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2020-2021 STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

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Living with my host family was the highlight of my experience. I had two older host parents and I deeply valued the conversations we shared. I was privileged to learn about Dushanbe during the day through my own eyes, and in the evenings, through their stories and memories. I enjoyed our family gatherings for birthdays and special occasions and I would travel back to Tajikistan just to see them!

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- Catherine (Dushanbe, Tajikistan)



Why Choose AC?

For over 45 years, American Councils has been a leader in innovative overseas study and research programs. Our knowledgeable staff, reputable partners, and experienced host-university faculty provide the ideal environment for maximum academic achievement for each student.

PROVEN, QUALITY PROGRAMMING

Since 1974, American Councils has administered comprehensive overseas language and cultural immersion programs for thousands of students and scholars. Our participants recognize and trust our:

- Superior academic programs serving more than 7,000 U.S. participants across Europe and Asia since 1974;
- Long-standing and collaborative relationships with leading host-country universities and expert faculty;
- Highly experienced and accessible resident directors and in-country staff;
- Essential support services, including 24-hour emergency assistance from American Councils regional offices.

A UNIQUE APPROACH TO IMMERSION

American Councils programs are uniquely designed to maximize language gain through highly-individualized academic programs, small classes, and immersion opportunities outside the classroom. These include:

- Extensive volunteer opportunities at local schools, charities, and NGOs;
- Conversation partners and discussion groups with local peers;
- Expert resident directors and local staff who help students pursue personal interests while studying abroad;
- Host families on most programs who provide participants with a supportive environment and expose them to local language, culture, and cuisine.

“ For me, the most special moments abroad were the small things - cooking blini with my host dad, having conversations with my host parents, passing beautiful landmarks every day on my way to class, and just getting the chance to practice my Russian. ”

- Emily
(St. Petersburg, Russia)



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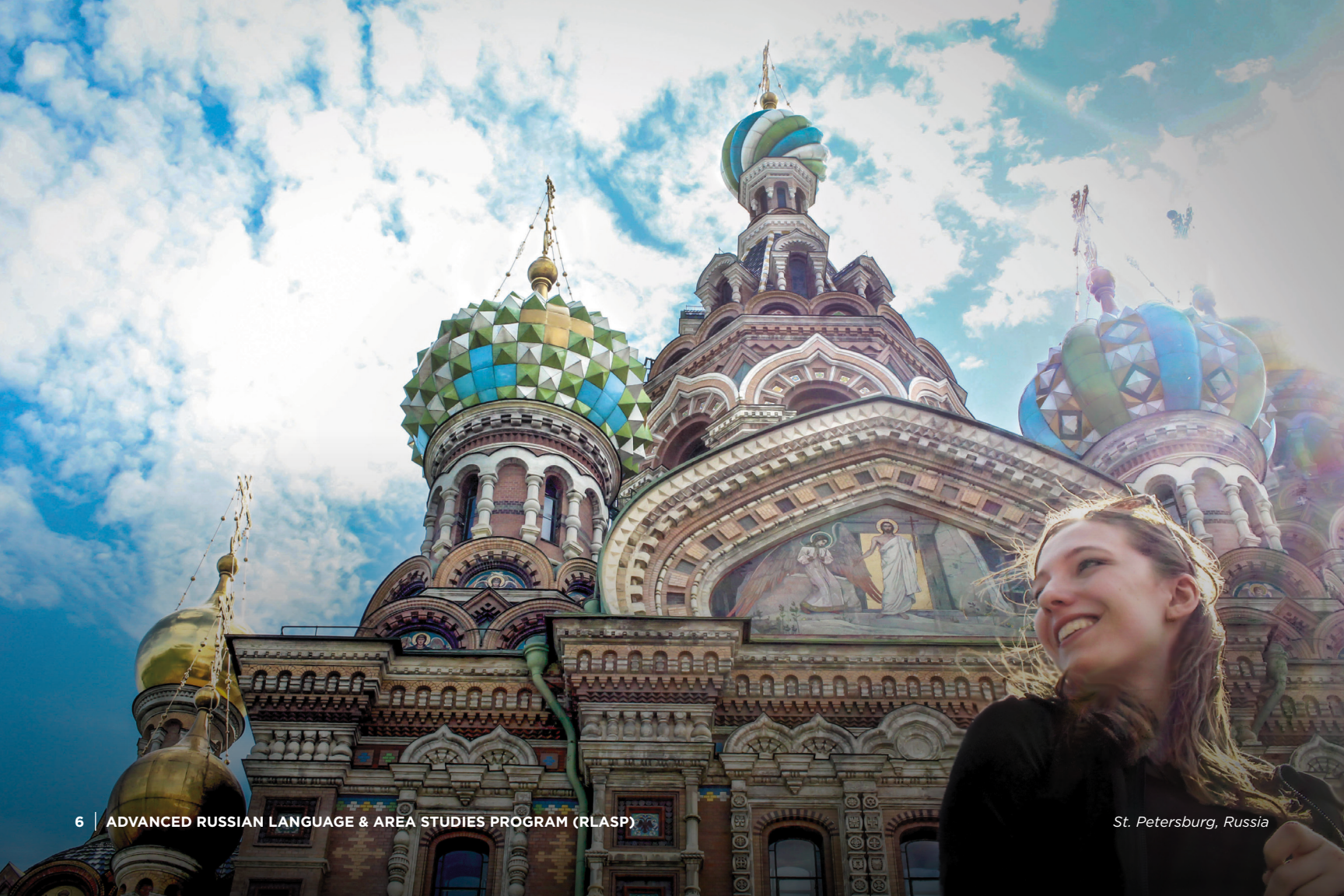
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Advanced Russian Language & Area Studies Program (RLASP)

