



OFF CAMPUS STUDY

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT

2026 - 2027 Information for studying abroad

APPROACH + OBJECTIVES

The department faculty encourages every student to participate in Off-Campus study opportunities as a means to enhance professional education and development, and heighten personal growth and awareness. Such experiences stimulate development of life-long learning habits and prepare a student for the expanded nature of the professional world and the ever-increasing networking of cultures addressing global issues.

The department has established the following goals for individual off-campus study programs:

- Extend beyond the familiar classroom and campus environments the opportunity to "Learn By Doing" via direct involvement in academic and professional activities of an Off-Campus nature.
 - Effectively heighten student's development and involvement of intellectual, emotional and perceptual learning experiences.
 - Further student's ability to purposefully acquire, process and manipulate information in conducting day-to-day activities and practical life experiences.
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CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

Most programs have specific criteria for participation. The department approves students for off-campus study during the winter quarter preceding student participation. Students must meet the following criteria:

- A Cal Poly SLO grade point average (GPA) of 2.75.
 - Completion of ALL general education and departmental required courses in the major up to the time of participation.
 - Completion of a minimum of two (2) Focus Studios and ILC's prior to the quarter of off-campus study.
 - Review of progress towards degree and a plan of coursework during Off-Campus study activities with the off-campus study coordinators.
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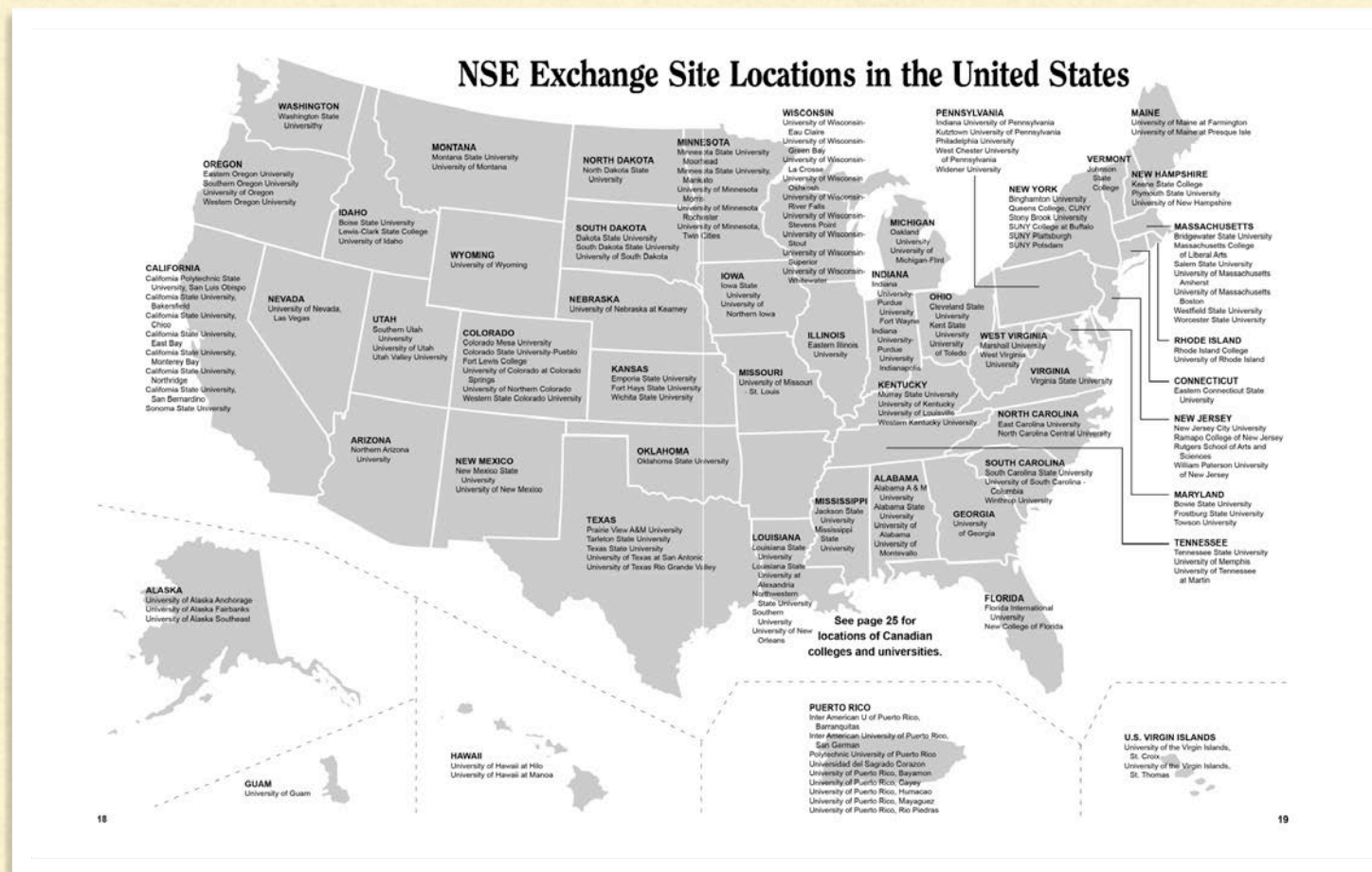
PROGRAM OPTIONS

