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Greetings from Darmstadt, Germany!

Studying abroad is an adventure that changes everything.

My time abroad taught me that anything is possible. Getting to know different cultures and learning from them shaped my whole perspective on life. Therefore, I can strongly recommend anyone to study abroad, no matter where!

As the European Office of our four universities located in Australia, Canada and the United States, it is our greatest advantage to be in constant contact with our colleagues abroad and as a result provide current and first-hand information for our European partners and students. As in previous years, it is very important for us to use parts of our European budget to offer scholarships to our European students.

Our students' feedback and satisfaction proves that each of our excellent universities offers an academically challenging and rewarding time in a fantastic environment.

With more than 15 years of work experience in international education, my team and I are happy to advise and support you in different languages regarding all questions on studying abroad - whether it is a term abroad, a full degree or faculty exchange. And the best thing: all our services are free of charge!



Enjoy your travels wherever they may take you...

All the best!

Sabine Sacks





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International Student Office

We are the European Office of the International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS), Vancouver Island University (VIU), National University (NU) and the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW).

We are happy to assist you with our experience when it comes to organizing your studies abroad - a free service for you!

Svenja Preker

Leaving for a 6-month London internship and a semester abroad in Baton Rouge, Louisiana have had a lasting effect on me and my life. I definitely do not want to miss any of these exciting experiences.

Bianca Mollenhauer

Living in Monaghan, Ireland, for a high school year and spending two semesters abroad in Connecticut, United States, left me with itchy feet - simply because I lived two of the best years of my life abroad!

Tim Stieffenhofer

Working in an international field has inspired me to extend my travels and to see as much of the world as I possibly can. Designing various info materials, posters, and videos, I always feel like being part of the students' adventures.

Sabine Sachs

After my terms in Dublin and Montpellier, I finished my studies in San Diego receiving my MBA and ended up living and working in beautiful California for 3 years. My experiences abroad have made my life richer and helped me become a global citizen.

Ina Wagenblatt

Spending a high school semester each in France and Canada, traveling Oceania and Asia for 11 months and studying on Reunion Island, a small tropical island in the middle of the Indian ocean, shaped my life and enriched it immensely.

Helena Huyer

After completing an 8-month volunteer service in Gaziantep, Turkey and spending a semester abroad at ICMS in Sydney, Australia, I am fortunate that these experiences and memories I made abroad will remain with me for a lifetime.



TESTIMONIALS



International College of Management, Sydney



» I definitely made the right choice to study at ICMS. Thank you Australia for all the sunsets I got to see, all the surfing I was able to do, all people you showed me and all the beautiful landscapes I got to see. This semester has truly broadened my horizons. «

JUSTIN L.



» The campus and the atmosphere at ICMS are really wonderful. Everyone is happy, helpful and welcoming. The courses are interesting and exciting and there is a familiar relationship between lecturers and students. «

AURÉLIEN B.



Vancouver Island University



» Choosing Canada and Vancouver Island University has definitely been a very good decision! I improved my English during my semester abroad and made friends from all over the world. I can only recommend a semester abroad at VIU! «

BJARNE B.



» I can say the semester abroad in Canada was absolutely amazing. I am so glad that I could take this chance in my life. In an academic way I learned so much in that one semester and it was really helpful for my further studies and my future career. «

JASMIN L.



National University



» The time in California was the best of my life! San Diego will forever be a home away from home for me. The city has inspired me from the beginning with its versatility! «

ISABEL R.



» My semester abroad at National University was an exciting and beautiful time. You can look forward to incredibly beautiful moments and experiences, very interesting courses and highly motivated instructors, cool trips and of course the American student life. «

ELENA W.



University of North Carolina Wilmington



» UNCW has so much to offer! I had a fabulous time looking back at all the experiences I got to make and every new person that I met! I got to know a whole new life at a great university that has a place in my heart and in my mind forever. «

FRANZISKA F.



» I really enjoyed my time at UNCW and I am more than glad to have chosen this university. The professors have designed the lessons very interesting and I have taken a lot of helpful information back to Germany! «

JAN H.

