

Office/Department: Center for Global Engagement | Study Abroad

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Mission Statement: The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) at James Madison University is committed to the principle that international experiences and perspectives are essential to any undergraduate and graduate education.

The mission of the CGE is to broaden worldviews and promote global understanding for the JMU community by cultivating, facilitating, and supporting global engagement at home and abroad.

Functional areas included in this office/department: Study Abroad Programs

- 1. Students who participate in this experience will gain understanding of student affairs as a profession and the influence student affairs has on contemporary higher education through the following tasks and activities:**
 - Knowledge and understanding of study, internship, work and volunteer abroad opportunities
 - Policies and regulations that govern international education and opportunities
 - Promote and market international education and opportunities
 - Research about the benefits of study abroad and increasing access to study abroad

Major Projects may include:

- **Study Abroad Events and Programming** – The Study Abroad Office holds various events and programming in both the fall and spring semester for students, parents, and faculty. The practicum students will participate in the planning and implementation of these events.
 - Fall: Study Abroad Fair, Special Advising Sessions, Directors Meeting, Family Weekend, Pre-departure Orientation
 - Spring: Study Abroad Week, Pre-departure Orientation, Special Advising Sessions, Directors Meeting
- **Info Sessions and Advising** – Info Sessions and Advising – Students visit our office throughout the academic year for drop-in advising. We hold walk-in and appointment-based advising. Practicum students will be able to observe and lead advising session for students interested in studying abroad. They will also have the opportunity to create and deliver presentations related to study abroad around campus. There is a higher volume of advising during the fall semester.
- **Global Dukes and Ambassadors** – Practicum students may provide leadership of our study abroad ambassador program. Depending on the semester, this could include interviewing and selecting students, providing training, and/or taking leadership in team meetings.

- **Research** – Practicum students will oversee and/or assist in research projects related to the benefits of study abroad and increasing access to study abroad. This information will be used to update our marketing materials and develop programs to increase access.
- **Program Marketing** – Each year, the CGE offers 80+ short-term and semester-long programs. We assist our program directors in recruiting for these programs. Practicum students will be able to assist with marketing strategies and create materials to promote study abroad programming.

2. Students who participate in this experience will be exposed to the purposeful application of the following student development, career development, counseling and/or organizational theories:

- Perry’s Theory of Intellectual and Ethical Development
- Chickering’ theory of Identity Development
- Kolb’s Theory of Experiential Learning
- Crisis intervention
- Counseling Theories/Techniques

3. Students assigned to this site will be able to participate in the following assessment and/or evaluation projects:

- Beliefs, Events, and Values Inventory (BEVI)
- Study Abroad Semester program evaluations
- Study Abroad Short Term program evaluations

4. Students who participate in this experience will be evaluated and provided on-going feedback in the following ways:

- One on one weekly or bi-weekly meetings with supervisor
- Weekly staff meetings
- Practicum evaluation

5. Specific expectations of students assigned to this site include:

- Cultural Awareness
- Task oriented
- Maintaining confidentiality
- Ability to work some nights and weekends
- Complete work in a timely manner
- Work independently when needed

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