RLASP combines intensive Russian language instruction with a wide range of extracurricular activities, including internships and community service, regional field study excursions, meetings with conversation partners, and discussion groups with local students.

OVERVIEW

Study Russian on a program uniquely designed to maximize your linguistic and cultural immersion. **Excel** in small classes taught in Russian by expert faculty.

Travel throughout your host country to study local culture and customs.

ACADEMICS

Participants attend approximately 20 hours of class per week in Russian grammar, conversation, phonetics, mass media, literature, history, political science, and contemporary society — all taught in Russian by expert faculty.

Participants earn 15–16 U.S. academic credit hours per semester (8–10 in the summer) through Bryn Mawr College, including credit in political science or history for content courses.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Led by resident directors, students participate in extended regional field study excursions outside their host city. RLASP groups in Russia have visited sites such as Volgograd and Sochi, while groups in Almaty have traveled to Nur-Sultan and Shymkent. Students also join weekly excursions to local sites of historical and cultural significance, such as theatres, museums, and national parks.

HOUSING

Participants choose to live with host families or in university dormitories. Host families provide two meals per day.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at:
www.acStudyAbroad.org/rlasp

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATIONS & HOST INSTITUTIONS

Moscow International University, Herzen University (St. Petersburg), KORA Language Center (Vladimir), Kazakh National University (Almaty)

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Russian language, cultural immersion, regional studies

ELIGIBILITY

2 semesters of college-level Russian or the equivalent

PROGRAM PERIODS

Fall, Spring, Academic Year, Summer (8 weeks)

KEY FEATURES

Cultural activities and excursions, full-time resident directors, conversation partners, 24/7 emergency support

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Business Russian Language & Internship (BRLI) Program

Combining intensive language classes and substantive internships in Russia or Kazakhstan, BRLI gives students invaluable insight into the international workplace and prepares them to use Russian in a professional capacity.

OVERVIEW

Study Russian for the business world and complete an internship in Moscow, St. Petersburg, or Almaty. **Develop** advanced language and intercultural skills for the global workplace. **Build** your resume with substantive international and professional experience.

ACADEMICS & INTERNSHIP

Each week, participants attend 12–15 hours of in-class instruction and 10–15 hours of structured activity at their internship sites. Conducted by expert faculty, classes focus on Russian language for the business world and related topics in commerce, communication, and business etiquette. Participants earn 15–16 U.S. academic credit hours per semester (8–10 during the summer) through Bryn Mawr College.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Led by resident directors, students participate in extended regional field study excursions outside their host city. Students in Russia have visited sites such as Volgograd and Sochi, while groups in Almaty have traveled to Nur-Sultan and Shymkent. Students also join weekly excursions to sites of interest, such as local businesses, theatres, museums, and exhibitions.