International College of Management, Sydney



Since 1996, the International College of Management, Sydney (ICMS) offers outstanding study opportunities in a beautiful location at Australia's east coast. Efficient teaching methods, highly qualified professors and excellent equipment at ICMS provide a distinguished study environment. The ICMS main campus is an old monastery on a hill overlooking the ocean. The unique location close to the famous Manly Beach is highly popular with Australian as well as international students.

Why ICMS?

ICMS is an award-winning higher education institution located in Manly, Australia. Highly qualified faculty with outstanding connections to the business world and small class sizes ensure a personal study atmosphere and practical learning. ICMS offers a wide range of university-level undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and courses, including bachelor's and master's degrees in business management.

Industry training is key to the success of ICMS students, with work placements built into each degree. ICMS enjoys a strong relationship with over 1,000 industry partners.

The old castle overlooks Manly Beach, the best beach in Australia, rated by Tripadvisor (2019). ICMS does have an additional campus for postgraduate students directly in the central business

district of the metropolis Sydney, which is only a short ferry ride away from Manly.

Not only the stunning campus location but studying with more than 55 nationalities will make your student experience at ICMS unique.

QUICK FACTS

-  Manly & Sydney
-  1,500 in total
-  February (BA/MA), May (BA), July (MA), September (BA) & October (MA)
-  English level min. B2 (Bachelor) & C1 (Master)
-  min. 10% reduction from tuition fees & no application fee*
-  10 mins walk to Manly Beach
-  warm winters & hot summers
-  Business Management + specializations in Sports, Property, Tourism, Hospitality, Event, Fashion & Global Brand, Accounting

* Valid for students from all our European partner institutions.



LOCATION

It would be hard to find a college in a more spectacular location than ICMS. The college is surrounded by 20 hectares of parklands where you have breathtaking views of the Pacific Ocean. Within walking distance you can reach 9 beautiful beaches in Manly and enjoy cafés, shops, restaurants and the nightlife.

International College of Management, Sydney



PALM BEACH
Beach life in Australia

My time at ICMS

Before starting my semester abroad, a lot of people asked me why I wanted to spend a semester studying in Australia. My answer to this question was always the same: for me, studying abroad at ICMS is a dream come true. When my friends asked me what I expected from this time I said that I would be excited to get to know another university with a different way to teach and a unique community. I also said that I would love to meet people from all around the world, create a network and lifelong friendships and that I would be excited to live together with so many different people on an amazing campus.

Of course I also wanted to improve my English, discover more aspects of business management by taking classes at ICMS, experience the internationality, improve my knowledge, thrive under challenges and get to know the Aussie lifestyle. I thought of sun, beach, ocean, friends and overall a lot of fun. Furthermore, I also hoped to improve my abilities as well as my personality. By getting out of my comfort zone I hoped to become even surer about who I wanted to be.

I answered questions that way and hoped strongly that everything would happen like this. Even though I also had in mind that I have to be realistic and that probably not everything would be like in my dreams.

times in my life and I am allowed to carry a lot of lovely memories in my heart. Even more important is that this time changed me as a person and that is something I am going to benefit from every single day for the rest of my life.



Leonie G. - International College of Management, Sydney

” I am going to benefit from every single day for the rest of my life “

I know what I am going to say sounds like a corny phrase but: My time at ICMS was even better than I ever imagined! All my hopes and dreams were fulfilled and even enriched by so many more experiences - it is really hard to express this in words. When I think of ICMS I automatically become happy and deeply grateful that I was allowed to experience such an incredible time with so many amazing people at such a gorgeous place. I had my own perfect college experience like in one of these perfect Hollywood movies.

I can truly say that everything I mentioned above became true and that my semester abroad at ICMS was definitely the right decision. My time at ICMS will always be one of the best





ULURU
Sunset in the Australian Outback

Everybody will make different experiences and have a different time at ICMS but the fact that you are reading my report right now shows me that you are obviously interested in doing a semester abroad and that you are attracted to ICMS. My advice for you is: "Don't let anything or anybody stop you. I know that it is a lot of work and that you

have to overcome some challenges. It is more than worth it! You don't have any idea how much! Do it for yourself! Pack your bags and go for your happiness!"

Leonie G.



