

Beyond Borders

Exploring U.S. Liberal Arts Education Abroad

NYU Global Campuses, St. Louis University Madrid, The American University of Paris, Duke Kunshan University



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Liberal Arts...



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- Broad and interdisciplinary course of study
- Holistic education - includes courses in the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences
- Emphasizes critical thinking, creative problem solving, and communication skills
- Students graduate being able to speak, write and think critically - skills employers are looking for!
- Small class sizes



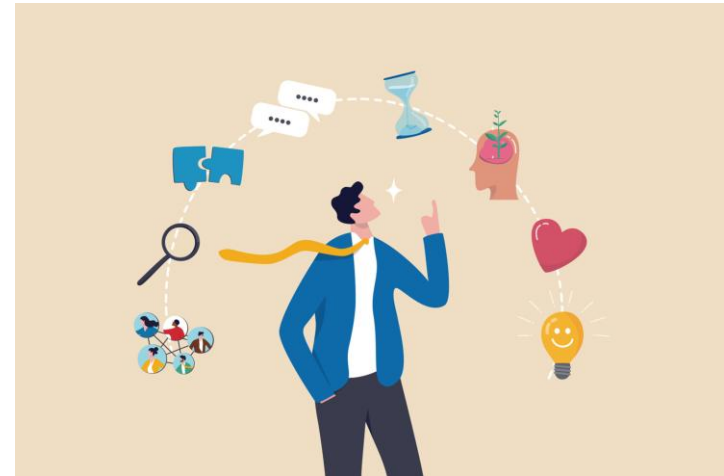
Why Liberal Arts?

- Provides flexibility and freedom to study multiple subjects and understand how ideas from different areas of study are related
- Develops essential “soft skills” valued by employers, such as critical thinking and communication
- Opens doors to a broad range of career opportunities



A study by British Council shows that employers are under pressure to find employees with both technical knowledge and “soft skills” including:

- Critical thinking
- Problem solving
- Time management
- Communication



More Firms Want Workers Who Can Learn on the Job

Top soft skills UK employers are looking for in 2024

Rank		Employers looking for this skill	Change in ranking versus 2023
1.	Communication and interpersonal skills	 67%	0
2.	Ability to learn and upskill	 52	+3
3.	Ability to adopt change	 52	0
4.	Problem-solving	 52	-2
5.	Flexibility and adaptability	 50	-1

Source: Hays Salary & Recruiting Trends Guide 2024

Bloomberg



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Why Abroad?

- U.S. liberal arts colleges are among the top universities globally, offering a high quality education
- Degrees recognized globally
- A U.S. accredited degree enables success in careers worldwide
- Exposure to multiple languages and cultures enhances global fluency
- Access to international work and internship opportunities
- Greater visa and mobility options



According to IIE, 70% of students reported their study abroad experiences significantly helped develop their:

- Intercultural skills
- Flexibility
- Adaptability
- Self-awareness
- Curiosity
- Confidence

10 GREAT Reasons to Study Abroad

-  Expand your worldview
-  Enhance your career opportunities and grow your network
-  Learn another language and improve your multi-lingual skills
-  Experience another culture first-hand
-  Make new friends from around the world
-  Discover new things about your own culture
-  Learn more about yourself and gain self awareness
-  Strengthen communication team-building & adaptability skills
-  Boost your confidence & independence
-  Become a savvy traveler

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Liberal Arts: Our Perspectives



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What's on Offer at NYU?





