



Freeman Study Abroad & Exchange

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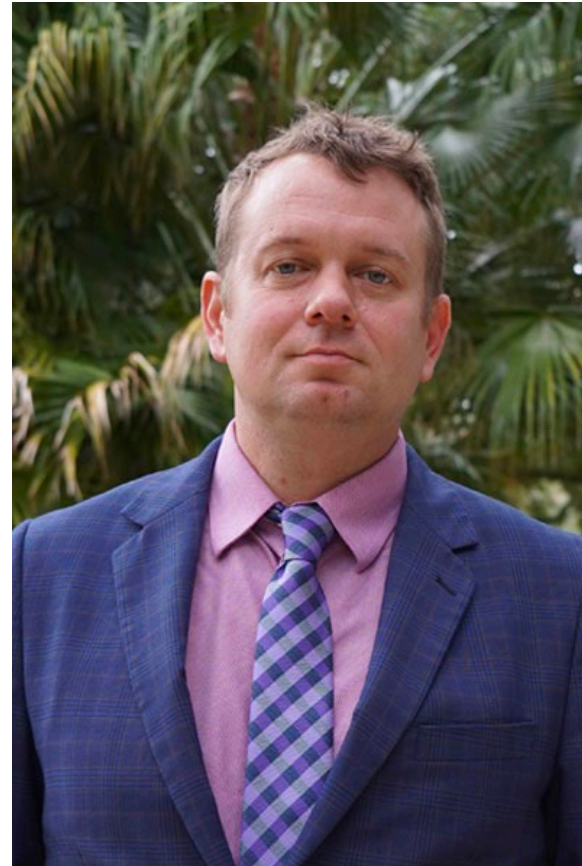
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Agenda

- The Basics – program descriptions, offerings, benefits, effects on students, and example programs
- Logistics – when, how, and how much; safety & security
- Q&A



The Basics



Two Tulane Study Abroad Offices



NEW: select OSA program/courses pre-approved for business students.



Program Profiles

All are direct-enroll exchange programs.

- Curated list of direct partnerships with top business schools around the world.
- Participants become students at the partner institution and maintain status as Tulane students.
- Because they enroll directly with the partner, students are required to participate in the host institution's practices, such as:
 - Enrollment
 - Academic calendar
 - Student organizations
 - Support services
 - Housing (may or may not be offered)

International Exchange Students at Tulane

Freeman typically hosts over 100 international exchange students every semester – the largest group of undergraduate exchange students at Tulane!

Incoming exchange students are treasured members of our campus community, providing not only social interaction for students and having their own study abroad experiences, but also valuable insights to academic work and classroom discussions.



Program Offerings

Tulane's Freeman Abroad provides opportunities to study at top business schools internationally:

- 12 programs in Asia
- 26 programs in Europe
- 1 program in the Middle East (NEW!)
- 5 programs in Australia
- 7 programs in the Americas
- 14 summer programs
- Total: 51 programs in 25 countries



Freeman Abroad Program Benefits

Students can:

- Take business classes not available at Tulane.
- Transfer 12-18 business credits.
- Take classes taught in English (most also allow students to study in local language).
- Maintain Tulane status, therefore:
 - Most financial aid and scholarships apply.
 - Access to full Tulane support (Crisis24, travel services, advising [our office and academic advising], success coaching, tutoring, counseling, and more).



Study Abroad Effects on Students

Increased hiring and postgraduate acceptance potential.

Network with future international professional contacts.

Gain an international perspective on their studies.

Develop a heightened sense of adaptability.

Increased independence.

Strengthened intercultural competencies.

[Additional information on research measuring the impact of study abroad](#)

Study Abroad Perceptions

- Academic, professional, and personal goals are important.
- It's not just travel.
- Social media and FOMO impact perceptions.
- Study abroad is LIVING abroad.
- Going on one's own is a GOOD thing.





Freeman Abroad Program Parameters

Tulane's Freeman Abroad does not:

- Apply for housing on behalf of students.
- Enroll students in classes at the host institution.
- Alter foreign transcripts received.
- Apply for student visas on behalf of students.
- Intervene with a foreign country or partner institution's policies and/or procedures.



Partner Examples/Highlights

- ICADE Business School in Madrid, Spain
- Copenhagen Business School, Denmark
- Sciences Po in Reims, France (main campus)
- Vienna University of Economics & Business, Austria
- National University of Singapore
- Curtin University in Perth, Australia
- Universidad de los Andes in Bogota, Colombia

<https://freemanabroad.tulane.edu>



Logistics

When Do Students Go Abroad with Freeman?

- Typically during their junior year.
- Advising anytime.
- Most plan to go after Sophomore Spring.
- Eligibility Requirements:
 - Completion of lower division business core requirements
 - 2.5 Freeman GPA
 - Maintain good academic, financial, and disciplinary standing at Tulane
- Start applications up to 1 year in advance.



Spring Semester Study Abroad Benefits:

- More partner institution options (some have academic calendars that do not work well with our Fall semester – examples: ICHEC in Brussels, SRH Berlin, Univ. of Innsbruck).
- Some even start after Mardi Gras!
- Different (more) course offerings (CBS, Vienna).
- Higher likelihood of acceptance into top choice.
- Less of a “Tulane bubble.”
- More holidays & better weather.
- Travel time after the semester is over.



A person's silhouette is seen from behind, looking out over a lush green landscape. In the background, the iconic Supertrees of Gardens by the Bay and the Singapore Flyer are visible against a clear sky. The scene is framed by a large, curved white graphic element on the left side of the slide.

How Does It Work?

