

Marist International Programs (MIP)

SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSIONS: HANCOCK CENTER (HC)

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 (activity hours)

- ✓ To prepare for, and get the most out of MIP info sessions visit: <https://marist.edu/international>
- ✓ Click on “**Our Programs**” and “**Semester and Academic Year.**”
- ✓ Click on **program names** for summaries and additional details links.
- ✓ Bring your questions to one or more of the info sessions listed:

➤ Study Abroad Basics: 11:00 to 11:30 am: HC 2017

Study abroad credits, costs, financial aid, applications, courses, registration, grading, etc.

➤ Session Q & A: 11:30 to 12:15 pm: HC 2017 Coordinator **Carol Toufali**

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| 1. Deakin University (Melbourne, Australia) | 5. Macquarie University (Sydney, Australia) |
| 2. FIE Dublin/DBS (internship required) | 6. Marist Italy (Lorenzo de' Medici Institute) |
| 3. FIE London (internship required) | 7. Paris, France (U. of N. Carolina Consortium) |
| 4. Hansard Society Scholars (London; internship required) | 8. University College Cork (Ireland) |

➤ Session Q & A: 12:15 to 1:00 pm: HC 2019 Coordinator **Caitlin Paul**

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| 1. Budapest Semesters in Mathematics | 5. KEI (Knowledge Exchange Institute) |
| 2. CEA (Cultural Experiences Abroad) | 6. SIT (School for International Training) |
| 3. CIEE (Council for International Educ. Exchange) | 7. University of St. Andrews (Scotland) |
| 4. IES Abroad | 8. Temple University (Tokyo) |

➤ Session Q & A: 1:00 to 1:45 pm: HC 2017 Coordinator **James Morrow-Polio**

1. **API** (Academic Programs International)
2. **Marist-Madrid**
3. **Marist-Mod'Spe Paris Fashion Program**
4. **School for Field Studies (SFS)** (of special interest to Environmental Science majors/minors)
5. **SEA Semester** (of special interest to Environmental Science majors/minors)
6. **U. of Kent at Canterbury (UK)** (of special interest to Biological Science majors/minors)
7. Business and Exchange Programs:
 - **Aston Business School** (UK)
 - **Reutlingen** (Germany)
 - **EDHEC** (France)
 - **Asia Study Abroad Program (ASAP)** (Multi-country)
 - **Akita International University** (Japan)

Marist International Semester Study Abroad Checklist

For more info: www.marist.edu/international

Eligibility

- Minimum cumulative GPA is 2.5. Higher GPAs are required for most programs: see the list of approved programs on the MIP web site.
- Sophomore, junior or senior status.
- Participants must maintain minimum GPA requirements up to departure.

Financial Considerations

- Marist financial aid applies to Marist-approved programs and exchanges abroad.
- Most MIP program fees are comparable to the cost of on-campus tuition and accommodation.
- MIP application fee: \$50 (on-line payment or check or money order payable to Marist College – cash is not accepted)
- Scholarship search engine: <http://www.studyabroadfunding.org/>
- Gilman scholarships are open to students on Pell Grants; Boren Awards support study of less commonly taught languages and/or study in countries outside of Western Europe. You might also try organizations in your home community (Lion's Club, Rotary Club, etc.). Additional funding sources are available at:
<http://www.gooverseas.com/blog/65-study-abroad-grants-and-scholarships>

Where to Begin

- Discuss your study abroad plans with your academic advisor(s) (and foreign language faculty, if applicable). Academic advisor approval is required to participate in MIP.
- View your academic program in *DegreeWorks* and determine what major, minor, core and elective requirements you may fulfill in your abroad semester.
- Research study abroad program offerings on the MIP web site: www.marist.edu/international
- Attend the MIP Study Abroad Fair (offered in fall and spring) and MIP Info Sessions (offered beginning and end of each semester).
- Read the MIP Semester Handbook: <http://www.marist.edu/international/pdfs/MIP-Handbook-Fall-2014-revised.pdf>

Application and Approval

- At <http://www.marist.edu/international/forms.html> read the instructions, then click the link to the on-line MIP application.
- Conditional acceptance letters will be sent by Marist e-mail after decisions are made; unsuccessful applicants will be informed by e-mail as well. All correspondence to students from MIP is addressed to Fox-mail accounts.
- Conditional acceptance means an application has successfully passed the **first round of review**; subsequent steps are:
 - o Approval from the Office of Student Conduct. MIP provides the list of candidates to the Student Conduct office.
 - o Secondary applications/forms completed by candidates and submitted by deadlines--following MIP coordinator instructions.
 - o Offer of admission for semester/academic year study abroad from the overseas institution/university.
 - o Current Marist semester completed successfully, in good academic and judicial standing.

Credit and Grade Transfer

- With the exception of Marist-Italy courses, overseas courses must be approved by Marist department chairpersons and academic advisors on the MIP form provided by MIP. The form is linked here:
<http://www.marist.edu/international/pdfs/Academic%20Plan%20Form%201.14.16.pdf>
- At the end of the program, overseas transcripts must be sent to MIP for processing and forwarding to the Marist Registrar.
- Grades earned in the abroad semester transfer to the Marist record, are included on the Marist transcript, and calculated in the GPA. Grade equivalent scales will determine grade "translations" when overseas grading systems differ from Marist's.

Other Considerations

- Withdraw from Marist **housing** by the deadline in order to be eligible for full deposit refund. Visit: www.marist.edu/housing
- Contact the Office of Student Financial Services (SFS) for answers to questions about your **financial aid**.
- Make sure your SFS account is settled; **MIP fees** must be paid by the SFS deadline, and prior to departure for overseas.
- Arrange to have **campus mail** forwarded.
- Attend **MIP pre-departure planning meetings**—to be announced by your MIP coordinator.
- IMPORTANT: Passports:** Your passport should be valid for a full 6 months AFTER your expected date of return to the US. Do you need to apply for, or renew, a US passport? Visit: <http://www.travel.state.gov/content/travel/english.html>
- IMPORTANT: Student Visas:** What's a visa? Visit: <http://www.marist.edu/international/pdfs/f13whatisavisa.pdf>
A visa can take several weeks to acquire and (depending on the country) visa applications can be quite complicated. Proof of funds to cover overseas living expenses is usually required. DON'T DELAY in filling out required paperwork. Pay close attention to coordinator/provider instructions. **Do not apply for your visa until you have been given the "go ahead;" applying too early can be very costly and will further complicate the visa process.**