NYU Core Curriculum

- ➔ Contemporary Culture
- ➔ Seminar - oral and written analysis
- ➔ Foundations of Scientific Inquiry
- ➔ Expository Writing
- ➔ Foreign Language





NYU Core Curriculum

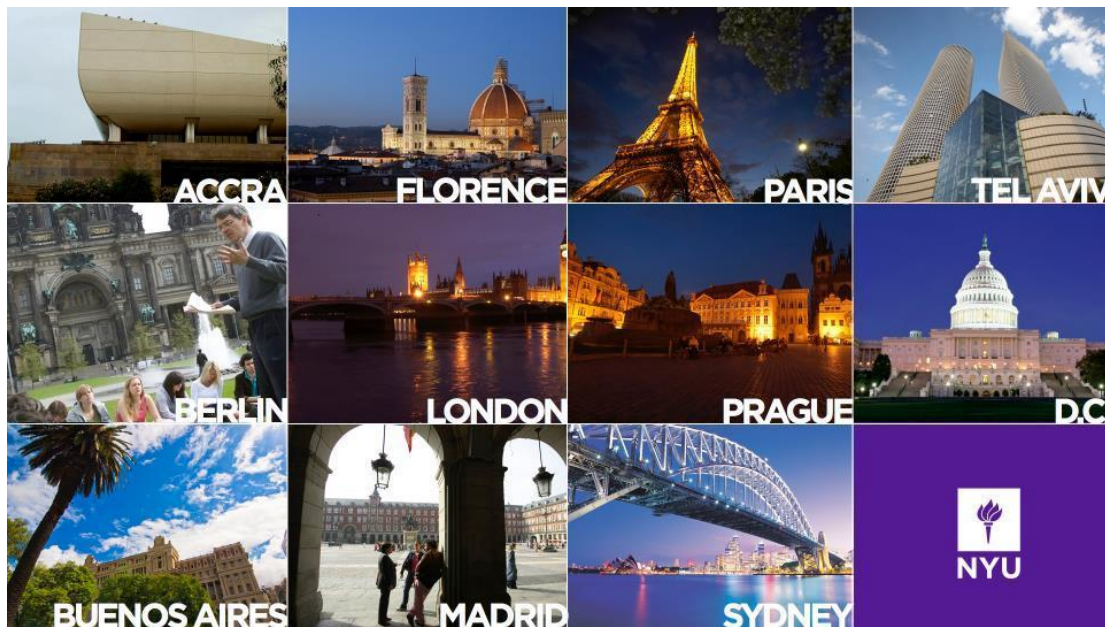
NYU students get the experience of attending a truly **global university**, anchored in New York City but with nodes throughout the world. **Learning opportunities** present themselves **both in and out of the classroom**, befitting an institution that is and always has been “**in and of the city**”. And now our students and faculty are **global citizens**, exposed to **culture, students, faculties and research opportunities throughout the world.**





NYU Study Away

- ➔ Semester-long
- ➔ J-Term Courses
- ➔ Summer Internships
- ➔ Regional Academic Programs





GLOBAL LIBERAL STUDIES



FOUR YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM
ROOTED IN LIBERAL ARTS



STUDENTS SPEND JUNIOR YEAR
ABROAD CONDUCTING
ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH



STERN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



BUSINESS AND POLITICAL ECONOMY

- London
- Shanghai



FIRST YEAR IN LONDON PROGRAM



**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL
STUDIES PROGRAM**



Global Education at NYUAD

- ➔ Careful sequence of interrelated academic and intercultural experiences
- ➔ Well-guided, iterative interactions with otherness
- ➔ Designed to advance students' ability to:
 - respect, engage, and negotiate difference toward greater common ground and the common good
 - act with ethical intelligence as responsible, local citizens, and leaders in their communities abroad and at home



Global J-Term Course



Course: Coastal Urbanization and Environmental Change

Location: Sydney, Australia



Description: While the topics we discussed during the course were of a global nature, we also spent a considerable amount of time on class trips in and around Sydney, witnessing first-hand the effects of human development and climate change. On a tour led by an indigenous Australian, we saw natural coastlines and manmade sea walls while also learning about how indigenous Australians used the land sustainably before European settlement



A DUKE EDUCATION

IN CHINA



昆山杜克大学
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UNIVERSITY



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One of top ranked universities in the world

