UNIVERSITY OF AKRON
EDUCATION ABROAD

• A Brief History
• Some data (fun!)
• What UA offers and how
• What our EA goals are
• (your roles)
Wealthy young Englishmen began taking a post-Oxbridge trek through France and Italy in search of art, culture, and the roots of Western Civilization. With nearly unlimited funds, aristocratic connections, and months (or years) to roam, they commissioned paintings, perfected their language skills, and mingled with the upper crust of the Continent.
Junior Year Abroad (JYA)
Study abroad in the U.S.

Delaware Foreign Study Plan

- Raymond Kirkbride, French Prof.
- Sponsored by Pierre du Pont
- (U of D would not pay)
- July 7, 1923 traveled by boat to France
  - 8 students
  - 6 weeks in Nancy for language, then Sorbonne
In 2012, 764,495 international students studied in the United States. During the same time period, 274,000 US students studied abroad. This imbalance has been referred to as an "international education deficit".

In academic year 2015/16 a total of 325,339 U.S. students studied abroad for academic credit, an increase of 4% over the previous year.

The top ten destinations for U.S. students studying abroad were: United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, France, Germany, China, Ireland, Australia, Costa Rica, and Japan.

Summer term remained the most popular time to study abroad, with 38% of students going abroad during the summer in 2015/16. This reflects a growing interest in short-term programs among students, with 60% of students studying abroad on programs less than eight weeks in length. 32% of students studied abroad for a full semester, and less than 3% of students studied abroad for an academic or calendar year.
• Students majoring in the STEM Fields - comprised of agriculture, engineering, health professions, math, computer science, and physical or life sciences majors - represent the largest proportion of students studying abroad at 25%. Business and Management at 20% and Social Sciences at 17% are the other popular major fields of study represented among students who study abroad.

• Over the past ten years, the diversity of students studying abroad has increased. While the majority of study abroad students in 2014/15 were white (71.6%), the proportion who identified as racial and ethnic minorities has increased from 17% in 2005/2006 to 28.4% in 2015/16. The number of students studying abroad who report having a disability has also increased from 2.6% in 2006/2007 to 8.8% in 2015/16.

• For the first time in 2015/16, information was also gathered on students’ participation in non-credit work, internships, and volunteering opportunities abroad. Surveyed higher education institutions reported having 23,125 students participate in such activities in 2015/16, with countries in Latin America and the Caribbean being the most visited.

• http://www.iie.org/opendoors. (via NAFSA)
UA’s Study Abroad Stats:

The oldest SA records seem to be from 1997.
- The total number of tracked students going abroad for 1997-98 was 106 (53 credit, 53 were experiences abroad without credit).

Twenty Years Later: Fall 2016 - Fall 2018:
- 337 total (266 credit-bearing; 71 non-credit bearing)

Currently:
- Students studying abroad for Spring 2019: 10
- Students in process for Fall 2019: 8
- Students in process for Summer 2019: 3
- SA Fair info via Rootracker: 55 swipes
- Current requests for appointments: 63

FLED Programs for 2019: (potentially 120-130)
- China/Korea x2
- France x2
- Japan x2
- Germany/Poland
- Spain
- Tahiti
- (Panama)
Notable Research on Study Abroad Participation & Careers

- 97% found employment within 12 months of graduation
- 25% higher starting salaries
- 90% who applied were accepted to their 1st or 2nd choice graduate school
- 84% felt their studies abroad helped them build valuable skills for the job market
- 59% of employers said study abroad would be valuable in an individual’s career later with their organization
- 34% claimed their study abroad helped them choose their career field

www.honors.purdue.edu/assets/other/Study-abroad-statistics.pdf
At UA

Many adventures await...

Exchange Programs
Affiliated Programs
Short-term Programs
Internships
Exchange Programs

- Earn credits at a partner university and transfer them toward your UA degree.

- Most UA-based financial aid applies

- **Locations currently available:**
  - Brazil
  - China
  - France
  - Japan
  - Korea
  - Netherlands
  - Vietnam
Affiliated Programs

- Explore a variety of short-term and semester-long programs around the world offered by our affiliated providers.

UA students have recently studied in:

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Short-Term Faculty-Led Programs

- Earn credits from UA while exploring another country with fellow UA students and faculty

- Recent locations have included:
  - France
  - South Korea
  - Spain
  - Japan
  - China
  - Ireland

Weekend trip to San Sebastian (Basque) during the Spain Experience, Summer 2017
Short-Term Trips During Breaks

- The Institute for Leadership Advancement offers non-credit weeklong student-led trips (with accompanying UA faculty members) during breaks in the academic calendar.

**Most recent trip: Winter Break in Haiti – January 2019**

[Image of students on trips]
Program Eligibility

UA Exchange Programs:
• Age 18
• Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA
• Full-time, degree-seeking student
• Sophomore class standing or higher at time of participation
• Meet requirements specified by the host institution
• Meet language proficiency requirement, if applicable
• Cleared by Office of Student Conduct for participation

Specific programs may have slightly different requirements and/or additional requirements.
Budget Considerations

- Tuition & fees
- Airfare
- Accommodations
- Meals
- Additional travel
- Visa and passport fees
- Travel medical/evacuation insurance
Financial Aid & Scholarships

• Check with the Office of Student Financial Aid to confirm whether your UA or Federal financial aid will apply to your study abroad program(s) of interest

• Ohio International Consortium scholarships
• International College Ambassador Scholarship
• Third-party affiliate scholarships
• External scholarships
• Grants
• Loans
Application Deadlines

UA Exchange Programs:
Spring 2020 – Oct. 1, 2019
Fall 2021 – Mar. 10, 2020

Affiliated Programs & Direct Enrollment:
• Application deadlines vary
• Spring 2020 applications are generally due in October or November (Fall in March)

Short-term UA Programs:
• Deadlines vary depending on trip dates
Other Opportunities

• The Education Abroad office can also help you find internships and volunteer experiences abroad.

Getting Started

• Visit our website: [www.uakron.edu/study-abroad](http://www.uakron.edu/study-abroad)

• Set up an advising appointment (use link on Education Abroad website)

• Attend our Education Abroad Fair (date TBD)
Our Goals:

• Increase SA numbers – we are well under 1%
• Increase STEM participants
• Reach underrepresented populations
• Develop Exchange Partners – wider range
• Develop Scholarship Programs
• Streamline FLED trips
How You Can Help:

• Promote SA (ask advisors to support it)
• Transient Permission Form – this approves the Students’ credits for Transfer
  https://www.uakron.edu/transfer/ted/index.dot
• FLED: remind all FACULTY of SA protocol:
  • Trip must be approved by SA office (Qualtrics form)
  • Must be academic in nature: education abroad must be educational
  • Proposal and budget will be reviewed for approval
  • Develop sustainable trips and trip leadership
WHEN AKRON ZIPS SAY:

WE SAY: YES!!