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Program	Location	GPA	Language	Hours	Credit	Course	Program Description
Belgium Internship Program	Brussels, Belgium	3.0	No	19/wk; 2 days	Yes	Yes	Determined upon arrival; Member of European Parliament, European Union; administrative assistant, research and reporting,
IFSA-Butler: Birkbeck College	London, England	3.0	No	20/wk; 2.5 days	Yes	Yes	Determined upon arrival; Anglo American Internship services; PR, Journalism, Law
University College of Cork	Cork, Ireland	2.8-3.0	No	40 hrs/ Semester	Yes	No	Placement is in University offices including: Development & Alumni Office, Library, Center for Criminal Justice and Human Law, Glucksman Art Gallery, Student Health Services, College of Arts and Celtic Studies, and School of Biological, Earth & Env Sciences
UPCES; Charles University	Prague, Czech Republic	3.0	No	5-10 hrs/wk	No	No	Journalism, Marketing, NGO (development/legal), Teaching
IES: Business & Intl Affairs	Paris, France	3.0	Yes; advanced French	18 hrs/wk	Yes	Yes	Communications, Marketing, Publishing and HR
IES: French Studies	Paris, France	3.0	Yes; advanced French	18 hrs/wk	Yes	Yes	Arts & Museums, Business & Marketing, Education, NGOs
IES: European Culture & Society	Vienna, Austria	3.0	Yes; Business placement require proficiency	30hrs/wk 120 hrs/ Semester	Yes	Yes	Business, teaching, public service, arts and culture
Temple University	Rome, Italy	3.0	No	18-20 hrs/wk	Yes	Yes	International Business Track; English Yellow Pages, Master Consulting, Robert Wirth Fund and the International Development Law Organization.
Fairfield University	Florence, Italy	2.8	Yes; some require Fluency	18-20 hrs/wk	Yes	No	Business, communications, fashion, museums, finance, journalism, web design, tourism, education, food and wine
Augsburg College	Windhoek, Namibia	2.5	No	88 hrs/ Semester	Yes	Yes	Community-based internships: Health, community development, education, social change, env science, history, political science, religion, women's studies
Macquarie University	Sydney, Australia	3.0	No	1hr/wk	Yes	Yes	Business, Health, Law, the Sciences, the Arts, Media and Communications, Sociology

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Why participate in an Internship Abroad? Top 7 Benefits:

1. ***Cross-Cultural Skills and Sensitivity:*** Almost every international job, regardless of industry, highlights these skills as a key requirement. Working with local employees (and possibly those who don't speak English) will force you to develop these skills, and fast.
2. ***Escaping the American Bubble:*** Not only will you be living in a foreign country, but working in a foreign office, which will demonstrate flexibility and adventurousness on your part, as well as a willingness to learn, beyond that of the typical American.
3. ***Transferable Skills:*** Even if your internship has little to do with what you believe will be your future career path, odds are that you will learn and refine transferable skills such as written and oral communication skills, critical thinking and analysis.
4. ***Lessons in Independence:*** Preparing for your internship abroad, whether acquiring academic credit or a work visa, as well as crafting your work routine in a foreign country (navigating the public transportation, networking with local organizations, etc.), will help you become incredibly independent.
5. ***Networking:*** Through your internship you will be able to build an international network of contacts. The people you develop relationships with each and every day could help you land a job in your field or host country.
6. ***Increased Language Proficiency:*** Even if you have been studying a language for years, interning enables you to learn a new vocabulary specific to the field in which you're working.
7. ***Standing Out!****:* According to Open Doors data from the Institute of International Education, only 9.1% of students who study abroad for academic credit participate in an internship abroad. *(Open Doors, IIE, 2012 Report)* Internships translate to full-time opportunities and to higher average starting salaries: 50% of Saint Joseph's University's Class of 2012 found full-time positions either directly through their internships or through networking relationships. Those who completed at least one internship before graduation earned an average of $10,000 more than peers who did not. (*Saint Joseph's University Career Destinations Report, Class of 2012).*

Pros & Cons of an International Internship

Pros	• Apply your education outside the classroom • "Reality test" a career you are considering • Build your resume • Expand upon your network • Meet locals, expand your cultural immersion • Direct connections to international career • Secure a international recommandation
Cons	• Higher GPA required for program admissions • May require a Visa for residence • Never guaranteed • Time commitment vs. time to travel • Nights & weekends, in addition to academic courses • Cultural differences & language barriers

SJU Student Testimonials

"For me, the internship was the quickest and easiest way to integrate into British culture. I met great people outside of the study abroad classes. I would encourage anyone who is career minded to consider the benefits of an internship."

- Michele Manning, IFSA-Butler: Birkbeck College, London, Spring 2013

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Volunteering: Volunteering is any activity that involves spending time, unpaid, doing something that aims to benefit the environment or someone (individuals or groups). This can include formal activity undertaken through public, private and voluntary organizations as well as informal community participation.

