

# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TRANSFORMATIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Washburn Website: International Education WTE (<https://www.washburn.edu/academics/international-programs/study-abroad/>)

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**Purpose:** Students who have studied abroad or been thoroughly exposed to the richness of history and culture beyond our shores graduate from the University ready to contribute to a fast-paced global society in which information is delivered instantly around the world.

The International Education WTE is most directly satisfied by a study abroad experience. Washburn University supports three types of study abroad programs:

**Type 1:** Study in a foreign institution with which Washburn maintains exchange agreements. Washburn University currently has exchange agreements with partner universities in such places as Austria, France, Germany, Mexico, Paraguay, Spain, and Sweden. In addition, Washburn belongs to the Magellan Exchange consortium, which provides additional opportunities in Austria, Belgium, Costa Rica, Finland, Denmark, The Netherlands, Serbia, and South Korea.

**Type 2:** Study in a program offered by a study abroad program provider, another accredited U.S. Institution or approved consortium/program.

**Type 3:** Participate in a study abroad program or internship coordinated and taught by Washburn faculty or for Washburn credit, in programs offered occasionally by some schools or departments (e.g.: School of Business, School of Law, School of Nursing, Departments of Art, Criminal Justice, Modern Languages, Political Science, and others). Mostly, these are short term programs (one to four weeks).

Besides these types, in some cases and under Washburn faculty supervision, students can also study abroad in other foreign institutions with which Washburn does not have an agreement. Other types of foreign study or experience (for example, involvement in a humanitarian project abroad) are considered as well.

To identify an appropriate experience, students will work with a faculty member or the study-abroad coordinator. Students who choose to complete their study abroad as an International Education –Washburn Transformational Experience will complete additional requirements. Students will declare their program as an International Education WTE, complete an Activity Plan, and write a Pre-Trip Background Research Paper on a relevant topic prior to their departure to help prepare for the experience. A post program Final Written Assessment Report and Public Presentation about experience is required within the semester after returning and prior to graduation.