

WAICU Study Abroad Program

Program Features and Benefits

Many WAICU members have direct agreements with foreign institutions that enable them to enroll their students for a semester or a year at the foreign institution. The WAICU Study Abroad Agreement relating to semester-long or year-long programs enables students at member institutions to share in each others' programs.

Under the agreement:

- The student from the sending institution continues to be registered at his or her home school. This clarifies issues regarding financial aid and re-enrollment after the time abroad.
- The student pays tuition to his or her own school, thus preserving cash flow to the institution. The sending institution pays the cost of the program to the host institution plus an additional administrative fee.
- The agreement cuts out payments to affiliates.
- The sending institution can list a larger number of study abroad opportunities as its own programs in its catalog and admissions and marketing materials.
- The host institution is assured of a larger flow of students for its program, and could perhaps use this as leverage for more advantageous pricing at the foreign institution.

The WAICU agreement is non-exclusive; members need only use another institution's programs if they fit with their plans and those of their students. The WAICU collaboration increases options, saves money, and enhances the independent image of each college.

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