International College of Management, Sydney

Each year we work closely together with our alumni to provide future ICMS students with the best service and experience possible. Our current ICMS ambassador is Laura. She is studying Communication in Paris and participated in the Bachelor Top-Up Program at ICMS last spring. If you have any questions about your time abroad at ICMS, feel free to contact her via our website.



ICMS
Laura L. - Ambassador



To sum up the 18 months I spent at ICMS in Australia, I can say that it is a life-changing experience. Every person you meet leaves traces, you are getting more curious about the world around you, become more open-minded, and you have the chance to improve your English skills every day. This experience has been an incredible chance to become more grown-up and independent. Of course it is a decision that needs to be thought about but I promise you, it is totally worth it! If you have the opportunity, do not hesitate, and start to discover the world from Down Under! I've learned so much there, experienced a lot, visited many places ... So if you're interested to spend a semester abroad in Sydney at the International College of Management, feel free to contact me, I'll be happy to answer your questions.

Vancouver Island University



Vancouver Island University (VIU) in Nanaimo is a public university with an outstanding reputation. VIU offers highly accredited study conditions in British Columbia, one of Canada's most scenic areas and is therefore a very popular study destination among Canadian and international students.

Why VIU?

Due to its wide range of study options and small class sizes of max. 34 students per course, there is a dynamic exchange between students and lecturers. That is one of the reasons why 92 % of VIU students are highly satisfied with their overall study experience (according to the VIU student satisfaction survey). VIU students can choose from more than 200 different study programs for their studies abroad and receive

excellent academic support throughout their time in Canada. The free math and writing centers provide students with assistance for academic success. VIU offers students outdoor recreation programs and countless clubs and events to enjoy their leisure time on and off campus.

The dreamlike landscape and incredible natural beauty on Vancouver Island add to students having an unforgettable experience at VIU.

LOCATION

The campus of VIU is part of one of the most beautiful regions in the country, in close proximity to forests, hiking trails and to wide and endless surfing beaches. A variety of recreational activities are offered year-round – the mild climate of Vancouver Island allows outdoor activities every month of the year. Coastal Nanaimo with its 89.000 inhabitants is a cozy student town. Yet, the big city life of the Vancouver metropolis is only a ferry ride away.



QUICK FACTS

-  Nanaimo, Vancouver Island
-  14.500 in total
-  January & September
-  English level min. B2 (Bachelor) & C1 (Master)
-  10% reduction from tuition fees (Bachelor study abroad semester) & no application fee*
-  10 mins by car from VIU campus to the beach
-  moderate, four seasons, best weather in Canada
-  Business & Management, Tourism & Hospitality, Education, Arts, Sciences & Technology, Health, Humanities, Social Sciences

*Valid for students from all our European partner institutions.



Vancouver Island University



Vancouver Island University

After my semester in Canada, I am looking back with some jealousy at the international students who are continuing their studies at Vancouver Island University.

I had a really great time: from the first second in Nanaimo I felt at home. The city is located directly on the sea, surrounded by pure nature, and on the horizon you can see the mountains, which seem to shine red in the morning light. The university itself is above the city - the view from the library is beautiful. It's great to study there!

In addition, an orientation day made it easy for international students to get connected and make new friends. I quickly found a lot of friends and we spent the semester together and went on many adventures together.

Back to Nanaimo: The city itself is quiet, but charming. Nanaimo is pleasant, has some good pubs, probably the best of them is the Irish pub on the harbor front, and it has great access to a variety of kayaking and hiking trails. Daily ferries go to either small, nearby islands, or to Vancouver. The big city is

basically right next door. I often drove to Vancouver with friends to see a concert in one of the many concert halls. There are a few cheap hostels, so trips to Vancouver were not that expensive.

week, camp, enjoy the clear sky while listening to the sound of the waves and drinking a cold beer around the campfire. What else do you need? Finally, a few words about the university. It is often necessary to write essays, to study for tests or read texts to



Jan K. - Semester Abroad Vancouver Island University

» It was an excellent time and the best semester abroad «

And Vancouver Island itself? It would take months to discover everything. The nature here is simply breathtaking. The Strathcona National Park, for example, is about a two-hour drive away. White snowy mountains, waterfalls, rivers, lakes and huge trees. A paradise for nature lovers. Likewise Tofino.