- National Student Exchanges
- CSU International Programs
- Other University Travel/Study Programs
 - Cal Poly Pomona - Italy Castiglione Fiorentino
- Connections with Architecture
 - Japan - Fall 2026
 - Switzerland - Summer 2026
- Independent Study Programs
 - University of Washington Programs
 - DIS
 - CIEE



NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGES

CHECK CAL POLY'S INTERNATIONAL CENTER CALENDAR FOR GENERAL INFORMATION SESSIONS THIS QUARTER



- Available at approx. 20 universities around the U.S., Canada, U.S. territories
- Semester or Year-long
- Geared toward individual participation
- Typical Credits: Focus Studio, ILCs, Electives
- Costs vary
- Program Application Due February

<https://www.nse.org/>

CSU INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS



- Major-based in estimated 15 countries (architecture/urban planning)
- Year-long
- Individual participation
- Typical Semester Credits: Studio + Support Courses
- Costs vary
- Program Application end of January / beginning of February

<https://csuip.calstate.edu/>

CPP ITALY CASTIGLIONE FIORENTINO



Photo credit: Joshua Schneider, Fall 2025

- Fall Semester, 12-15 units
 - 12 weeks, September - November
- Typical Semester Credits: Studio, Cult. Landscape, Professional Practice and Support Courses
- program info: <https://www.cpp.edu/env/landscape-architecture/academic-student-resources/international-programs.shtml>
- Interest Form (if not already completed)
- Information Meeting, Feb. 5th 12pm-1pm
<https://cpp.zoom.us/j/89965694743>
Meeting ID: 899 6569 4743
- Scholarships Available (\$1,000 per student, up to 10 total)

CONNECTIONS WITH ARCHITECTURE



- Link with Architecture Department Off-Campus Study Programs
- DIS-Denmark, CSU-IP Florence Italy, WAAC, Rome, others
 - Japan - Fall 2026
 - Switzerland - Summer 2026
- Typically Group Program with Architecture Students
- Typical Semester Credits: Studio and Support Courses
- Costs vary
- Deadlines Vary. See: <https://architecture.calpoly.edu/4th-year-campus>

ARCHITECTURE: 4TH YEAR OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMS

2026-2027 Architecture Study Abroad Off-Campus Program Offerings

PROGRAM	SUMMER 2026	ACADEMIC YEAR	FALL 2026	SPRING 2027
<u>CSU-IP Italy: Architecture at CSU Florence Center</u>		x		
<u>CSU-IP Germany: Architecture at Biberach University of Applied Sciences</u>		x		
<u>Washington Alexandria Architecture Consortium (NSE)</u> (Academic Year, Fall, Spring Semester)		x	x	x
<u>Cal Poly in Ticino, Switzerland: Architecture</u>	x			
<u>Co-operative Education (ARCH)</u>	x		x	x
<u>Cal Poly in Rome: Architecture</u>			x	
<u>CIEE Global Architecture + Design in Barcelona, Spain</u> (Fall; Spring Semester)			x	x
<u>CIEE Global Architecture + Design in Berlin, Germany</u> (Fall; Spring Semester)			x	x
<u>DIS Study Abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark: Architecture & Design</u> (Summer, Fall, Spring Semester)	x	x	x	x
<u>Los Angeles Metro</u>				x
<u>San Francisco Urban Program</u>				x
<u>Cal Poly in Japan: Architecture</u>			x	
<u>Cal Poly in Seoul and Tokyo: Architecture</u>	x			
<u>National Student Exchange (NSE)</u>			x	x
<u>Cal Poly International Exchange: Lucerne University of Applied Science (pending approval)</u>		x		
<u>Cal Poly International Exchange: Munich University of Applied Sciences, Germany (pending approval)</u>		x		
<u>Cal Poly International Exchange: L'Ecole d'Architecture de Paris-Val-de-Seine (pending approval)</u>		x		