HOUSING

Participants choose to live with host families or in university dormitories. Host families provide two meals per day.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at: www.acStudyAbroad.org/brli

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATIONS & HOST INSTITUTIONS

Moscow International University, Herzen University (St. Petersburg), Kazakh National University (Almaty)

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Russian language, business topics, professional work experience

ELIGIBILITY

At least 4 semesters of college-level Russian or the equivalent

PROGRAM PERIODS

Fall, Spring, Academic Year, Summer (8 weeks)

INTERNSHIP DISCIPLINES

Business & innovation, investment, marketing & communication, journalism & mass media, social services, STEM, and more



Russian Heritage Speakers Program (HSP)

The Russian Heritage Speakers Program addresses the unique challenges faced by students who grew up speaking Russian in the U.S. Through individualized instruction and cultural immersion activities, the program enables heritage speakers to make rapid gains in speaking, reading, writing, and listening skills.

OVERVIEW

Study Russian in a program specially designed to meet the needs of heritage speakers. **Excel** in individually-tailored classes taught by expert faculty. **Connect** with locals through a wide range of activities, including internships and discussion clubs.

ACADEMICS

Participants take an active role in shaping their own curricula with a focus on intensive language gains in grammar, conversation, and vocabulary. Classes are held at least 12 hours per week and may include courses with local students. Academic year students may design an independent research project under the guidance of a faculty expert to be presented to university staff and students.

Participants earn 15–16 U.S. academic credit hours per semester (8–10 in the summer) through Bryn Mawr College, including credit in political science or history.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Led by resident directors, students participate in extended regional field study excursions outside their host city as well as weekly excursions to local sites of historical and cultural significance.

HOUSING

Participants choose to live with host families or in university dormitories. Host families provide two meals per day.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at: www.acStudyAbroad.org/heritage

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATIONS & HOST INSTITUTIONS

Moscow International University, Herzen University (St. Petersburg), KORA Language Center (Vladimir), Kazakh National University (Almaty)

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Highly-individualized classes built to meet the needs of each student; American Councils staff, resident directors, and faculty work with each student to create individualized programs

ELIGIBILITY

Participants must be Russian heritage speakers

PROGRAM PERIODS

Fall, Spring, Academic Year, Summer (8 weeks)



Balkan Language Initiative (BLI)

Combining highly-individualized academic programming with structured overseas immersion, BLI enables participants to make rapid gains in language proficiency and cultural knowledge while living and studying in Southeast Europe.

OVERVIEW

Study local language and culture in one of six Balkan countries. **Develop** advanced language and intercultural skills through intensive study and cultural immersion. **Excel** in small classes taught by expert faculty from leading local universities.

LANGUAGES & LOCATIONS

Albanian in Tirana; **Bosnian** in Sarajevo; **Bulgarian** in Sofia; **Macedonian** in Skopje; **Serbian** in Belgrade or Podgorica

ACADEMICS

Participants receive 15–18 hours of in-class instruction per week, all taught in the target language. Courses are designed to strengthen speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Coursework also covers topics in literature, history, politics, and regional studies.

Participants earn 15–16 U.S. academic credit hours per semester (8–10 in the summer) in Balkan language and culture through Bryn Mawr College.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Participants engage in a wide range of cultural activities and excursions designed to give them a deeper understanding of daily life, culture, and history in the host country.

HOUSING

Participants live with experienced host families selected by in-country staff. Host families provide two meals per day.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at: www.acStudyAbroad.org/bli

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATIONS

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Balkan languages, cultural immersion, regional studies

ELIGIBILITY

2 semesters of the target language or a related language

PROGRAM PERIODS

Fall, Spring, Academic Year, Summer (8 weeks)

KEY FEATURES

Cultural activities and excursions, local host families, conversation partners, 24/7 emergency support



Eurasian Regional Language Program (ERLP)

ERLP provides high-quality language instruction and cultural programs to participants studying the languages of Central Asia, the South Caucasus, Russia, Ukraine, and Moldova. Program sites offer individualized or small-group instruction, homestays, and extracurricular activities.