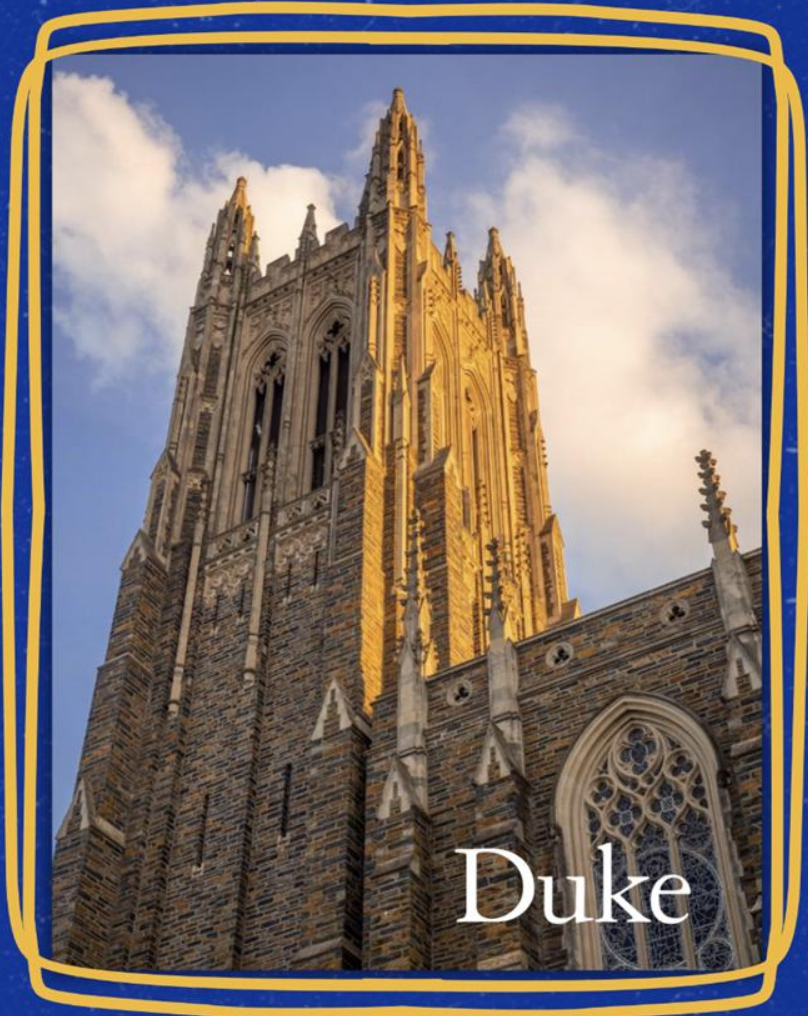
Opportunity to study in 2 campuses



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Earn 2 bachelor degrees


Join 2 Alumni Networks with over 170,000 members






GLOBAL CHALLENGES NEEDS A GLOBAL EDUCATION

Rooted globalism means:



Cultivating Global
Citizens



Understanding of
other cultures



Preparing for
international careers

KUNSHAN



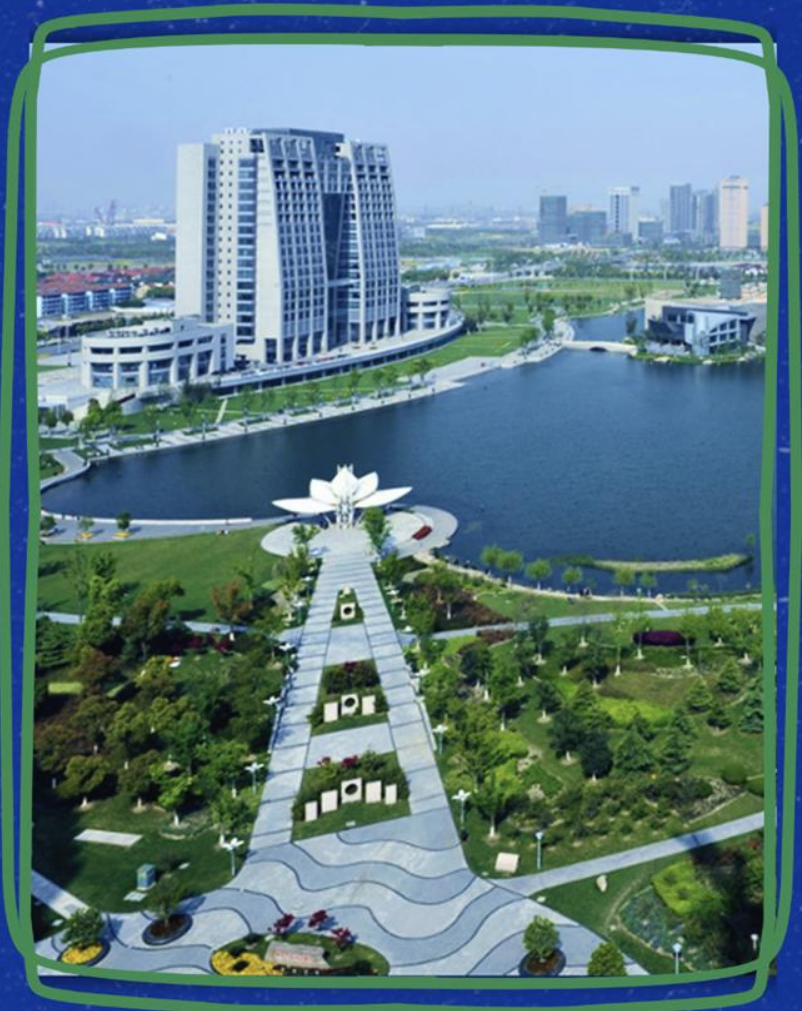
Hub for high-tech research
and manufacturing

Surrounded by picturesque
forests and water towns

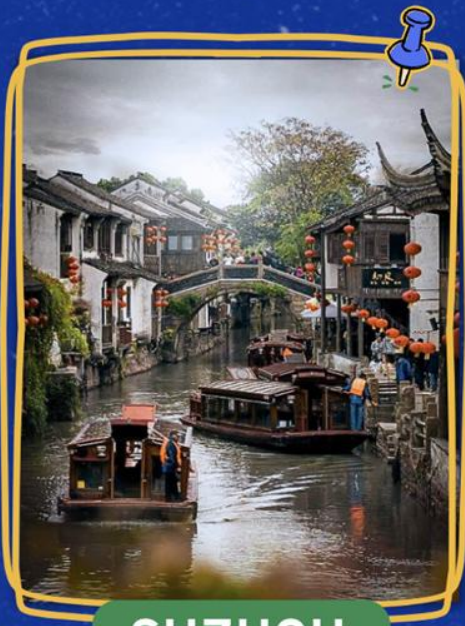
Connected by high-speed
train to Shanghai & Suzhou



Population of 1.7+ million



SURROUNDING CITIES



SUZHOU



SHANGHAI

ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

Engaging and collaborative learning

- Classes taught in English
- Small student body
- Discussion-based classrooms
- Academic Freedom
- Free and open internet
- Access to Duke's digital library and archives