Full year study can pose challenges, but transition to semesters may allow flexibility

Semester option

Contact Prof. Tom di Santo, ASAP

Semester option, apply via Cal Poly CPIC

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Contact Prof. Gabriel Kaprielian, ASAP

RESOURCES

- <http://landscape.calpoly.edu/content/current/off-campus-programs>
 - <http://abroad.calpoly.edu>
 - Study Abroad 101
 - <https://architecture.calpoly.edu/architecture.calpoly.edu/current/4th-year-off-campus>
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CAL POLY INTERNATIONAL CENTER

CPIC WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS

STUDY ABROAD 101 WORKSHOP

All students are expected to attend the Study Abroad 101 Workshop and are responsible for the content covered in this workshop. This interactive, peer-led workshop will guide you through important topics related to study abroad, such as financial preparations, academic planning and program options, and you can also talk with a trained peer advisor about any questions you have! Our virtual Zoom workshops have unlimited capacity but a sign-up is required to be given access to the Zoom link.

❄️ Winter Quarter 101 Workshop Schedule ❄️

Monday	Tuesday	Friday
3:10pm - 4pm	11:10am - 12pm	10:10am - 11am
Virtual (Zoom)	In-Person (Kennedy Library)	Virtual (Zoom)
REGISTER	REGISTER	REGISTER

Note there are no workshops during holidays, finals week, and academic breaks.

STUDY ABROAD ADVISING

Need one-on-one advising with a peer advisor? We have drop-in hours and virtual appointments available throughout the quarter (excluding breaks/holidays). Learn more on our "[Drop-In & Virtual Advising](#)" webpage!

[Drop-In & Virtual Advising](#)

INFO SESSIONS & EVENTS

In addition to attending a 101 Workshop, you are encouraged to attend one or more program-specific Info Sessions. At these interactive sessions, you will learn more detailed information about a specific program or topic. We also host campus-wide events all throughout the year, which is another great opportunity to learn about our programs and the different initiatives we are part of. We hope to see you at an upcoming session or event!

Library (Bldg. 35), Room 319

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK 📌

Today

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January 2026

Month

SUN 28	MON 29	TUE 30	WED 31	THU Jan 1	FRI 2	SAT 3
Campus Closed (Winter Break)						
4	5 • 3:10pm Study A	6 • 12:10pm Study ,	7	8 • 11:10am Info Se	9 • 10:10am Study ,	10
11	12 • 3:10pm Study A	13 • 8am Info Sessic • 12:10pm Study ,	14	15 • 12pm Info Sessi • 12pm Info Sessi • 1:10pm Financie	16 • 10:10am Study ,	17
18	19 HOLIDAY CAMPUS	20 • 3:10pm Study A	21	22 • 8pm Info Sessic	23 • 10:10am Study ,	24
25	26 • 1:10pm GE Cou • 3:10pm Study A	27 • 11:10am Cal Pol • 12:10pm Study , • 2:30pm Info Se: • 4pm Info Sessic	28 • 5:10pm Info Ses	29 • 5:10pm Info Ses	30 • 10:10am Study ,	31

Events shown in time zone: (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time - Los Angeles
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FINANCIAL AID + SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL AID

Cal Poly students may be eligible for financial aid if enrolled at least half time in a Cal Poly study abroad program. Even if you have never received financial aid, you may want to investigate the possibility of receiving financial aid when you study abroad. You can connect with the Cal Poly Financial Aid Office via email at financialaid@calpoly.edu.



1. Start by reading the [Fund Your Study Abroad Experience](#) handout to see how financial aid can be applied to study abroad.

2. Complete the FAFSA/CADAA - To apply for financial aid, complete the [Free Application for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) or [California Dream Act Application \(CADAA\)](#) by early March of the year before you plan to study abroad. Once your FAFSA/CADAA is complete, you will be considered for the various types of financial aid offered at Cal Poly, including grants and loans.