OVERVIEW

Study in one of nine Eurasian countries.

Develop advanced language and intercultural skills through intensive study and cultural immersion. **Connect** with locals through supportive host families and engaging conversation partners.

LANGUAGES & LOCATIONS

Armenian in Yerevan; **Azerbaijani** and **Turkish** in Baku; **Georgian** and **Chechen** in Tbilisi; **Kazakh** in Almaty; **Kyrgyz** in Bishkek; **Romanian** in Chisinau; **Bashkir**, **Buryat**, **Tatar**, and **Yakut** in Russia; **Persian (Dari, Farsi, Tajiki)**, **Pashto**, and **Uzbek** in Dushanbe; **Ukrainian** in Kyiv

ACADEMICS

Participants receive 15–18 hours per week of highly-individualized instruction designed to strengthen speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Conducted by faculty from leading

local universities, coursework includes topics in literature, history, politics, and regional studies.

Participants earn 15–16 U.S. academic credit hours per semester (8–10 in the summer) in Eurasian language and culture through Bryn Mawr College.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Participants engage in a wide range of cultural activities and excursions designed to give them a deeper understanding of daily life, culture, and history in the host country.

HOUSING

Participants live with experienced host families selected by in-country staff. Host families provide two meals per day.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at: www.acStudyAbroad.org/erlp

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATIONS

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, and Ukraine

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Eurasian languages, cultural immersion, regional studies

ELIGIBILITY

2 semesters of the target language, Russian, or a related language

PROGRAM PERIODS

Fall, Spring, Academic Year, Summer (8 weeks)

KEY FEATURES

Cultural activities and excursions, local host families, conversation partners, 24/7 emergency support



Indonesian Overseas Program (IOP)

Open to students at all proficiency levels, IOP enables participants to gain cultural knowledge and language competency while experiencing the vibrant traditions of Indonesia. Participants receive intensive language training and participate in cultural immersion activities.

OVERVIEW

Study Indonesian language and culture in vibrant Malang, the “Paris of East Java”. **Engage** in local culture, daily life, and regional traditions.

ACADEMICS

Participants receive 18-20 hours of Indonesian instruction per week at Universitas Negeri Malang. Conducted in small groups or in a one-on-one setting, classes are designed to strengthen speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills at all language levels from beginner to advanced. Courses for advanced students also cover topics in literature, history, politics, mass media, and regional studies. All classes are taught in Indonesian by expert faculty with extensive experience teaching foreign students.

Participants earn 15-16 U.S. academic credit hours per semester in Indonesian language and culture through Bryn Mawr College.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Participants engage in a wide range of cultural activities and excursions designed to give them a deeper understanding of Indonesian life, culture, and history.

HOUSING

Participants live with experienced host families selected by in-country staff. Host families provide two meals per day.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at:
www.acStudyAbroad.org/iop

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATION & HOST INSTITUTION

Universitas Negeri Malang
(Malang, Indonesia)

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Indonesian language, cultural immersion, regional studies

ELIGIBILITY

No prior knowledge of Indonesian required

PROGRAM PERIODS

Fall, Spring, Academic Year

KEY FEATURES

Cultural activities and excursions, small class sizes, local host families, conversation partners, 24/7 emergency support



Taiwan Intensive Summer Language Program (TISLP)

TISLP enables students of Mandarin Chinese to complete a year's worth of study in only eight weeks. The program combines intensive classroom instruction with cultural activities, excursions, community engagement opportunities, a weekend homestay, and conversation partners.

OVERVIEW

Develop advanced Chinese language and intercultural skills. **Experience** the diverse sights and sounds of Taiwan's bustling cities and natural wonders. **Explore** local culture through structured group activities.

ACADEMICS

Participants receive approximately 20 hours per week of immersive coursework in Chinese speaking, listening, reading, and writing. A typical daily schedule includes lectures, language drills, conversation classes, and one-on-one instruction. Students also regularly meet with local conversation partners who help participants adjust to daily life in Taiwan, serve as expert guides to Taiwanese culture and society, and provide academic support.

