



# Study Abroad Opportunities for Technical College System Schools

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# Overview

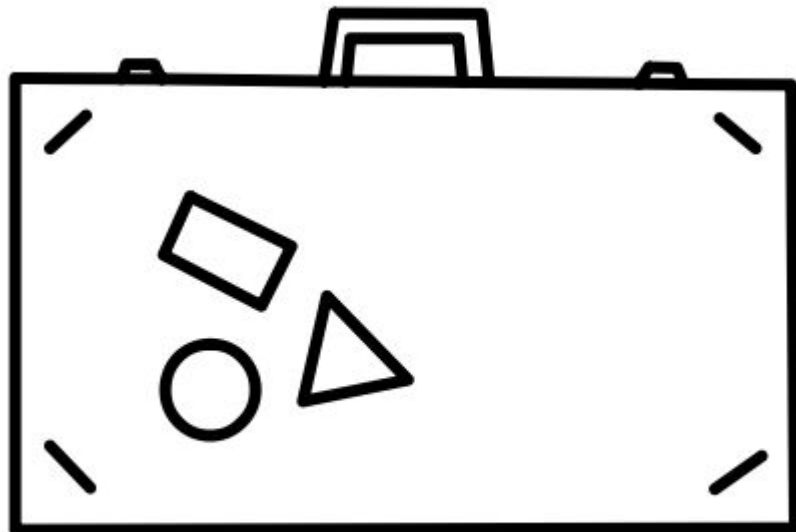
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Why Offer Study Abroad?

# Benefits

- Learning inside and outside the classroom
- Exposure to new experiences & increased independence
- Cross-cultural competence & appreciation of diversity
- Increased self-awareness
- Opportunity to hone language skills
- Preparation for the global market

# Goals of the TCSG

## **TCSG MISSION**

The Technical College System of Georgia provides technical, academic and adult education and training focused on building a **well-educated, globally competitive workforce** for Georgia.

## **TCSG VISION**

The Technical College System of Georgia will be acknowledged as a world leader in technical education, providing access to student-centered, high-quality affordable postsecondary education and training. We will equip students for success, thereby building literate and economically strong communities and businesses for Georgia.



# Challenges Facing Students and Staff within the TCSG

# Institutional Challenges

- Staffing
- Cost
- Credit Transfer



# Student Challenges

- Program Length
- Cost
- Credit Transfer



# Programs Within the TCSG



# Gwinnett Technical College

**Type:** Faculty-Led

**Length:** 10 Days

**When:** Spring Break

**Where:** Spain, Italy, Scotland

**Coordinated by:** Dr. Penny Joyner Waddell & CEPA-Europe

**Pre- and Post-Departure Involvement:**

Semester-long online course

**Past Courses:** Culinary Arts, Speech, Psychology, Interior Design, and Humanities

**2017 Courses (Tentative):**

Speech/Communications, Business, Marketing

**Average Price:** \$3,200, includes:

- Airfare
- Housing
- Breakfast
- Welcome and farewell dinner
- Ground transportation
- Entrance fees

**Estimated Tuition and Fees:**

- Tuition: \$89/credit hour
- Fees: \$330

# Chattahoochee Technical College

**Type:** Faculty-Led

**Length:** 10 days

**When:** Spring Break

**Where:** Spain, Ireland, Multi-City in Europe

**Coordinated by:** 3 Chattahoochee Tech Study

Abroad Coordinators: Shari Szalwinski, Frank

Inscoe, & Allison Budaj

## **Pre- and Post-Departure Involvement:**

- Part of a semester-long course (in-person, online, or hybrid)
- 3 pre-departure meetings (can be done via Skype)
- Garage sale fundraiser

## **Sample Courses:**

- ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation
- ENGL 1101 Composition and Rhetoric
- HUMN 1101 Introduction to Humanities
- POLS 1101 American Government
- SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology
- SPCH 1101 Public Speaking

## **2016 Price:** \$2,970 includes:

- Airfare
- Housing
- Some meals
- Ground transportation
- Entrance fees

## **Estimated Tuition and Fees:**

- Tuition: \$89/credit hour
- Fees: \$273

# Central Georgia Technical College

**Type:** Faculty-Led

**Length:** Two Weeks

**When:** July

**Where:** Scotland

**Coordinated by:** Director of Global Initiatives  
Rick Hutto & Robert Gordon University

**Pre- and Post- Departure Involvement:**

- Two pre-departure meetings (can be done via Skype)
- Writing assignment due after

**2016 Courses:**

- HUMN 1101: Introduction to Humanities
- MGMT 2500: International Business Principles

**2016 Price:** \$3,400, includes:

- Airfare
- Housing
- Weekday lunches
- Welcome and farewell dinner
- Ground transportation
- Entrance fees
- Tuition and fees for three credit hours (add \$267 if enrolling in both courses)

# Sias Exchange Program

**Type:** TCSG Exchange

**Length Range:** One semester

**When:** Fall

**Where:** Sias International University in China

**Coordinated by:** Sias International University

**Sample Courses** (would need transfer approval):

- ACCT 1100 Financial Accounting I
- ECON 2106 Microeconomics
- ECON 2105 Macroeconomics
- MGMT 1100 Principles of Management
- MGMT 1105 Organizational Behavior

- MKTG 1100 Principles of Marketing
- Optional Chinese language and culture courses

**Scholarship Covers:**

- Tuition

**Estimated Additional Expenses:**

- Airfare: \$1,500
- Housing: \$260 to \$1,040
- Meals
- Insurance: \$100
- Medical Fee: \$60
- Resident Permit Fee: \$140



# Programs Outside the TCSG

# European Council

**Type:** USG Consortium, led by USG faculty

**Length Range:** Two weeks to one month

**When:** Summer

**Where:** Germany, England, France, Spain, Scotland, Russia, and Ireland

**Coordinated by:** Beverly Vantine, Valdosta State University

**Pre- and Post-Departure Involvement:**  
Orientation in Macon, GA

**Credit Transfer:** Through Valdosta

**Financial Aid:** Through home institution

**Sample Courses** (would need transfer approval):

- ARTS 1101 Art Appreciation
- BIOL 1111 Biology I
- CHEM 1211 Chemistry I
- HIST 1112 World History II
- MUSC 1101 Music Appreciation
- PSYC 1101 Introductory Psychology
- SOCI 1101 Introduction to Sociology

**Price Range:** \$2,995 to \$5,700, includes:

- Airfare
- Housing
- Some meals
- Ground transportation

**Estimated Additional Fees** (Valdosta State):

- \$40 transient student application fee
- Tuition: \$194.20 /credit hour
- Fees: \$222.50



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## Promote to Students:

- Gwinnett Tech Transient Course
- Chattahoochee Tech Transient Course
- Central Georgia Tech Transient Course
- Sias Exchange Program Transfer Credit
- European Council Transfer Credit

## Financial Support

- HOPE Scholarship (applicable at TCSG and USG institutions, rate varies)
- Pell Grant (applicable at TCSG, need special permission at USG institutions)
- Outside Scholarships

**Create study abroad coordinator position;** could pair with:

- Coordinator of International Services
- Faculty Member
- Academic Advisor

## Duties:

- Serve as point of contact
- Market programs through email, flyers, and information sessions
- Research financial aid, grant, and scholarship opportunities
- Research safety and risk management





Questions?