Service Learning: Service-Learning is a form of experience-based education where students engage in service as part of their academic course work. Service learning helps students acquire useful skills, and it can even lead to professional opportunities. The purpose is to integrate meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities. The time commitment for service learning is usually less (15-30 hours per semester).

SJU Approved Semester Abroad Programs by Learning Opportunity:

Volunteering	Service Learning	None*
American University of Rome Gonzaga University in Florence Temple University in Rome John Cabot University in Rome IES Paris – French Studies IES Paris- Business & Intl Affairs IES Vienna – Culture & Society National University of Galway Saint Louis University in Madrid IFSA-Butler: Argentine Universities Program SIT Chile: Political Systems & Econ Development Santa Clara University, El Salvador CIEE Ghana: Arts & Science The Beijing Center	Augsburg College in Namibia CIEE Senegal: Language & Culture Marquette University in South Africa National University of Galway, Ireland Santa Clara University, El Salvador Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile	Belgium Internship Program IFSA-Butler: Birkbeck College IFSA- Butler: Australia & New Zealand programs Ramon Llull University in Barcelona University College of Cork, Ireland Lancaster University, England Millersville University in Marburg, Germany Duke University in Rome Fairfield University in Florence Universita Cattolica del Sacro Cuore UPCES Prague, Czech Republic Sophia University, Japan

**While it may still be possible for you to volunteer independently in your host country at the listed programs, it is currently not facilitated by the program.*

SJU Student Testimonials:

"Choosing to participate in the Service Learning class in Galway, Ireland, truly made my time abroad a rich and fulfilling experience. I was able to become part of the community through teaching at a local elementary school. Although I was helping Patrick and his classmates, in the end, they exposed me to the beauty of the culture of Ireland and helping another. I am forever thankful to Dr. Dermot Burns and all of NUI Galway for providing this incredible experience for those studying abroad."

- Kristen Pilkington, National University of Ireland in Galway, Fall 2012

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Service Learning Descriptions by Program

Program	Location	Seminar	Placement
Marquette University	Cape Town, South Africa	Justice & Leaders in Grassroots Organizations: Community Development and Social Analysis approved as SJU SOC 396.	Work with community-based organizations two days a week Local non-profits that address issues as diverse as HIV/AIDS and other health concerns, family violence, gender inequities, sustainable living, and the education and development of youth.
National University of Ireland	Galway, Ireland	This semester long class is only for visiting students. Academic lectures and reflective seminars help students gain an understanding of literacy acquisition and how Irish society responds to the challenges associated with this important social issue.	Over 20 hours of service at an after school homework club at a local elementary, which is attended together as a class.
Casa de la Solidaridad	San Salvador, El Salvador	All students are required to take the Field Placement/Praxis course.	In the praxis site, you will be placed within a small community, which you will accompany for two full days each week for the entire semester.
Universidad Alberto Hurtado	Santiago Chile	Students are required to take Poverty and Development in Latin America (6 credit hours). This course has been approved to count toward Theology elective credit and Sociology credit.	This course has a practical component where students have an internship in a Chilean school, neighborhood center, or social service agency.

Sample Volunteer Descriptions by Program*

Program	Location	Opportunity
IFSA- Butler: Argentine Universities Program	Buenos Aires, Argentina	Supplement your academics with a few hours of volunteer work per week at a local organization. IFSA maintains a list of places, but specific interests may be discussed with your program advisor. You sign up for your placement at orientation.
CIEE Ghana: Arts & Science	Legon, Ghana	You may volunteer at local businesses, social services, cultural institutions, and local schools. Previous students have worked in hospitals, health clinics, the Ghana National Museum, various NGOs, day care centers, media houses, domestic violence centers, and human rights organizations. As part of the Corporate Social Responsibility of the program, the CIEE study center undertakes a community service project each semester. Past projects have included painting, weeding, collecting clothes donations, and building a water filtering system at a nearby village.
American University of Rome	Rome, Italy	Volunteer opportunities at AUR include helping with kids in a Roman Jewish nursery, teaching basketball at a local parish, working at the Roman Cat Sanctuary at Largo Argentina, one of the oldest temples in Rome, and serving food and clothing at a local shelter through the Catholic Charities of Roma.
National University of Ireland	Galway, Ireland	NUIG students can volunteer with organizations including: Big Brother, Big Sister, Riding for the Disabled, Homework clubs, Gaf Youth Café, Simon Community and Community Gardens.
The Beijing Center	Beijing, China	Over the years, volunteer opportunities have been part of many TBCers' experiences. Volunteering and community experiences have allowed them a deeper immersion experience and the opportunity to give back to their new community. Examples of possible volunteer options include: selling baked goods to create better living conditions at the assisted living facility for psychiatric patients, working with young children affected by cerebral palsy and teaching English to students and staff

**For more volunteer opportunities abroad, please see program websites.*