3. Get your Award Adjusted - Once your financial aid is awarded, verify which types of financial aid can be applied to your study abroad program. Consult a Financial Aid Advisor to see if your aid can be increased in order to allocate for any additional costs associated with your study abroad program. Remember to accept your award in your portal!

4. Plan Ahead - Your Financial Aid Award will be disbursed on or around the first day of the quarter at Cal Poly, regardless of the actual start date of your study abroad program. Plan ahead to cover your plane ticket and other pre-departure or arrival costs, which you may need to pay for before your Award is disbursed.

5. Summer Financial Aid - Financial aid is limited in the summer. Awards typically consist of any unused loan amounts from the previous academic year. Consult a Financial Aid counselor for details.

Note: The Financial Aid Office **does not sign financial aid disbursement forms** for Cal Poly Partner Programs. You need to accept any loans you wish to borrow, complete the form, and provide a copy of your Financial Aid Award Letter (print it from your Cal Poly Student Center, under "View Financial Aid"), and send both to your program directly. If you requested a budget increase, wait until the increase is reflected on your award before printing the award letter.

https://abroad.calpoly.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&Parent_ID=6B7D0127-FFBC-8A7E-71E79B0430BB5825&Link_ID=0019F242-5056-BA1F-71C293BC8E3870F4

Ian Casey Memorial Travel Scholarship

The Ian Casey Memorial Travel Scholarship supports a Landscape Architecture students with demonstrated financial need participating in one of Cal Poly's many travel abroad program opportunities. The intent of the scholarship is to assist a student who loves traveling and would otherwise be unable to do so. The scholarship honors the life of Ian Casey, who graduated in 2011 with a degree in Landscape Architecture, and to continue his legacy of generosity, hard work and love of life. LA students in all class levels are available to apply. Applicants must meet the financial need criteria and student must be accepted to study abroad program.

Previous recipient(s):



<https://landscape.calpoly.edu/content/opportunities/larc-scholarships>

COURSE PLANNING

Fall 26 / Spring 27 Off Campus Study
12-15 semester units, tbd with advisors
Each Program will have a different combination of course equivalencies

QUARTERS				SEMESTERS			
2025 (2nd Yr)	2025-26 (Third Year)			2026-27 (Fourth Year)	2027-28 (Fifth Year)		
Spring	Fall	Winter	Spring	Fall	Spring	Fall	Spring
LA 204 Design Fundamentals III	LA 405 Focus Studio	LA 402 or LA 403 ₂ Focus Studio	LA 402 or LA 403 ₂ Focus Studio	LA 4420 Studio VI - Comm & Social Design (4 units)	LA 4422 - ID Studio OR LA 4424 - Contemp. Design (4 units)	LA 4461 Senior Design Studio	LA 4462 Senior Design Studio
LA 242 Implementation Strategies	LA 431 ILC	Planting Design Course ~ OR LA 438 ILC	Planting Design Course ~ OR LA 438 ILC	LA 3304 Cultural Landscapes (3 units)	LA 4410 Sustainability, Resilience & Climate Ecology (3 units)	LA 4413 Social Equity & Design	PROFESSIONAL TOPIC ₂ (choose from list) (3 units)
Choose from: PLSC 381/LA 221, PLSC 233 ^	LA 320 Design Theory	GE or Elective Course	GE course	Designated Elective (choose from list)	CAED ELECTIVE ₁ INTERDISC. EMPHASIS (choose from list) (3-4 units)	CAED ELECTIVE ₁ INTERDISC. EMPHASIS (choose from list) (3 units)	CAED ELECTIVE ₁ INTERDISC. EMPHASIS (choose from list)
GE course	PLSC 234 ^		Choose from: PLSC 381/LA 221, PLSC 233 ^	LA 3306 Professional Practice (3 units)	UD GE course	UD GE	UD GE
	Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR)					LA 4371 Internship	

PROCESS

- Review + Research Programs
 - Talk with your family (budget, safety, academic credit)
 - Attend Information Sessions (participation requirements, costs + deadlines)
 - Meet with Study Abroad Faculty Advisors
 - Apply to the Department (deadline: February 20th)
 - Apply to Program (varies, may end up applying before department deadline)
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