Participants earn 8-10 U.S. academic credit hours in Chinese language through Bryn Mawr College.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Participants engage in day trips, overnight excursions, and cultural activities designed to provide a deeper understanding of Taiwanese society, history, and daily life.

HOUSING

Participants live in university dormitory housing with the opportunity to stay with a local host family for one weekend during the program.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at: www.acStudyAbroad.org/tislp

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATION & HOST INSTITUTION

National Cheng Kung University
(Tainan, Taiwan)

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Chinese language, cultural immersion, regional studies

ELIGIBILITY

2 semesters of college-level Chinese or the equivalent

PROGRAM PERIODS

Summer (8 weeks)

KEY FEATURES

Cultural activities and excursions, full-time resident director, conversation partners, dormitory housing, 24/7 emergency support



Peace & Security in the South Caucasus Program

Peace and Security in the South Caucasus offers participants an in-depth understanding of the cultures and politics of the region through coursework in political history, security issues, nationalism, and democratization. Participants also study Armenian, Azerbaijani, Chechen, Georgian, or Russian language, offered at all levels.

OVERVIEW

Gain insights into the factors shaping current events in the region. **Engage** in dynamic discussions with local policy-makers and activists. **Study** a regional language at any level.

ACADEMICS

Students attend approximately 5 hours of class per day exploring a wide range of topics, including the history, national identities, religions, and geopolitical events that shape the South Caucasus. All classes are held at Ilia State University and are taught in English by expert faculty with extensive experience teaching U.S. students. Students also receive language instruction in Armenian, Azerbaijani, Chechen, Georgian, or Russian — no prior knowledge is required.

Participants earn 8-10 U.S. academic credit hours in political science and sociology through Bryn Mawr College.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Participants gain authentic insights into local life, culture, and issues facing the region through extracurricular activities such as a city tour of Tbilisi, a meeting with U.S. Embassy personnel, a day trip to Gori and a refugee settlement, and film screenings.

HOUSING

Participants live with experienced host families selected by in-country staff. Host families provide two meals per day.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at: www.acStudyAbroad.org/peace

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATION & HOST INSTITUTION

Ilia State University (Tbilisi, Georgia)

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Politics, conflict resolution, and regional security; Armenian, Azerbaijani, Chechen, Georgian, or Russian language (all levels)

ELIGIBILITY

No prior knowledge of Armenian, Azerbaijani, Chechen, Georgian, or Russian required

PROGRAM PERIOD

Summer (5 weeks)

KEY FEATURES

Cultural activities and excursions, full-time resident director, local host families



Politics & Public Diplomacy in Contemporary Russia Program

Designed to give participants new insight into the country today, Politics & Public Diplomacy explores regional developments and conflict, economic and political reforms under Vladimir Putin, the role of mass media, and new cultural phenomena shaping Russian society.

OVERVIEW

Gain insights into Russia through specially-designed courses on politics, culture, and economics. **Explore** Moscow and its most famous sites. **Excel** in small classes taught in English by expert Russian faculty.

ACADEMICS

Coursework provides participants greater insight into Russia's political role in the global arena. Students receive approximately 20 hours per week of instruction in English on topics such as regional conflict, elections and opposition figures, and economic policy and sanctions. Russian language classes are provided for participants at all levels, including those with no prior study of Russian.

Participants earn 8-10 U.S. academic credit hours in political science and Russian studies through Bryn Mawr College.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Students gain new insight into Russia's rich political history through extracurricular activities such as city tours in Moscow and St. Petersburg, and excursions to Red Square, the Kremlin, the Tretyakov Gallery, the Cold War Bunker Museum, Novodevichy Cemetery, and Muzeon Arts Park.

