

Global Engagement Part I:

Study Abroad and Global Internships



Study Abroad Has Been in the Works at LPC for MANY Years

...And some of you might have been part of that conversation, joined a task force, even led a student/community trip, whether board approved or not.

One milestone:

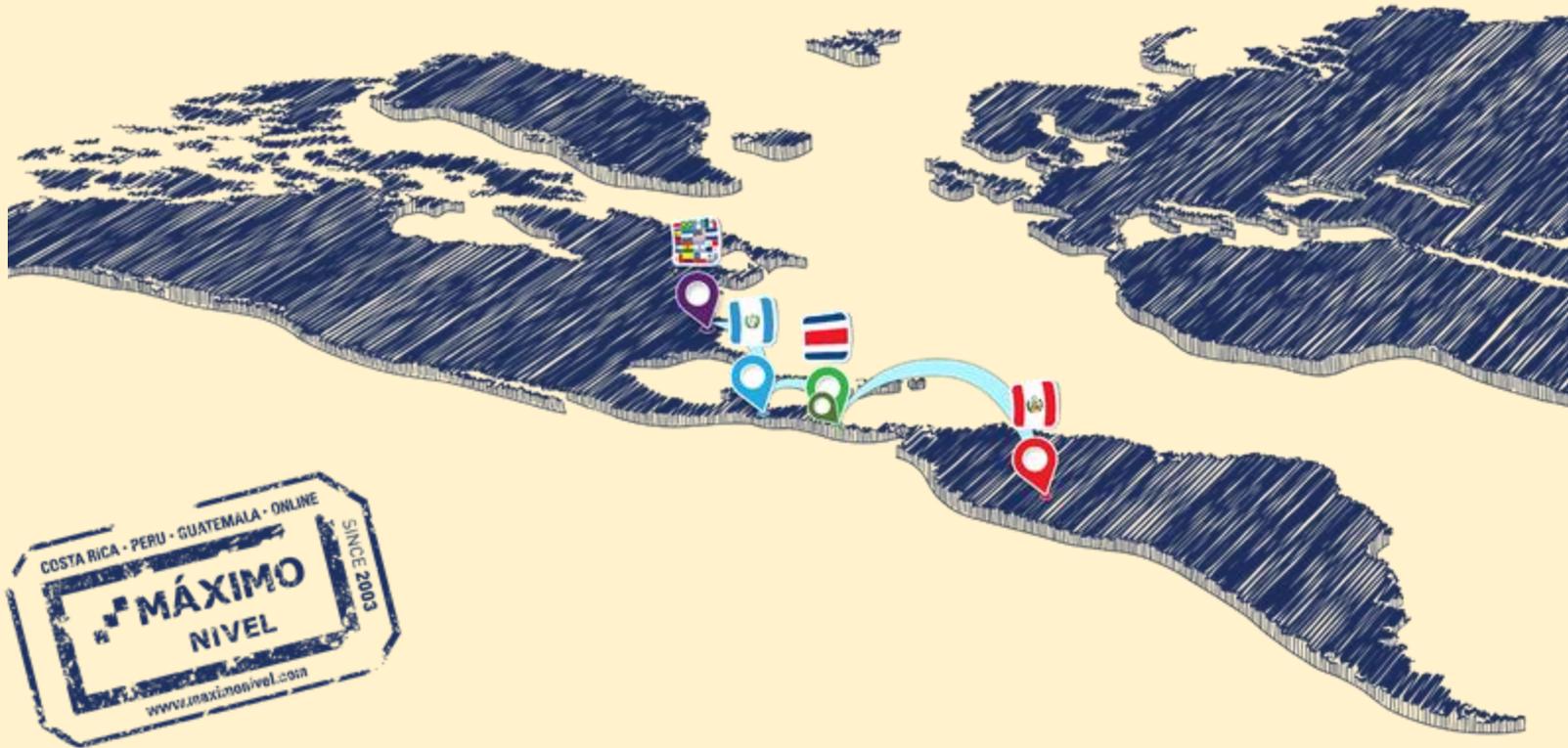
- In our 2010-2015 EMP, we adopted a Vision statement for the first time, and the goal of “inclusivity” appeared. There were new “Strategic Goals,” and “Diversity and Pluralism” was the 7th. At the bottom of page 30, in the Diversity and Pluralism Strategic Goal, you will find the following:

Create a global exchange and/or study abroad program.

- College establishes and maintains a global presence/identity

- The words “study abroad” are not in later EMP’s, but our Vision aspires to have students become engaged with and leaders in their local and global communities.
- Our EMP also aspires to prepare students for the global workforce, and global internships have now come on the scene.