The surfer's paradise on the west coast of the island is about two and a half hours drive away. You can rent surfing gear there and enjoy the waves, or go for a walk on the endless beaches. A breathtakingly beautiful place that was rightly voted the most beautiful beach in Canada. There are also some of the most beautiful hiking trails in the world with the West Coast Trail, the North Coast Trail and the Juan de Fuca Trail. You can easily walk them for a

prepare for your classes. Usually, almost every classroom project is included in the grade. As a result, one should have a constant readiness to complete tasks throughout the semester. But don't worry, you will manage the course load and the lecturers are very fair. If you do your homework fairly regularly, you should not have problems. And I have to



ROCKY MOUNTAINS
Landscape of British Columbia



SURFING IN THE PACIFIC

Wild beaches on the Pacific coast

say that through this system, I actually advanced in all subjects.

Oh, Vancouver Island. I'll miss you. It was an excellent time and the best semester abroad that I could wish for. I would recommend everyone who has a thing for nature and does not really need the hustle and bustle of a big city to consider Vancouver Island

University. Everything was right here: the island, the university, the people, life on Vancouver Island. I will definitely come back!

Enjoy your time at VIU!

Jan K.



To provide you with as much information as possible for your studies abroad, every year, we choose a VIU alumni to answer all your questions about studying abroad. Sina is our current student ambassador for VIU. She is studying Tourism Management in Bremen and spent a Bachelor abroad semester at VIU last fall. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Sina via our website.



Vancouver Island University



VIU

Sina S. - Ambassador

My name is Sina and from August until December, I spent a semester at Vancouver Island University.

At VIU, I enjoyed all the different options of sport courses the most. The instructors have always been motivated (and motivating), I got to know many lovely people and I tried things I had never done before - and the gym is free of charge! Besides that, VIU offered a huge variety of excursions for students, which have always been a lot fun!

What I liked most about Canada itself were the excursions into nature. Since Canada is so versatile, you will find so many different things to see and do in just one place. Even the island itself has so many different sides that it is definitely worth exploring by car. However, parts of my heart will always be in Banff and in Jasper National Park. If you decide to study at VIU, do not miss the chance to fly to Alberta and explore these amazing landscapes and wonders of nature!



Scholarship Winners

Our universities award more than 30 scholarships annually to European students who apply through our office. These are some of our current scholarship winners:

[Get more information about our scholarships on page 38.](#)



International College of Management, Sydney



FANNY D.
Top Up Bachelor
Lille



KANE F.
Gap Year
Darmstadt



VANESSA H.
Top Up Bachelor
Wuerzburg



Vancouver Island University



BERND P.
MBA Semester
Kempten



NIKLAS P.
Bachelor Semester
Cologne



MAURICE V.
Bachelor Semester
Bruehl



National University



PASCAL N.
Master Semester
Munich



PHILIPP D.
Bachelor Semester
Nuertingen



ANTONIA S.
Bachelor Semester
Cologne



ALEXANDER M.
Master Semester
Landshut



University of North Carolina Wilmington



ANNA G.
Master Semester
Eichstaett



THERESA V.
Bachelor Semester
Ludwigshafen



SHARIS E.
Bachelor Semester
Hamburg

National University

San Diego, USA



Founded in 1971, National University is San Diego's largest private, nonprofit university with the mission to provide accessible and achievable higher education to students from around the world. At National University, you can choose from over 100 degree programs at the associate, bachelor's and master's level.

Why National University?

Located in sunny San Diego, National University has been chosen by more than 165,000 students from all over the world because of its broad variety of study programs, its academic excellence, and attractive tuition fees. Our international students benefit from in-state tuition fees. Highly qualified and experienced faculty teach up-to-date topics in a practically oriented manner and provide students with essential knowledge for their future careers.

National University offers a unique one-course-per-month format which provides high flexibility and enables students to start their studies monthly. This system provides students with the opportunity to focus on one course at a time and gives them the chance to study at their own speed.