HOUSING

Participants live in university dormitory housing with other U.S. students.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at:
www.acStudyAbroad.org/ppd

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATION & HOST INSTITUTION

Moscow International University

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Public diplomacy, regional conflict, mass media, economic and political reforms, Russian language (all levels)

ELIGIBILITY

No prior knowledge of Russian required

PROGRAM PERIODS

Summer (5 weeks)

KEY FEATURES

Cultural activities and excursions, full-time resident director, conversation partners, dormitory housing, 24/7 emergency support



Tradition & Modernity in Taiwan (TMT) Program

The four-week Tradition and Modernity in Taiwan Program provides students with an introduction to Mandarin Chinese and hands-on coursework in the history, culture, politics, and contemporary issues that shape an increasingly influential region of the world.

OVERVIEW

Explore the diverse influences and unique challenges that shape one of Asia's most vibrant democracies.

Advance your intercultural skills while immersed in a welcoming, accessible environment.

ACADEMICS

Participants attend approximately 20 hours per week of lectures on Taiwanese history, culture, politics, and contemporary issues with relevant excursions designed to bring course concepts to life. All classes are taught in English by expert faculty. Students also receive basic instruction in Chinese - no prior knowledge is required.

Participants earn 8-10 U.S. academic credit hours in political science and sociology through Bryn Mawr College.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

Participants actively engage in Taiwanese culture and society through extracurricular activities such as traditional cooking, calligraphy, and tai chi, as well as visits to museums, temples, recycling centers, and aboriginal villages. Taiwanese student volunteers accompany participants throughout the program to help them adjust to daily life and facilitate meaningful engagement with local people, values, and perspectives.

HOUSING

Participants live in dormitory housing with other U.S. students.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at: www.acStudyAbroad.org/tmt

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATION & HOST INSTITUTION

National Chengchi University
(Taipei, Taiwan)

ACADEMIC FOCUS

Taiwanese culture, history, and politics;
Chinese language (all levels)

ELIGIBILITY

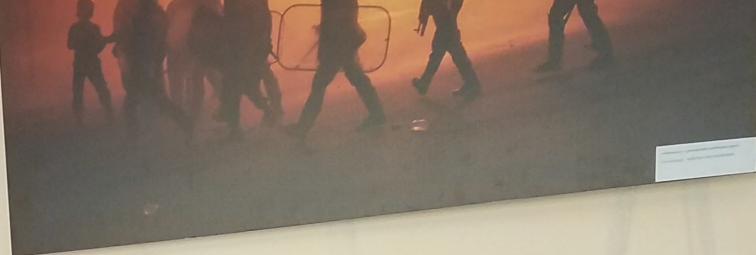
No prior knowledge of Chinese
required

PROGRAM PERIOD

Summer (4 weeks)

KEY FEATURES

Cultural excursions and activities,
24/7 emergency support, full-time
resident director, dormitory housing



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Overseas Professional & Intercultural Training (OPIT) Internship Program

OPIT gives students the substantive overseas professional experience and intercultural skills demanded by today's global market. English-language internship placements are available in 20 countries throughout the Balkans, Baltics, Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia.

OVERVIEW

Build your resume with substantive experience in countries vital to U.S. national interests. **Select** from such fields as public health, democracy building, ecology, marketing, and more. **Develop** your intercultural skills through coursework and overseas experience.

INTERNSHIPS

Participants complete a full-time, English-language internship in the host country. Participants are matched with internship placements according to their academic background and preferences.

ACADEMICS

The program integrates experiential learning with cross-cultural coursework designed to advance participants' critical thinking and global understanding through reflection and feedback sessions.

Participants earn 4-5 U.S. academic credit hours in intercultural communication through Bryn Mawr College. Transcripts also notate the completion of a non-credit bearing global internship.

Participants may also opt for up to 10 hours per week of language classes for an additional fee.

HOUSING

Participants live with experienced host families selected by in-country staff. Host families provide two meals per day.

LEARN MORE & APPLY TODAY

Complete information and an online application are available at: www.acStudyAbroad.org/opit

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATIONS

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine

PROGRAM PERIOD

Summer (8 weeks)

ELIGIBILITY

No foreign language skills required

INTERNSHIP DISCIPLINES

Business and innovation, democracy building and human rights, ecology and environmental issues, journalism and mass media, marketing and communications, STEM, and more

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Customized & Faculty-Led Programs

In addition to administering high-quality overseas programs, American Councils offers a wide range of services to support customized and faculty-led programs for U.S. institutions of higher education wishing to send their students abroad.

