fall 2016

It is the policy of the Payne School to require some students, and to strongly encourage all students, to gain an international experience while in college. Please refer to your SDSU Degree Evaluation to see if you are required to study abroad.

The School policy is based on several factors we have observed over the years:

- Students returning from international experiences are more mature and “worldly” than their peers.
- Employers show a clear preference for these students

Student return with better study habits, a better world view and a level of confidence in dealing with people and problems.

We have observed few true obstacles to students participating in an international experience. Student often cite financial reasons and the *Payne School has resources and plans to help every student with true financial inability to travel abroad. In most cases, we can make it virtually the same cost as studying at SDSU.* We acknowledge that many students fear an international experience. We view this as natural and part of the development process.

Our school policy is spelled out for students studying Sustainable Tourism, Hotels and Meetings & Events in the SDSU General Catalog as:

ALL STUDENTS IN THIS EMPHASIS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE

AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENT. TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING WITH **THE APPROVAL AND WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNDERGRADUATE ADVISER.** SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. THE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE SHOULD MEET THE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES OF THE EMPHASIS.

1. **INTERNATIONAL FIELD TRIP;** *Includes faculty led trips that include academic credit through SDSU. Trip must be at least 2 weeks in length. A complete list of these experiences can be found at <https://www.ces.sdsu.edu/StudyAbroad>*
2. **INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP;** *Includes an opportunity to work abroad in a paid capacity for a minimum of 3 months. Please note: most international experiences require a minimum of 6 months commitment.*
3. **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE;** *Includes semester long study abroad programs offered through SDSU Study Abroad Center. Programs can be found at [www.sdsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.sdsu.edu/studyabroad)*
4. **CSU STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM;** *Includes semester long study abroad programs offered through SDSU Study Abroad Center. Programs can be found at [www.sdsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.sdsu.edu/studyabroad)*

5. **INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT.** *Includes an opportunity to travel internationally on a program developed by the L. Robert Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism. Opportunities are rare and will be announced when available.*

Some key points from this language are as follows:

- Not every program will count. They need to align with our school’s learning objectives. Any programs outside the “approved program list” **require written consent prior** to the trip for it to count towards the International Experience Requirement. Current approvers are Carl Winston, Christina Jeffries and Brian Blake.
- Field trips must be pre-approved and at least 2 weeks in length.
- Internships and working abroad are also strongly encouraged and must be at least 3 months in length.

### Approved Program List

International Student Exchange: The following schools are pre-approved for “International Student Exchange and CSU Study Abroad Program.” Full school descriptions can be found here: <https://sdsu-horizons.symplcity.com/?mode=list>

School Name	Location
Edinburgh Napier University	Edinburgh, United Kingdom
La Trobe University	Melbourne, Australia
University of Birmingham	Birmingham, United Kingdom
University of Applied Sciences HTW Chur	Chur, Switzerland
University of Technology, Sydney	Sydney, Australia
Chinese University of Hong Kong	Sha Tin, Hong Kong SAR
<del>Bogaziçi University</del>	<del>Istanbul, Turkey (temporarily suspended)</del>
International University of Applied Sciences	Bad Honnef, Germany
University of South Australia	Mawson Lakes (Adelaide), Australia
University Autònoma de Barcelona	Barcelona, Spain

International Field Trips: The following programs are pre-approved for “International Field Trips.” Full program descriptions can be found online as indicated. Additional international field trips will be approved and published every 6 months.

Location	Courses	Term/Duration	Link
<b>Europe, Multiple Locations</b>	GENS 450	Summer, 3 WK	<a href="https://goo.gl/1ieWRx">https://goo.gl/1ieWRx</a>
<b>Barcelona, Spain</b>	GENS 450	Summer, 4 WK	<a href="https://goo.gl/MRDMDy">https://goo.gl/MRDMDy</a>
<b>Ecuador, Multi Locations</b>	GENS 450, RTM 404 & 499	Summer, 2 WK	<a href="https://goo.gl/xuetVw">https://goo.gl/xuetVw</a>
<b>Barcelona, Spain</b>	BA 370	Summer 2, WK	TBA
<b>Prague. Czech Republic</b>	BA 370	Summer, 2 WK	<a href="https://goo.gl/jmvJze">https://goo.gl/jmvJze</a>
<b>Milan, Italy</b>	GENS 450	Summer, 2 WK	<a href="https://goo.gl/sWpDHD">https://goo.gl/sWpDHD</a>
<b>Mumbai &amp; Bhubaneswar, India</b>	GENS 450 or PH 499	Winter, 2 WK	<a href="https://goo.gl/2uIJwR">https://goo.gl/2uIJwR</a>
<b>Rimini, Italy</b>	GENS 450 or ISCOR 450	Summer, 2 WK	<a href="http://goo.gl/c3OV5z">http://goo.gl/c3OV5z</a>
<b>Loreto, Mexico</b>	GENS 480	Winter, 2 WK	<a href="http://goo.gl/X8EZJN">http://goo.gl/X8EZJN</a>

### Scholarship Policy

Associate Students offers most students funds to study abroad. Typical amounts are \$500 to \$1,000 and may be found at <https://goo.gl/r0uAJG>

The Payne School is very fortunate to have a donor who supports travel costs for international experiences. The donor had her own unique experience some 50 years ago where she met someone (who is still one of her best friends!) We can virtually promise all students will receive support if they have an approved international experience.

For the Payne School Travel Allowance Application, click here: <http://goo.gl/u1Rt0m>

**The travel allowance will pay for up to 80% of the airfare and up to a maximum of \$1,200.**