

Study Abroad

New Opportunities Around the World

The administration gave a careful analysis of its study abroad offerings to assess how Franklin Pierce University students could be given broadened exposure to the world. The results are in, and opportunities abound!



Education First

The University now has an agreement with Education First (EF), which will provide study abroad programs for students who are especially interested in studying foreign languages. EF was founded in Sweden in 1965 with the aim of improving language skills and intercultural relations worldwide. With this mission in mind, Franklin Pierce has partnered with EF to make its Language Study Abroad programs available during Franklin Pierce's academic year and over summer breaks.



Council on International Educational Exchange

Another innovation is a new partnership agreement with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), which provides a wide range of study abroad opportunities for students in more than 40 countries and 60 cities around the world, spanning more cultures, locations, and disciplines than any other study abroad organization. Appealing to a broader range of majors than the University was able to in the past, students will now be allowed the flexibility to take courses both in their majors and in general education. All course offerings are in English and do not require a foreign language, another way to be as inclusive as possible of any student wishing to study abroad. The combination of these advantages will open up the world and its rich educational experiences to many more Franklin Pierce students.

In lieu of the newly expanded offerings, the Pierce in Vienna and Lyon programs will no longer be offered at Franklin Pierce. Pierce on the Camino, which is a one-semester, long-distance walk through southern France and across northern Spain along the old pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela, will continue to be offered every other year. This rather unique semester abroad option remains a beloved educational experience, which typically affects students on a deep and enduring level. Maymester and semester course-related study abroad programs will continue to be offered as well.

At the Helm

We welcome Patti Vorfeld, who has been with the University's Center for Academic Excellence, into her newly expanded role as the Director of International Study Initiatives and Center for Academic Excellence Operations. Patti works closely with our new partners, EF and CIEE, and also oversees operations in the Center for Academic Excellence.



Students on the Pierce Camino walk, fall 2013.

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