LOCATION

Since a lot of courses at National University are offered in the evening, students have the chance to explore their beautiful surroundings during daytime. Learn to surf, play volleyball or stroll around Pacific Beach before going back to university - what more can you ask for?

Studying at National University means first-rate education, internationally recognized degrees, and a highly innovative and flexible study system to fit your needs. Small class sizes

provide students with one-on-one time with faculty and encourage a lively and interactive learning environment perfect for both personal and academic growth.

QUICK FACTS

-  4 campuses located in San Diego
-  28.000 students in California
-  Classes start monthly
-  English level min. B2
-  In-state tuition fees for international students / no application fee
-  15 mins by car from main campus to Pacific Beach
-  Summer all year long
-  Business, Public Health, Engineering, Psychology, Social Sciences, Mathematics, Natural Sciences & IT



National University

San Diego, USA



National University

My time in San Diego at National University was definitely a great adventure! Want to know more about studying in San Diego? Just read my experience report below.

What makes NU unique is the one-course-per-month system, which means that you only have one course per month. The exams are at the end of the month, which gives you the opportunity to concentrate fully on one course instead of preparing several topics at the same time. As courses mainly take place in the evenings and only twice a week, there are lots of students at the university who are working professionals. Therefore it adds up to a good mix of students with variable age and diverse professional backgrounds.

My courses at NU San Diego

Since I stayed in San Diego for four and a half months, I took four courses at National University. I was able to receive credits at my university in Germany for all of them. I took the following courses: Introduction to Leadership, Computer Ethics, Survey of Global Business and Organizational Sociology. It was a

UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

National University Campus in San Diego, USA

really interesting and varying mixture that perfectly fit my study program in Germany. For me, it was important to not only improve my English, but to also learn more about the American culture - this was achieved in all courses.

increased to 22 degrees average. The spring months were beautiful and had pleasant 26 degrees. Moreover, July was hot with around 36 degrees Celsius.

Culturally, the Spanish impact is everywhere: Mediterranean and Moorish architecture of houses, the



Chantal S. - Semester Abroad National University

» The study abroad term is an adventure and the best experience «

Daily Life in San Diego and at National University

The great advantage at National University is definitely the flexibility of the courses offered. Because of the evening courses at only two days a week, it is fair to say that you can do a lot of activities besides studying. In comparison to Germany, this is a nice change.

language in restaurant menus and street signs. San Diego offers a lot of culinary variety, I would even say there is almost all kinds of food: Thai, Asian, Vietnamese, Mexican, American, Mediterranean, etc. If you're interested to know more about activities in San Diego and the area around, you can watch my video "Activities in San Diego."

What I enjoyed most about my time in San Diego was to be outside, either at the beach, hiking in the beautiful nature or at the pool. At the end of February and beginning of March, the weather was unusually chilly with around 16 degrees Celsius. There was even a little rain now and then. Nevertheless, in the middle of March the temperature





CALIFORNIA BEACHES
Sunset at Carlsbad Beach

Conclusion

I recommend the study abroad term at National University in San Diego to everyone who has the opportunity. It is not only helpful for your professional goals, but also expands your personal horizons and the understanding of different cultures. It is quite interesting to recognize and compare differences in behavior and processes. Furthermore, it gives you the possibility to gain

perspective and maybe appreciate your own culture more.

I can recommend National University for a study abroad semester because of the interesting courses, flexibility, mix of students and the location San Diego. Me, personally, I made friends with Americans instead of staying in the comfort zone with other German students. Getting in touch with the locals is the best way to engage and experience a foreign culture. The study abroad term is an adventure and the best experience you can imagine.

Enjoy your time at National University in San Diego!

Chantal S.



National University San Diego, USA

Theresa is our current National University student ambassador. Like every year, we chose an alumni to represent National University and answer all your questions. Theresa spent her semester abroad in San Diego last spring and is currently studying Media Management in Wuerzburg. Theresa will answer all your questions about National University and San Diego - contact her via our website.



National University
Theresa B. - Ambassador



Hi there! I'm Theresa and I spent my semester abroad in San Diego where I studied at National University during the summer term. San Diego was a fantastic place for my semester abroad: the sun shines almost every day, palm trees grow wherever you go and it is the ideal starting point for trips to Mexico, San Francisco or Las Vegas.