UNIQUE COURSE SCHEDULE

4 + 1 Academic Week

- Classes Monday through Thursday
- Fridays for co-curricular education

Innovative Semester Schedule

- Quarter system
- 2 - 3 classes per 7-week mini semester



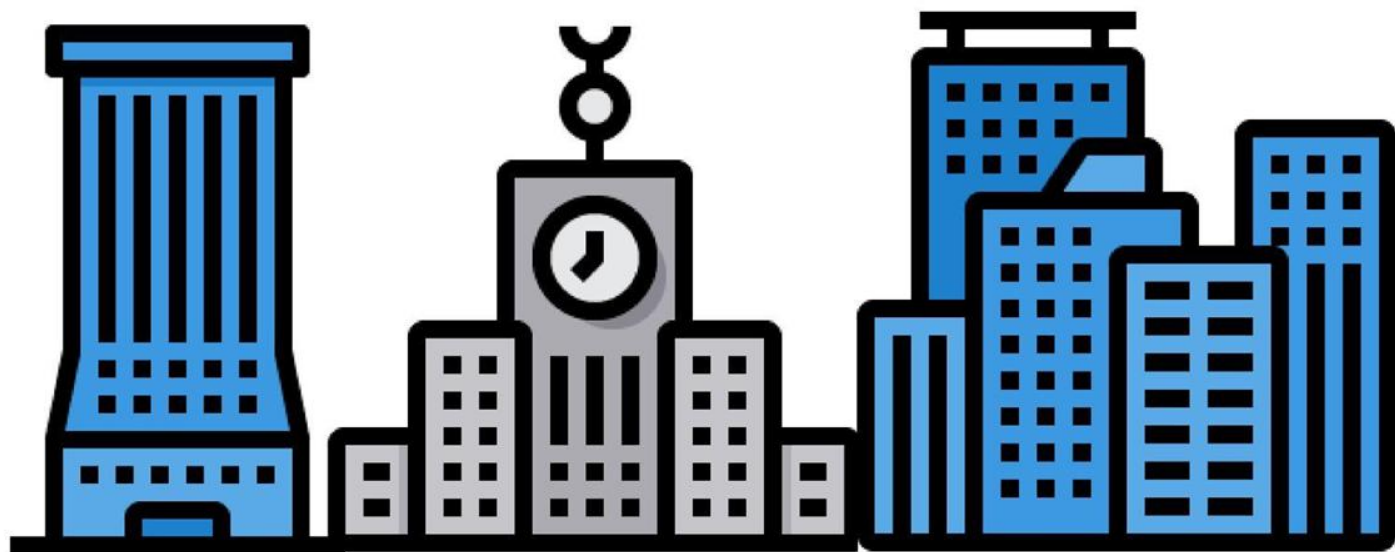
ACADEMIC MAJORS





**SAINT LOUIS
UNIVERSITY**

MADRID



“Employment experts predict the rapid pace of change in employment will mean individuals will need to become **lifelong learners to prepare them for multiple career changes** during their working lives.”

World Economic Forum's Future of Jobs Report (2023)

Top 5 Skills Employers are Looking For*

1. Communication skills – writing, speaking, listening, and visual design
2. Leadership skills – managing a project/team, motivating others
3. Teamwork skills – collaboration, responsibility
4. Interpersonal skills – build relationships, empathy, flexibility
5. Learning skills – willingness to grow and change; critical thinking

* Indeed.com “Top 11 Skills Employers Look for in Job Candidates,” 2025.

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SPAIN

RECONOCIDO Y AUTORIZADO POR
LA COMUNIDAD DE MADRID

(Orden 1999/96 BOCM 23.10.96)

1400

STUDENTS

75+

NATIONALITIES

77%

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

1/2

THE COST OF COMPARABLE
PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

ENGLISH

LANGUAGE
OF INSTRUCTION

22

FULL DEGREE PROGRAMS
OFFERED IN MADRID

16

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

4-YEAR DEGREES IN MADRID

MAJORS

- Art History
- Biology
- Communication
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Data Science
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Studies
- History
- International Business
- International Studies
- Marketing
- Mechanical Engineering
- Modern Languages & Intercultural Comms.
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Spanish

MINORS

and SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- CiTESOL - Certificate of Teaching English
- Fine and Performing Arts
- Honors program
- Ibero-American Program
- Mathematics/Engineering Mathematics
- Middle East Studies
- Studio Art
- Women's and Gender Studies

MASTERS

- M.A. in Political Science and Public Affairs
- M.A. in Spanish

THE CORE INSPIRES CRITICAL, OUT-OF-THE-BOX THINKING (WITH OTHERS) TO APPROACH PROBLEMS OF THE FUTURE.