ACADEMICS & CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

American Councils can assist in determining program length, budget, structure, coursework, academic credit, and appropriate cultural activities or community service components.

We also can connect U.S. faculty with local leaders, government officials, NGO representatives, journalists, and other leading professionals to provide enriching dialogue on any subject matter. Outside the classroom, American Councils can arrange excursions and extended travel to historical and cultural sites.

HOUSING

American Councils can arrange housing for participants on faculty-led and customized programs, including experienced host families, university dormitories, hotels, and youth hostels.

PAST PROGRAMS

Warren Wilson College: 2-week faculty-led Environmental Leadership program throughout Armenia

University of New Haven: 2-week faculty-led Historical & Contemporary Conflict Studies program in Ukraine

University of Texas: 5-week customized Russian Language & Culture program in Moscow, Russia

Allegheny College: 8-week customized Global Health program with an internship component in Moldova

DESIGN YOUR PROGRAM

Speak with an American Councils representative today. Customized program information is available at:
www.acStudyAbroad.org/customized

PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

LOCATIONS

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, North Macedonia, Oman, Poland, Romania, Russia, Senegal, Serbia, South Korea, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

PROGRAM FOCUS

Language and cultural immersion, regional studies, global internships

PROGRAM PERIOD AND COST

Determined by program specifications



Overseas Health & Safety

The health and safety of participants abroad is American Councils' first priority. To prepare for all contingencies, we take the following precautions:

EMPLOY expert resident directors and overseas staff who speak the local language fluently, know local culture intimately, and stand ready to offer 24/7 emergency assistance;

PROVIDE participants extensive online and written materials about their host-country culture, health recommendations, safety concerns, and U.S. government advisories;

CONDUCT mandatory, comprehensive pre-departure and on-site orientations addressing health and safety, emergency procedures, and the challenges of cultural adaptation;

WORK CLOSELY with overseas university staff to fulfill all visa requirements and local regulations for international students;

REGISTER all participants in the Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) and enroll in-country staff in the local Warden system, through which they receive direct communications from local Embassies and Consulates for U.S. citizens abroad;

ACTIVELY MONITOR State Department travel advisories and maintain supplemental local organizational resources to assess safety risks and respond to emergencies;

ENROLL all participants in international health, accident, and evacuation insurance for the duration of their program.

Financing Your Trip Abroad

American Councils believes that study abroad should be accessible to all students and that financial limitations should not deter a qualified student from participating in this life-changing experience. Therefore, we offer numerous resources to help offset program costs, including the following scholarships and fellowships:

AMERICAN COUNCILS FUNDING

AC Study Abroad Alumni Scholarship

Alumni of all American Councils programs that enroll in another AC Study Abroad program automatically receive a \$500 scholarship towards a summer program or a \$1,000 scholarship towards a semester program.

AC Study Abroad Diversity Scholarship

Available to students of backgrounds traditionally underrepresented in study abroad and educational exchange programs. Awards typically range from \$500 to \$2,500.

AC Study Abroad Language & Area Studies Expert Scholarship

Participants on consecutive Regional Studies and Intensive Language programs automatically receive a \$1,000 scholarship towards their semester program.

AC Study Abroad Need-Based

Scholarship Awards typically range from \$500 to \$2,500.

Business, Technology, and Innovation Scholarship

Available to participants on the OPIT & BRLI programs interning in business and STEM fields in Russia. Awards range from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Dan E. Davidson Fellowship Available to highly-qualified and deserving individuals who aim to carry on the work and mission of American Councils. Award amounts vary by term.

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects

Abroad Fellowships Provided by the U.S. Department of Education, these fellowships are available to Russian and Persian speakers on the RLASP program in Moscow or the ERLP program in Dushanbe. Awards typically range from \$5,000 to \$9,000.

Title VIII Language Fellowships

Provided by the U.S. Department of State, these fellowships are available to participants on the RLASP, ERLP, or BLI programs. Awards may cover up to 75% of the program cost.