MAXIMO NIVEL LOCATIONS



SERVICE LEARNING

- ▶ **Animal Care**
- ▶ **Archaeology**
- ▶ **Business**
- ▶ **Conservation**
 - Sea turtles
 - Amazon jungle reforestation
 - Beach conservation
- ▶ **Construction**
- ▶ **Dental**
- ▶ **Eco-Agriculture**
- ▶ **Indigenous Communities**
- ▶ **Medical & Healthcare**
- ▶ **Teaching English**
- ▶ **Women's Empowerment**
- ▶ **Working with Kids**



INTERNSHIPS

- ▶ **Anthropology**
- ▶ **Dental**
- ▶ **Education**
 - K-12
 - Special Education
- ▶ **Hospitality & Tourism**
- ▶ **Human Rights**
- ▶ **Medical & Healthcare**
- ▶ **Micro-Business**
- ▶ **Veterinary Science**
- ▶ **Customized Placements**



PROGRAM TYPES

PROGRAM	EXPERIENTIAL	LANGUAGE	CONTENT	TRAVEL
Service Learning	X	X		
International Internships	X	X		
Spanish Immersion		X	X	
University Courses		X	X	
TESOL Certification	X		X	
Adventure & Culture	X			X
Site Visits	X			



STUDENT SERVICES

- ▶ Airport pick-up
- ▶ Program Advisor
- ▶ Field Managers
- ▶ Onsite travel partner
- ▶ Open 7 days/week – 363 days per year
- ▶ WiFi and computer lounge
- ▶ Monthly Activity Calendar
- ▶ Spanish tutoring table
- ▶ Tandem Conversation Program
- ▶ Free coffee and tea at onsite snack bar

ACTIVITY CALENDAR						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Share your Experience on LinkedIn #MaximoGuatemala 	Tag us on Instagram! #MaximoGuatemala 	Tag us on Facebook! #MaximoGuatemala 	Post a video and get 1 week of free online Spanish Classes! 	Soccer Night  @8:30 PM	Ziplines at Yala  Ask Guinness Travel	Museo Santo Domingo  @9:00 AM
Chichicastenango Market  Ask Guinness Travel	Maximo Walking Tour  @1:00 PM	Selva Lessons  @8:00 PM	Cooking Class  @1:00 PM	Photo Walking Tour  @1:00 PM	Semuc Chamuyel  Ask Guinness Travel	Ruinas De La Catedral  @9:00 AM
Lake Atitlan  Ask Guinness Travel	Maximo Walking Tour  @1:00 PM	Selva Lessons  @8:00 PM	Speed Tandem  Sign @ International Office	Soccer Night  @4:30 PM	Volcan Acatenango  Ask Guinness Travel	Masadania Farm  @9:30 AM
Pacaya Sunset Tour  Ask Guinness Travel	Maximo Walking Tour  @1:00 PM	Antigua Street Food Tour  Ask Guinness Travel	Cooking Class  @1:00 PM	Photo Walking Tour  @1:00 PM	Estimoteo Ruta  Ask Guinness Travel	Mercado De Artesanias  @9:00 AM
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PARTNERING

▶ Faculty- Led Program Set-up

- Discovery Meeting
- Proposal (Budgeting & Itinerary)

▶ Centralized Admissions Team

- Centralized pre-arrival support to faculty and students
- Centralized budgeting and invoicing
- Open 7 days/week

▶ Promotional Support

- Partner visits and presentations
- Photos, videos, and other content
- Customized courses and programs



LET'S SEE IT



Máximo Nivel Business Internship



These 2 business students managed to speak Spanish on the job, having tested at an intermediate level before beginning. They were also supported by M.N. Spanish teachers. They loved how relationships were foundational to their work at Camping Club, which felt different than American businesses. They went with their co-workers to a football match and saw them outside of work on other occasions.



San José, Costa Rica, Camping Club



About us

- Founded in 1964, AIFS is a charity-owned (CTCF) organization dedicated to the cultural exchange of the world's youth. *AIFS Abroad* is a leader in providing study abroad programs for US college students
- Over 1.8 million participants worldwide. \$2 million donated annually to educational travel programs around the world
- Pioneered Customized, Faculty-Led programs in 1982 with California Community Colleges
- Programs focused on experiential learning, cultural immersion
- Local program coordinators trained in incident response & crisis management procedures



AIFS Customized Program Locations



OTHER LOCATIONS

If your preferred program location is not listed, please reach out to us to discuss additional possibilities.

MULTI-LOCATIONS

If you would like to include more than one location, AIFS Abroad is able to work with you on a travel itinerary that includes two or more national or international sites that meet your program objectives.