GOALS

- **Inspire** students to discover their passions; faculty model passion for learning (Ignite First-year Seminar)
- Take **learning out of the classroom** with others - from volunteering to internships (Reflection in Action)
- Practice **real-world problem-solving** (Collaborative Inquiry)

Study **Velazquez** in the Prado Museum.

Theology and the Visual Arts
THEO 3850





Visit the **European
Space Agency** in
Madrid.

Introduction to Astronomy
PHYS 1130

Study environmental issues in the **Mediterranean Sea.**

Introduction to Oceanography

EAS 1450





The American University of Paris



- Students obtain a US liberal arts degree while studying in English in the heart of Paris.



- 1300 global explorers from 110 nationalities speaking 57 languages; 80% degree-seeking students



- Small classes deliver 29 majors and over 40 minors, including Psychology, Global Communications and International Business Administration.

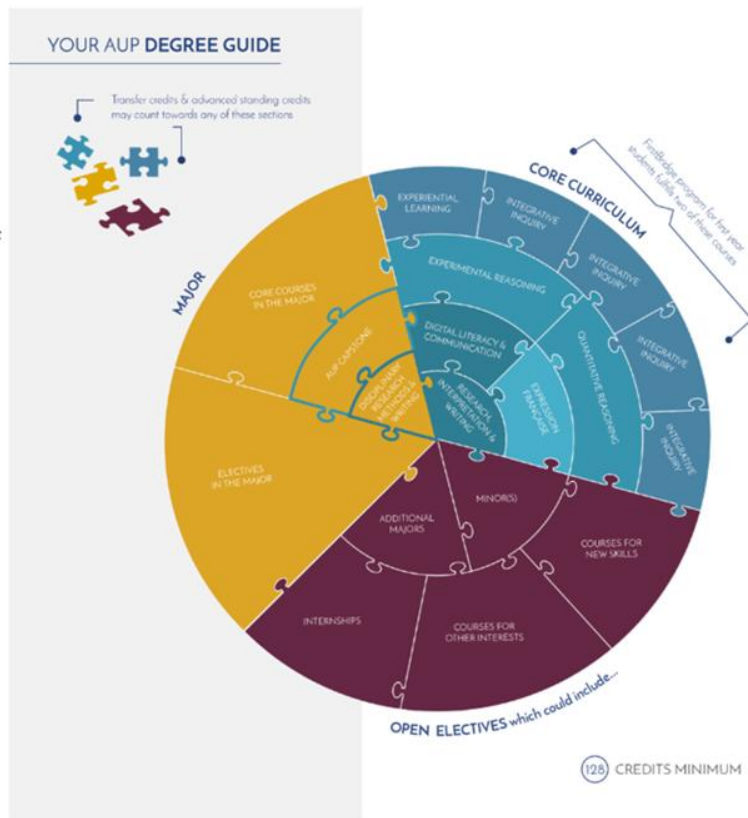


- Students can select a major, major and minor, or a double major if they so wish. AUP affords student the freedom to study the areas they're interested in.



AUP – Global Liberal Arts Core Curriculum

- **Integrative Inquiry**
 - Engage with questions and acquire skills that enable a student to communicate effectively and act responsibly in a world of diverse languages and cultures. Interdisciplinary core.
- **Critical Inquiry and Expression**
 - Being able to think critically, challenge assumptions, conduct research, navigate resources, evaluate findings, articulate well-reasoned arguments and convey said arguments in writing and in other modes of expression.
- **Quantitative and Experimental Reasoning**
 - Quantitative reasoning and experimental reasoning are essential to analyzing, understanding and solving both local and global problems in the 21st century. These courses enhance the student's ability to analyze data, to understand the scientific method and to differentiate between evidence and anecdote.
- **Expression Francaise**
 - These courses enhance the student's ability to live and study in France, to understand the links between language and culture, to increase the capacity to envision a world of interdependence, and to seek opportunities for international internships and careers.
- **AUP Capstone**