National University's flexible program allowed me to study during the time I wanted to and let me choose individually which courses suit me best. Furthermore, San Diego's everyday life offers many possibilities to adapt your semester abroad to your individual preferences. Surfing, salsa dancing, playing baseball or learning Spanish. Your semester abroad will be a valuable experience in many ways!

University of North Carolina Wilmington



The University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW), with currently more than 16,000 students, is one of the 50 best public universities in the US* and is located on the East Coast of the United States. Founded in 1947, it is part of the University of North Carolina system which consists of a total of 17 campuses all over the state. UNC Wilmington offers a great academic experience and enjoys a high reputation in international education.

*ranked by Business Journal

Why UNCW?

The UNCW is a traditional American campus university with more than 260 student organizations. Besides a great variety of student activities and a rich campus life, UNCW is well-known for its AACSB-accredited business school. Academic excellence, small classes and well-trained teachers make UNCW a unique study environment.

With a buzzing campus life, academic support and countless recreational

opportunities, UNCW offers a student experience shaped by academic excellence and an exciting student life. Applied learning is an essential part of the UNCW student experience.

The proximity to the beach and its coastal location allow students to explore Wilmington's renowned historic district and the area's vibrant film, music and art scene. The city of Wilmington is referred to as "Hollywood

of the East Coast" because of its popular location for movie and TV productions. At UNCW, you will enjoy a powerful academic experience that stimulates

creative inquiry, critical thinking and thoughtful expression in a beautiful campus setting.

QUICK FACTS

-  Wilmington, North Carolina
-  16.000 in total
-  Mid-January & beginning of September
-  English level min. B2
-  \$ 2,000 USD scholarships*
-  15 mins by bike to Wrightsville Beach
-  Great summers, mild winters
-  Business, Education, Sciences, IT, Programming, Arts & Humanities, Film

*Valid for students from all our European partner institutions / student application required.



LOCATION

During your study abroad term, you can get to know the Southern flair in the beautiful downtown area of Wilmington. The charming city is located just 10 minutes off campus and can easily be reached by bike. If you like surfing, make sure to stop by Wrightsville Beach - **one of the 20 best surf beaches in the US** (ranked by National Geographic).

University of North Carolina Wilmington



UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
UNCW Students

Welcome to UNCW!

At UNCW you are welcomed with open arms. Everything starts with the international orientation where you find many American students who are there to help you and staff from the international office. The orientation date is communicated via mail as well as through various Facebook groups, so that it is almost impossible to miss it. If you want some advice: be sure to go!

For me, the highlight of the orientation was when all students, whether sophomore, freshman, junior or senior, were brought to the beach by bus to celebrate the annual Beach Blast. Wrightsville Beach is a fantastic location! Sponsors of UNCW such as Papa John's (pizza supplier) provide food and drinks for free!! Once, even a helicopter arrived and dropped \$1 bills. Can you imagine?! However, there is so much going on, be sure to look out for your friends or you'll lose them. On the other hand, it is the perfect opportunity to meet new cool people even before the university starts.

Students can be assigned to a student mentor before the beginning of the semester, who can help with everything from shopping at Walmart

to a day trip to Myrtle Beach or with advice and support. Signing up for a mentor does not only have the benefit of having a personal helper, but you also get to know American students and it makes it easier to socialize because

you sign a contract.

Another special thing at UNCW is definitely the involvement day, which is also a must-go for anyone who is new to UNCW. The university has over