- Exchange: number of spots is governed by how many students we send & receive with each institution.
- Students maintain TU status.
- Also become full-time students at partner institutions.
- Individual course enrollments done with host institution.
- Credits & grades are transferred in as business electives and count towards BSM degree (restrictions apply).



What about cost?

- All are direct-enroll exchange
- Base Tulane tuition plus academic and study abroad fees (do not pay campus fees).
- Scholarships & financial aid apply as a regular semester.
- International health insurance and emergency service is included.
- All other expenses are paid directly to providers.
- Cost of living varies widely.
- Cost estimates available on [Freeman Abroad website](#).

What about housing?

- **Local arrangements are made according to host institution's facilities and locations.**
 - Examples: ICADE – no housing; BI Norwegian – housing guaranteed for international students; Vienna – Austrian government housing agency available
- **Housing opportunities vary widely.**
- **Local cost of living also varies widely.**



How Do Students Apply?

- In sophomore year, students should start planning.
- Start with our website and/or speak to a study abroad advisor:
 - <https://freemanabroad.tulane.edu>
 - <https://freeman.tulane.edu/undergraduate/study-abroad-exchange/make-appointment>
 - In-person: Business Building Suite 220
- Research program offerings based upon personal goals and objectives.





Annual Deadlines

Spring:

Sept. 5

Fall:

Feb. 5

Summer:

Variable



Passports

- **Students should have a valid passport when starting their study abroad application.**
- **Must be valid for at least 6 months after the study abroad program ends.**
- **If they do not have a passport or need to renew, do so NOW to avoid extra fees.**
- **If the current passport was issued prior to age 16, it is not a renewal application and therefore may take longer than a renewal.**



Visas

- Most countries require a student visa, but some do not.
- Requirements vary depending on the country and the consulate.
- Requirements are usually extremely detailed and students must read instructions very carefully.

Application Timeline

- **After the application deadline, placement decisions announced in about 10 days.**
- **Students then have 7 days to commit or not (they are encouraged to meet with us if they have questions).**
- **Then students start with the next phases, such as:**
 - **Secondary application**
 - **Pre-departure orientation**
 - **Visa application**



After Placement

This is an exciting time! Students are encouraged to research such things as:

- **Their host institution:**
 - **Classes offered**
 - **Academic culture**
 - **Student groups**
 - **Dress code?**
- **The local language and culture**
- **Other interesting details based on their personal interests, goals, and objectives.**
- **Get in touch with prior study abroad participants and/or incoming exchange students from the host institution.**



Booking Travel

Tulane students are required to utilize the Concur online booking tool (Concur Travel) or World Travel Service (WTS).

- **Why? Concur and/or WTS can provide support in case ticket changes or evacuation services are needed or due to possible on-site emergencies such as a global pandemic, natural disaster, etc.**
- **Students can access Concur Travel via Gibson.**
- **Students may also utilize the travel agency services of Tulane's contracted agent "World Travel Services" (WTS)**
 - **Tries to reduce or eliminate layovers outside the U.S.**
 - **Typically offers refundable fares**



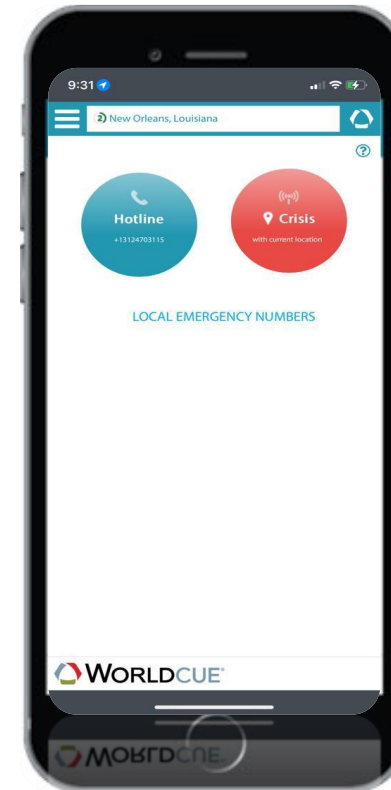


What about safety?

- **Personal safety and responsibility are central themes of the pre-departure orientation and messaging to students.**
- **We encourage students to think carefully about safety issues and to check the U.S. Dept. of State and CDC websites for travel advisories.**
- **Tulane monitors advisories and reserves the right to cancel any program in a location that is considered unsafe.**
- **GeoBlue Health Insurance included in program.**
- **Crisis24 International Travel Safety & Emergency Provider**

Safety & Security: Emergency Response

- **Before they go:**
 - **Crisis 24 – automatic for students booking via Tulane**
 - **Download Worldcue app. Easy to use hotline, crisis signal, and local emergency numbers**
 - **Travel.state.gov for destination information**
 - **Country and locally specific information**
 - **Travel advisories**
 - **Helpful information for U.S. Travelers**
- **Once all trip details are known**
 - **Enroll in STEP: Smart Traveler Enrollment Program through U.S. Dept. of State**



Safety & Security: Current Affairs

- Tulane has a team that specifically monitors and addresses global incidents, in addition to the support provided to us by Crisis24.
- In fact, the US Department of State issued a Security Alert for Worldwide Caution today:

Due to increased tensions in various locations around the world, the potential for terrorist attacks, demonstrations or violent actions against U.S. citizens and interests, the Department of State advises U.S. citizens overseas to exercise increased caution. U.S. citizens should:

 - Stay alert in locations frequented by tourists.
 - Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive information and alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency overseas.
 - Follow the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Current students have enrolled in STEP and Crisis24.
- All students should be very careful and cognizant of what is going on around them – even during more peaceful times.
- Tulane is not evacuating students from Europe at this time, and continues to monitor alerts and incidents.



Questions?



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Thank You!

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