Firstbridge

- Focuses on intersectionality by introducing students to two disciplines taught by two separate professors that are outside intended major
- Introduces students to the liberal arts and encourages them to think of big problems through an interdisciplinary lens
- Allows students to form learning communities with peers
- Facilitates research, writing, critical thinking, public speaking and information literacy
- Make contact with city of Paris



Firstbridge: Communicating Across Divides

Understanding & Addressing Political and Epistemological Division (PO1099)

- Explore how language defines humanity; particularly our ability to transmit knowledge and govern ourselves collectively through politics
- Examine and discuss the important role language plays in society, epistemology, and democracy as well as how they are interrelated



Teaching Your Own Language in Paris (FR1099)

- Equips students with the tools to explore the underlying universality of all human languages while celebrating the distinctive features that render their own languages unique
- Students will have a deeper understanding of linguistic diversity and possess the skills necessary to effectively teach their language to classmates, children, or adults while studying in Paris

Intersectional, experiential learning

- 45 global, faculty-led, study trips annually
 - Senegal: African Histories, Arts, and Cultures
 - VC2091A Francophone African Literature & Arts
 - FR2091A Francophone African Literature & Arts
 - CL2091A Francophone African Literature & Arts
 - FR3091A French Global Studies
 - FR3052 (De)Colonial Narratives in French
 - HI1006A World History from 1500
 - Snake Goddesses and Bull Jumpers: Women in Ancient Crete
 - HI/GS1910 Women in World History
 - CL2091A Topics: Worlds of Wine
- 54% of AUP graduates complete an internship
 - 39% receive a job offer
 - 71% speak or write French during their internship



Led by Professors
Caroline D. Laurent
& **Mariana Dias Paes**

Senegal: African
Histories, Arts, and
Cultures

Includes round-trip transportation to the destination, hotel accommodations with breakfast, a group meal, local visits, professors' trip costs, and VAT.

Last day to register/cancel: January 19 • Late cancellation fee: Full cost of trip

Payment for study trips must be made no later than Jan. 31 for the Spring 2025 semester. Any concerns in this regard should be addressed to the Cultural Program Office and Student Accounting Services.

Friday, April 18 –
Wednesday, April 23

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FR3091A French Global Studies
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HI1006A World History from 1500
HI1006B World History from 1500

African Histories, Arts, and Cultures takes students on an immersive journey through Dakar, Senegal, exploring African history, art, and culture. Visits to key sites like the IFAN Museum and Gorée Island's House of Slaves deepen understanding of colonial impacts and cultural resilience. Students will engage with local artists and historians, studying literature, film, and contemporary art. This trip highlights Dakar's dynamic role in celebrating and shaping African identities.

Latin American Students Abroad - Challenges

- Cost
- Language barriers
- Cultural Adjustments
- Academic Adjustments
- Visa prejudice



Latin American Students Abroad - Opportunities

- Opportunity to study in the English language outside the US
- Student can learn an additional language through a combination of classroom instruction and local immersion
- Receive an education that balances technical skills and soft skills
- Sometimes more affordable than the US
- International internships and job experience
- Global stayback programs



Student Profiles



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NYU Shanghai



Valeria Wong



Major: Business and Marketing, Chinese minor



Citizenship: Peru



NYU Abu Dhabi Roommates from: China, Poland, Thailand



Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese (advanced)



International Experience: Full year in NY taking classes at Stern



Current: Commercial Consultant, Pharmaceuticals

MEET

Felipe

Hometown:

São Paulo
(Colégio Santa Cruz)

Academic Interests:

Economics + History

Activities:

DKU Film Society
Varsity Football
Philosophy Club



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Any Questions?



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