Helena B. - Semester Abroad UNCW

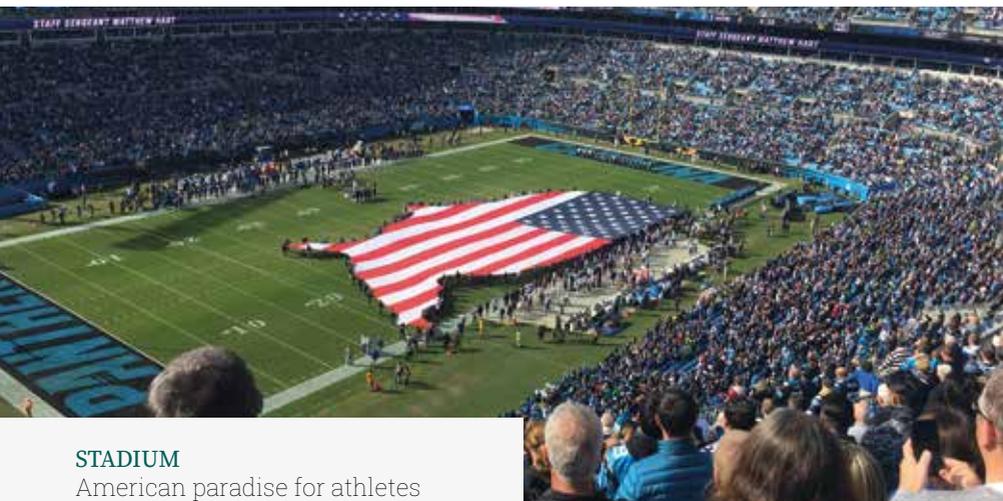
» There is so much to see and do and I had a truly wonderful time «

you already know someone. Overall, the students at UNCW are very open and helpful, so you do not have to worry if you need help. This is definitely the well-known Southern friendliness!

In addition to the usual welcome speeches and a tour of the campus, the orientation program includes, for example, a discovery program, a joint breakfast and the sale of used bicycles at reasonable prices. These are mostly used bicycles from students who graduated the year before. These are then processed in a workshop and resold. Bank representatives also introduce themselves and provide information on how to open up an American bank account, which proved to be very convenient. But watch out: do not hesitate to get several offers before

260 student organizations or clubs to sign up for. Clubs range from sports to media, photography and politics to Quidditch, the legendary wizard game. There is something for everyone! At Involvement Day, every student organization has a stand on campus, introduces itself and distributes free stuff. Also, there are representatives





STADIUM
American paradise for athletes

from local shops like hairdressers or restaurants. It is so much fun.

From the very beginning, I have felt welcomed and part of the student community at UNCW. This continued throughout my whole UNCW experience. There is so much to see and do and I had a truly wonderful time studying in the United States. I think

everyone should go abroad and I can definitely recommend choosing UNCW - it has been a life-changing experience that has made me grow as a person so much.

Enjoy your time at UNCW!

Helena B.



University of North Carolina Wilmington

Each year we choose one UNCW alumni to answer all your queries. This year, Florian is our UNCW ambassador. He is currently studying Business Administration and Economics in Paderborn and did a Bachelor semester abroad at UNCW last fall. If you have any questions about studying at UNCW, student life, weekend trips, or anything else - feel free to contact him via our website.



UNCW
Florian B. - Ambassador



My name is Florian, I am 23 years old and I attended the UNCW last fall. I am studying economics and attended four courses at the Cameron School of Business. I especially recommend the courses "Principles of Management" and "Leadership and Organizational Change".

The professors designed the lessons very interestingly and I have taken a lot of helpful information back to Germany. In general, I really enjoyed my time at UNCW and I am glad to have chosen this university. I especially liked the beautiful campus and the proximity to the beach, as well as the exciting campus life. Wilmington convinced me with its interesting city center and a warm climate. In addition, Charlotte, Myrtle Beach or the Outer Banks can be reached in only a few hours by car.

Health Insurance

In order to spend a carefree time abroad, you will need a good international health insurance.

All our universities require international students to have adequate health insurance during their studies abroad. Even if you are insured in your home country, you are still required to have additional health insurance to be protected.

Health Insurance Abroad – What do you need to know?

- Is the health insurance provider reliable?
- Is there a minimum or maximum age requirement, and will it be exceeded while studying abroad?
- What exactly is covered by the insurance?
- Is the insurance accepted by your university abroad?
- Is there a maximum amount deductible per incident?
- Will you be insured in your home country in case you travel back home during your studies abroad?
- Can the insurance be extended?
- Is the insurance payable on a monthly basis or does the entire amount have to be paid before your departure?
- Will there be a refund in case you cancel your study program abroad or return early?
- Is eye care and dental care included in the insurance?
- Are medical check-ups included in the insurance?
- Are pre-existing and chronic illnesses included in the insurance (e.g. allergies, heart conditions, asthma, etc.)?