US Study Abroad Assistance

Fund Available to students with demonstrated financial need to provide awards for costs that most scholarships or programs do not cover, including passport fees, medical exams, luggage, and other incidentals.

Additional government, private, and university funding is available for use on AC Study Abroad programs.

Learn more about American Councils and other sources of funding at:

www.acStudyAbroad.org/financialaid



Our Overseas Partners

AZERBAIJAN

Established in 2000, **Azerbaijan University of Languages (AUL)** is the first for-credit institution in Azerbaijan.

GEORGIA

Founded in 2006, **Ilia State University** is among the top-ranked institutions of higher education in Georgia.

INDONESIA

Established in 1954, **Universitas Negeri Malang** is among the oldest and most respected higher education institutions in Indonesia.

KAZAKHSTAN

Founded in 1933, **Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (KazNU)** is the oldest university in Kazakhstan.

RUSSIA

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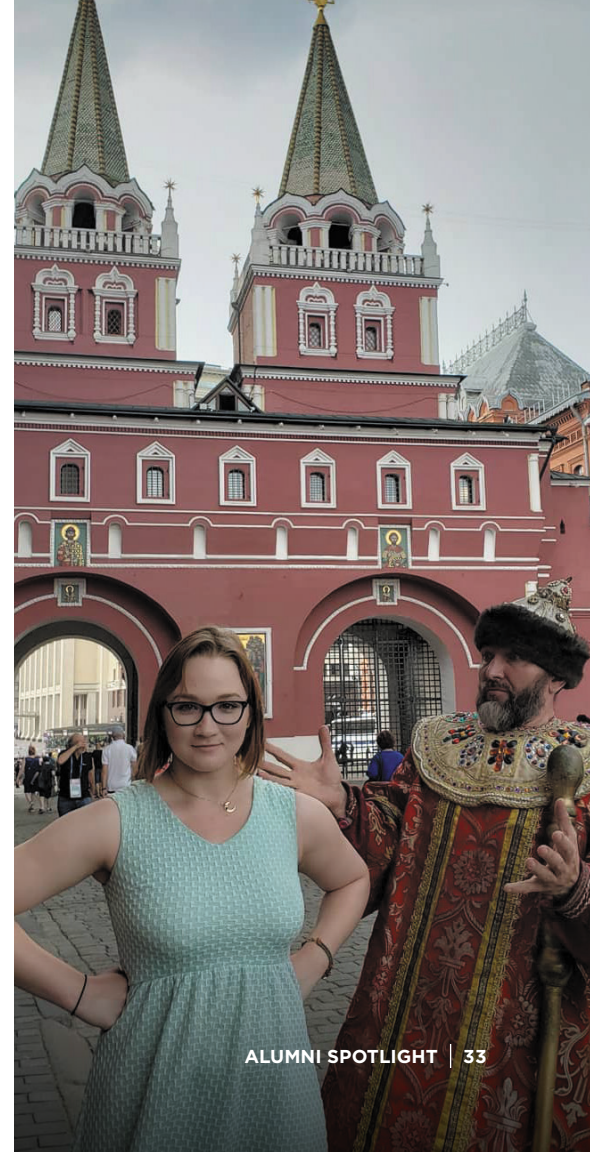
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As an undergraduate, **Cydnie Davenport** sought a study abroad program that allowed for her to gain professional experience while being immersed in Russian language and culture. She chose the **Overseas Professional & Intercultural Training (OPIT) Internship Program** in summer 2018:

“This program helped me learn more about working in a professional setting. I brainstormed advertisements for English-speaking consumers, practiced my translation skills, and was exposed to start-up culture. It was really beneficial and eye-opening for my intercultural professional development and exposure to the business world through my second language.”

Following OPIT, Cydnie used the knowledge gained from her internship abroad and applied it to a job at a Microsoft-partnered start-up. In addition, she returned to Russia post-graduation to teach English to kindergarteners, using her language immersion experience from OPIT.



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The program was everything I could have asked it to be, and I walked away with a far better understanding of Taiwanese culture and the Chinese language. My time in Taiwan gave me lifelong friends and ambitions, things that I plan to cultivate for the foreseeable future, and I owe it all to American Councils and TISLP.

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