



STUDY  
ABROAD

## **CAN Teach Abroad!**

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# Why Teach Abroad?

## SMCCCD Strategic Plan:

Goal 1: Develop and strengthen educational offerings, interventions, and support programs that increase student access, success, and completion.

Goal 3: Promote innovation and excellence in instruction to support student learning and success

## Skyline College Mission Statement:

- *To empower and transform a global community of learners.*



# Study Abroad is



# Career Connection with Study Abroad

## - Competences/Skills Valued by Employers

- Interacting with people who hold different interests, values, or perspectives
- Understanding cultural differences in the workplace
- Adapting to situations of change
- Gaining new knowledge from experiences
- Ability to work independently
- Undertaking task that are unfamiliar/risky
- Applying information in new or broader contexts
- Identifying new problems/solutions to problems
- Working effectively with co-workers

# Overview of SMCCCD Study Abroad

- **Program Types:**
  - 1) semester programs (Barcelona, Florence, London)
  - 2) short-term faculty-led programs (2024 Spain, Thailand, Vietnam, Ghana, the Philippines)
  - 3) global internships (9 sites in 9 countries in 2024)
  - 4) transfer abroad (Rennes School of Business in France)
  - 5) community travel programs (Art in France, Japanese Culture, Argentina)
- **Semester programs:** Fall 2022 London (19), Spring 2023 Florence (26), Fall 2023 Barcelona (20), Spring 2024 Florence (27), Fall 2024 London
- **Community Travel Program:** 17 participants attended the Art Immersion in France Program, which generated about \$10,000 in Study Abroad Scholarships to the SMCCC Foundation.
- **Scholarship advising:** Gilman International Scholarship, Fund for Education Abroad, SMCCCD Study Abroad Scholarship, SMCCCD Foundation Scholarship, AIFS scholarship, etc.
- Skyline College was recognized as the #1 Top Producing Gilman Scholarship Community College in the nation by the U.S. Department of State in 2022.

# Our Semester Program Partners

**Program Provider: American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)**

**Consortium: Northern California Study Abroad Consortium (NCSAC) – 11 colleges**

- Contra Costa (Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, Los Medanos College)
- Los Rios (American River College, Consumnes River College, Folsom Lake College, and Sacramento City College)
- Santa Rosa Junior College
- SMCCCD (Cañada College, College of San Mateo, Skyline College)



# List of 2022-24 Semester Program Disciplines



Fall 2022: London Program

- **English literature, art history, biology, business**

Spring 2023: Florence Program

- **Business, kinesiology, art, sociology**

Fall 2023: Barcelona Program

- **Politics, English literature, philosophy, global studies, communication studies**

Spring 2024 Florence Program

- **biology, world history, literature, anthropology**

Fall 2024 London Program (see the [course packet](#))

- **English, Media, History, Communication Studies**

# What is a Short-Term Faculty-Led Study Abroad Program?

- It is a credit bearing course where the faculty member and the registered students travel abroad for part or for the entire course, for one or more units.
- Abroad is any country (at Level 1 or 2 Travel Advisory) outside of the United States.
- The program length can be 10 days, 2 weeks, 3 weeks, 4 weeks, or 6 weeks (half semester).
- Full-time or part-time SMCCCD faculty may apply and lead short-term study abroad programs, including Community Travel Program.



# SMCCCD Short-term Faculty-Led Programs and Destinations

## 2024 Summer

- **Thailand and Vietnam:** Intercultural Communications in Asia (John Perez, Communication Studies, **Cañada**)
- **Spain:** Art in Barcelona (Aina, CSM)
- **Ghana:** Intercultural Communication (Danielle Power, Communication Studies, Skyline) and Ethnic Studies (Fred Gaines, Ethnic Studies, CSM)
- **The Philippines** (Liza Erpelo, English, Skyline) and (Roderick Magbual, Ethnic Studies, Skyline)

## 2022 Summer

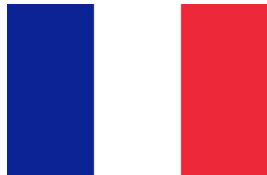
- **Costa Rica:** Intercultural Communication (Danielle Power, Communication Studies, Skyline)
- **Spain:** Spanish in Barcelona (Monica Malamud, Spanish, **Cañada**)