Health Insurance Abroad - Keep in mind

Many health insurance providers ask insurance holders to pay in advance for treatments. Students are reimbursed after filing the claim to the insurance company.

It is always crucial to contact your health insurance provider right away in an insurance case. That way, you will know what steps need to be taken next, which documents you will need to hand in to your insurance company, and how to be reimbursed as soon as possible. In many cases, it makes sense to issue an authorization for insurance cases to your parents or other confidants, as it may be less difficult to contact the insurance company from the same country.

Please note that some universities abroad, including the International College of Management, Sydney and Vancouver Island University, require specific insurance plans or provide international students with their internal health insurance.

 Please find out more about each university's specific requirements on our website.



Our ISO Scholarships

Students who organize and complete their studies abroad through our European office can apply for one of our many scholarships. The scholarships are tied to producing creative student stories, filming videos or posting content on Facebook/Instagram which will be used for marketing purposes and to inform our future students.

The call for applications usually takes place mid-June for the fall term of the same year and mid-December for the spring term of the following year.

International College of Management, Sydney:

At ICMS, we award three scholarships for on-campus housing every year. Students who live on campus enjoy a fantastic lifestyle: all meals are provided, as is wireless internet and 24 hour access to computer labs. All linen is included and rooms are serviced once a week.

Vancouver Island University:

Every year, VIU awards three scholarships of up to 2,000 Euros to students who spend a semester abroad at VIU in Canada. One scholarship is awarded for spring (January) intake and two will be awarded in fall (September). The money will be directly wired to the students' bank accounts.

National University:

National University awards four scholarships of 50 % discount to study abroad students starting either in spring or fall in San Diego. The discount will be awarded to a maximum of four courses and will be deposited to the students' university accounts.

University of North Carolina Wilmington:

International students studying abroad at UNCW can apply for 2,000 USD study abroad scholarships. The money will be put directly on the student account and will reduce any UNCW expenses. Funds can be used to pay for tuition, housing, food, the bookstore on campus, etc.

Other Options

Government Funding

Many students are able to fulfill their dream of studying abroad with the help of government funding. The respective funding programs and conditions depend on the government of your country of residence. It might take some time and research to find suitable government-sponsored funding for you. Please contact our office for further information concerning financial support from your government.

Education Loans for Studying Abroad

In case you do not have the chance to be supported by your government, get a scholarship or receive monetary support from your home university, you can also take out a student loan to finance your study abroad adventure.

Regardless of the type of financial support, whether financial aid & scholarships, government funding or education loans: it is crucial to inform yourself thoroughly about the various financing options for your stay abroad. Start your research for suitable funding early to have a carefree and happy time abroad full of wonderful experiences!

Your Application

These are the first steps to your adventure away from home. We are here to help you and, of course, all our services are FREE of charge!



Contact us in the International Student Office

- We inform you about studying in Australia, Canada or the US!
- We answer all your questions



Choose a university (deadline 3-9 months before start)

- Let us know where and what you want to study
- If applicable, check deadlines with your home university



Start your application

- We support and guide you through the whole application process including your course choices
- Depending on the university, send your application documents to our office or apply online



Receive your enrollment documents

- Accept your seat for your studies abroad
- Remember to pay your tuition fees in time



Apply for a visa

- After receiving your visa, you are ready to book a flight



Apply for health insurance (pp. 36-37)

- Please contact us regarding more information on health insurance and check our website



Arrange accommodation

- We provide you with more information about housing

PHOTO & VIDEO CONTESTS

Study Abroad – The Time of Your Life

Share the best moments of your study abroad period with us and win great prizes!

What do you need to do?

- You are currently studying or have studied at one of our four universities – the International College of Management, Sydney, Vancouver Island University, National University or the University of North Carolina Wilmington – for a semester abroad or a full degree
- You applied for your studies through the International Student Office in Darmstadt and have successfully been enrolled at one of our universities
- Please check our website for more information and email us your photos at: fotos@iso-mail.org

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