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA
Cape Town

ASIA

JAPAN
Kyoto

SOUTH KOREA
Seoul

AUSTRALIA AND OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA
Sydney

EUROPE

AUSTRIA
Salzburg | Vienna*

CZECH REPUBLIC
Prague

FRANCE
Cannes | Grenoble | Paris

GERMANY
Berlin | Munich*

GREECE
Athens | Greek Islands*

HUNGARY
Budapest

IRELAND
Cork | Dublin | Galway
Limerick | Maynooth

ITALY

Bologna* | Florence | Milan
Rome | Sicily | Sorrento*
Venice*

PORTUGAL
Lisbon | Porto*

SPAIN

Barcelona | Granada | Madrid
Salamanca | Seville | Valencia

UK

Belfast* | Edinburgh*
Glasgow* | London | Oxford

LATIN AMERICA

ARGENTINA
Buenos Aires

COSTA RICA
San José

*This location can be added with another location, and not as a standalone destination.



AIFS Programs Include

- Intentional program design by an expert Program Manager, customized to your course(s) and learning outcome goals
- A guaranteed program fee including accommodation options, transportation, cultural activities and field trips, immersive cultural experiences, equipped classroom access, AIFS student services support, faculty benefits
- Optional components such as group flights, airport transfers, additional excursions, meal plans (depending on location), enhanced medical insurance, Trip Protector (CFAR/IFAR) insurance are available
- Health and safety includes on-site orientation and workshops upon arrival, AIFS support 24/7 for the duration of the program, student medical and emergency assistance insurance, \$51 million liability insurance for your institution
- AIFS support pre-departure includes an enrollment platform, Enrollment Manager, digital promotional materials & assistance, pre-departure orientation materials and meeting
- AIFS support during the program from arrival until departure including a 24/7 emergency number in the US and a local phone supported by student services staff

AIFS Customized *Suggested* Timeline

24-18 MONTHS

- Identify destination, term and focus
- Create program syllabus
- Seek campus approval

10 MONTHS PRIOR

- Start promotion & recruitment of program *
- Set up social media and start posting
- Speak to fellow faculty about promotion
- Encourage all interested students to apply for a passport asap

4 MONTHS PRIOR

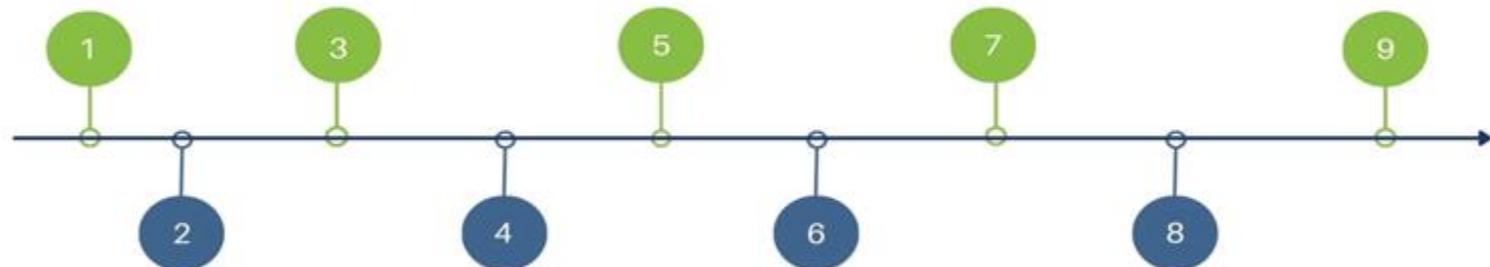
Follow up with students who have not completed their applications to try to find solutions to any hurdles

2 MONTHS PRIOR

- Deadline for final payment and confirmation of final numbers
- Check in with students to ensure passports/visas etc. are in place

1 WEEK PRIOR

- Arrival information is sent out to students and faculty



18-12 MONTHS PRIOR

- Request proposal from AIFS
- Start advertising program and assessing interest
- Speak with student services and academic advisors about program
- Review AIFS proposal and make revisions
- Sign proposal and return to AIFS
- AIFS will start provisional bookings

6 MONTHS PRIOR

- Liaise with AIFS regarding numbers and recruitment
- Update AIFS on any scheduling requirements for the program

3 MONTHS PRIOR

- Deadline for applications and deposits
- If under-enrolled discuss options with AIFS to help program run
- Review itinerary

1 MONTH PRIOR

- Review itinerary
- Hold pre-departure meetings
- AIFS will provide pre-departure information
- Check final details with AIFS

Things to consider when planning your program

- **Location** – where do students want to study abroad vs. where does faculty want to visit?
- **Program design** – An overloaded program exhausts students and faculty; free time and independence are part of this; high fees can lead to *exclusion*; inflation is global – especially housing costs post-pandemic
- **Curriculum** – Making the location your classroom; syncing themes and experiences across courses
- **Promotion** - It's a 1.5 full time job! “If we don't have students, we don't have a program.”