## 2019 Summer

- **Brazil:** Culture and Hip Hop (John Ulloa, History, Skyline)
- **Italy:** Introduction to Italian Fashion (Ronda Chaney, Fashion, **Cañada**)

## 2018 Summer

- **Belize:** Sustainable Life in Belize: Culture and Ecosystems (Jessica Marshall, Anthropology and Carol Rhodes, Biology, **Cañada**)
- **Costa Rica:** Intercultural Communications (Brielle Plump, Communication Studies, Skyline)
- **Italy:** Introduction to Italian Fashion (Ronda Chaney, Fashion, **Cañada**)
- **South Africa:** An Intercultural Sojourn (Danielle Power, Communication Studies, Skyline)



# Faculty Benefits

- room and board
  - Housing stipend (semester)
  - Flight ticket
  - entrance fees,
  - Transportation,
  - International insurance
  - Teaching stipend (short-term)
  - Same salary and benefits (semester)
  - Live and teach abroad for 12 weeks (semester)
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- Courses taught in fall/spring semesters should be part of faculty's course load and are not subject to extra service pay.
  - Courses taught in summer session need to meet the minimum enrollment of 10 students to receive full summer salary.



# Semester Faculty Application Form

1. Visit the **SMCCCD Study Abroad** website: <https://smccd.edu/studyabroad/>
2. Click "**For Faculty**" on the top bar
3. Click "**Faculty Semester Abroad Application**" in the left bar
4. Click the "**Application**" button
5. Fall 2026 London and Spring 2027 Florence Deadline: **10/1/2024**

## **A completed proposal:**

- The completed signature page
- Proposed courses page
- Responses to questions on courses, recruitment and experience abroad

## **Approval:**

- Dean
- VPI (home college)

# Short-term Program Faculty Application Information

- Visit the **SMCCCD Study Abroad** website: <https://smccd.edu/studyabroad/>
  - Click "**For Faculty**" on the top bar
  - Click "**Faculty-led Program Application**" in the left bar
- 2025 Summer Program Deadline: **April 2, 2024**
- Click the "**Application**" button

## **Three basic principles:**

- The academic integrity of the course
- The health and safety of the participants
- The fiscal and budgetary responsibility of the program

## **A completed proposal:**

- Coversheet
- 10 questions about program details
- Signature page

# Questions about Your Program Details in the Proposal

1. Your Expectations of the program
2. Familiarity with the study abroad site
3. Learning outcomes of the course
4. Preliminary itinerary
5. Health and safety consideration
6. On-site logistics
7. Preliminary budget
8. Recruitment experience and strategies
9. Student behavior and expectations
10. Additional time for the program



# Responsibilities of Faculty Leaders

## Recruitment

- Actively recruit applicants (presentations in classes, info sessions, social media, etc.)

## Student Applications

- Review applications
- Hold interviews with applicants

## Pre-Departure

- Offer pre-departure orientation sessions with the third-party service provider
- Finalize program logistics
- Prepare an emergency contingency plan

## While Abroad

- Confirm safe arrival
- Oversee academic aspects of the program
- Oversee program logistics
- Act as primary resource for student inquiries and problems
- Act as the initial responder to logistical, medical, behavioral, and other crises

## Upon Return

- Submit grades
- Gather receipts and documentation
- Conduct program evaluation

# Short-term Program Approval Procedure

- 1) Division Dean
- 2) VPI of the Hosting College
- 3) Dean of GLPS (Skyline)
- 4) SMCCCD Study Abroad Advisory Committee
  - Acting Director of Special International Programs
  - VPI of Skyline College
- 5) President of the Hosting College
- 6) Chancellor



# SMCCCD Study Abroad Advisory Committee

- Vinicio Lopez, Skyline VPI (Co-Chair)
- Skyline VPSS or Representative
- Zaid Ghori, Dean of GLPS
- Kathryn Kohut, ISP Manager, Cañada
- Manasi Devdhar-Mane, Acting Manager of ISP, CSM
- Danielle Powell, Professor of Communication Studies, Skyline
- Lale Yurtseven, Professor of Business, CSM
- **Salumeh Eslamieh, Professor of English, Cañada**
- Ariackna Soler, Director of Financial Aid, Skyline
- Alice Yang, Acting Director of Special International Programs (Co-Chair)
- Student Representative





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