

STUDY AWAY

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Students at LCSC have the following options for approved study away programs:

- National Student Exchange (NSE),
- Semester/summer exchange programs with partner schools,
- Study away through approved LCSC study away third-party program providers.
- Faculty-led study away programs.

Students participating in the above programs are required to work with the Study Away Coordinator and other LCSC officers to facilitate credit transfer and financial aid options. The application and/or processing fee varies with the type of program. Students who choose to go on independent (self-directed) programs should understand that these are not officially approved programs; students are thus individually responsible for arranging all parts of the exchange on their own, including finances. LCSC financial aid does not apply to these programs.

Students interested in studying away should note:

- Federal and institution financial aid is only available for approved LCSC study abroad programs.
- Students reliant on financial aid are strongly encouraged to go abroad in the spring semester.
- LCSC reviews its list of approved programs annually and has selected to work with the chosen partners and programs based on a number of factors, including financial, risk management, academic and LCSC international strategy considerations. Programs will not be added to the official LCSC list based on individual student interest.
- Scholarships:
 - Institutional scholarships available only to LCSC students (may be applied for through the Study Away office):
 - Helen Bernfield Study Away Endowment Scholarship
 - Study Away Scholarship
 - External Scholarships are available through the third party program providers, government institutions and other private organizations. Inquire with the Study Away office for current opportunities, including NSEP/Boren and Gilman scholarships.

Student Eligibility

- Students must be fully admitted and degree-seeking.
- Students must have at least a 2.75 GPA (higher for some programs).
- Students must have 30+ semester credits on their transcript by the term abroad and attend LCSC full-time for one semester (not summer) immediately prior to the proposed term away.

For more information on study away, contact the Study Away Coordinator at 208-792-2877. Students should first discuss interest in study away with their academic advisor.

Options

National Student Exchange (NSE)

LCSC is a member of National Student Exchange, a consortium of four-year colleges and universities in the United States, its territories and Canada that have joined together for the purpose of exchanging students among the member institutions. Students may study abroad for a semester or a year, with occasional opportunities made available for summer terms. Outgoing LCSC students who participate in the NSE program pay LCSC tuition and fees, plus a \$150 application fee. They do not pay tuition or fees at the host institution, except for special class or lab fees, activity fees, room/board, etc. Incoming exchange students do not pay LCSC tuition and fees, as they will have already paid these at the home institution. The only fees paid to LCSC in that case are special class or lab fees, activity fees, room/board, etc. Financial aid may apply for out-going LCSC students, but is not available to incoming exchange students, who should apply for financial aid from their home institution prior to the exchange. Incoming and outgoing exchange students must demonstrate compliance with the state health insurance requirement. For more information, visit www.nse.org (<http://www.nse.org>).

International Studies Abroad (ISA)

LCSC has an agreement with the ISA program to offer summer, semester, and year abroad options in more than 20 countries around the world. Students who participate in the ISA program do not pay LCSC tuition. Instead, they pay ISA the program cost, plus a \$50 LCSC Study Abroad Application fee. Financial aid may apply. For more information, visit www.studiesabroad.com (<http://www.studiesabroad.com>).

Sister School Relationships

LCSC has sister school relationships with international colleges and universities which allow LCSC students to study abroad for a summer, a semester, or a year. Current sister schools accepting LCSC students for study away include schools in South Korea, Japan, Chile, Spain and Mexico. Students attending these schools pay LCSC tuition, while fees for room and board vary and are payable directly to the sister school. For more information on LCSC's sister schools, visit LCSC's International Exchange webpage (<http://www.lcsc.edu/study-away/programs/international-exchange>).

Faculty-Led Short Programs

Periodically, LCSC may offer faculty-led short study away programs for LCSC students to study language and culture in other countries while earning college credit. Contact the Study Away Coordinator for more information.

Fulbright

LCSC participates in the Fulbright programs for students and faculty, and the Study Away Coordinator is a Fulbright advisor. Students or faculty wishing to participate in this program should contact the Study Away Coordinator at 208-792-2877 and visit: www.iie.org/Fulbright (<http://www.iie.org/fulbright>)

Self-Directed Study Abroad

If a student wishes to study abroad at an institution not available through LCSC's contracted partners, they may apply to that program or school directly and then transfer credit back to LCSC, just as if they had chosen to transfer out of LCSC for that period. The student is not enrolled at LCSC for that period and is thus not eligible for federal or institutional financial aid from LCSC for the period abroad. The student is responsible for arranging the exchange experience on their own and accepts all risks associated therein. Students interested in doing so are recommended to register with the Risk Management officer at LCSC.