Getting Started

The AIFS Pre-Proposal Questionnaire gives AIFS a starting point to being working on a proposal. The questionnaire will include:

- Academic Focus
- Where & When
- Expected Enrollment Numbers
- Number of Faculty
- Transportation & Accommodation
- Academic Field Trips, Visits & Excursions; Guest speakers
- Cultural Engagement Experiences; Service Learning: Internships
- Target Program Fee
- Deadline



Courses for Seville, Spain Satisfy Humanities GE

ENGL 45 Studies in Fiction

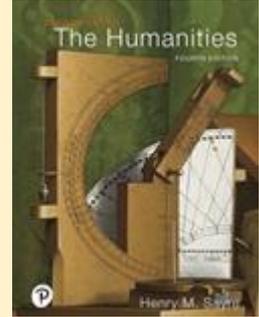
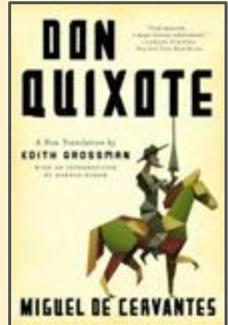
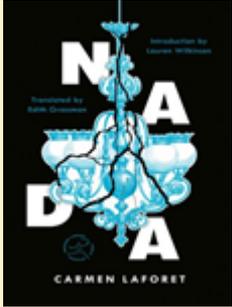
Form, development, and cultural insights of the novel and short story, with a focus on historical and contemporary Spanish works (in translation), with attention to the diversity of Spanish literature, whether written by women, Muslims before the Inquisition, migrants, or LGBTQ authors.

3 units / 54 hours lecture.
ADGE: 3. Transfer: CSU, UC; Cal-GETC: 3B.

HUMN 11 Arts and Culture I: Ancient World to Renaissance

A survey of the artistic and intellectual accomplishments of human cultures from the Ancient to Early Renaissance Eras. Emphasis is on the study of ancient to medieval painting, sculpture, architecture, music, literature, theater, religion, and philosophy from both Western and non-Western cultures.

3 units / 54 hours lecture.
ADGE: 3. Transfer: CSU, UC; Cal-GETC: 3A, 3B.



PROGRAM FEE:

\$4195

(15 OR MORE STUDENTS)

WHAT'S
INCLUDED?

- Accommodations in a local homestay in double rooms, including breakfast and dinner daily, Wi-Fi access, and weekly load of laundry
- Orientation program and activities with guided tour of Sevilla
- Classrooms with Wi-Fi
- Cultural activities in Seville including guided tours and visits listed above; guest lecture; movie showing; cooking class; themed walking tours
- Overnight excursion to Granada
- Full day excursions to Córdoba, Cádiz
- Half day excursion to Itálica
- AIFS Student services staff, including 24/7 emergency contact
- Medical insurance
- Pre-departure services and orientation
- Transfer to and from the airport

EXPENSES NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare (approx. \$1200 / use mileage credit card?)
- Las Positas College tuition + fees (approx. \$300)
- Textbooks (approx. \$100)
- Passport fees (\$160)
- Trip protection insurance to protect program fees in case of cancellation or interruption (CFAR/IFAR)
- Most lunches and occasional dinners
- Miscellaneous purchases and outings
- Local transport (bus, tram, Uber) and small tips for tour guides and program drivers



- **Intersession 2027 Antigua, Guatemala with Máximo Nivel**
- Travel, study Spanish, experience local indigenous cultures first hand and work to serve the local community (15 days)



- **Day of the Dead 2026, Oaxaca, Mexico with Global Exchange**
- October-November (6 days)



Lyndale Garner and Stephany Chavez: Peru

- Spring Break 2027: Maximo Nivel, Cusco, 7-8 days
 - Option for ECE 63 and 90— they have 10 lab hours with children that they need to fulfill, and service learning will be added in
 - Classes as a whole are unit-bearing, so financial aid and scholarship-eligible



Peru, continued

- Potential for recruiting students outside on a space-available basis—either in centers or doing cultural enrichment, Spanish classes
- Máximo Nivel offers certain enrichment activities and faculty can request others



Peru, continued



Proposal Form–5 minutes

LPC Travel Study Proposal Form – Fill out form

- Overview/Description of Proposed Travel Study:
 - Country, Semester/Year, Classes, Theme/s
- Faculty Leader Role
- Student Benefits
- Curriculum and SLOs
- FTEF and Staffing Considerations
- Transferability
- Itinerary and Site Specifics (keep contact hours in mind)
- Risk Management (checklist provided)
- Health and Fitness
- Logistics and Lodging (will come from provider proposal)
- Budget (separate tables for students and faculty)
- Marketing and Promotion



Please Evaluate
Our Session!

Thank you...



Workshop Evaluation