The primary mission of the Cal Poly International Center is to provide leadership and coordination for Cal Poly international activities and to serve as the principal catalyst for internationalization efforts at Cal Poly. The International Center maintains administrative authority and university-wide oversight of international engagement, including international initiatives, programs, and activities supported by the campus. The International Center offers programs and services for both international students studying on campus and students preparing to study abroad. Additionally, the Center supports international travel authorizations for employees traveling on Cal Poly business and for students on non-credit programs.

Cal Poly’s vision for internationalization is to provide foundational experiential learning, teaching, service and scholarship opportunities at home and abroad that will best equip graduates and the campus community at large to solve complex global challenges sustainably, ethically and inclusively. Learn by Doing in a global context drives students, faculty and staff to critically evaluate themselves, their own cultures, their values and place in the world. It promotes growth in character, ability to handle ambiguity, reflexive and relative thinking, and ultimately, greater personal fulfillment. It fuels informed global systems thinkers and doers, and activates Cal Poly students to be positive forces in the world.

International Travel
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All faculty, staff, and students traveling outside of the U.S. on university business are required to obtain approval and will be enrolled in the foreign travel insurance program (FTIP) through Cal Poly. All documentation must be submitted by the stated deadlines prior to travel and approvals received before travel expenses are incurred. Travel abroad may include activities such as attending or presenting at conferences, participating in tours, conducting funded research, student internships, club activities, or taking students on non-credit international field trips. Please check to see if your destination is deemed high hazard. In general, student travel to countries listed on the high hazard lists will not be approved unless the student is accompanied by a Cal Poly faculty or staff member. Students must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing to participate. For deadlines and information on how to complete a travel packet, please go to https://abroad.calpoly.edu/ and select International Travel. Please note, researching or applying for a Study Abroad program is a separate process under Study Abroad.

International Students and Scholars
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Study Abroad Programs
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Students interested in studying abroad should begin by visiting the Cal Poly Abroad (https://abroad.calpoly.edu/) website, registering for and participating in a Study Abroad 101 Workshop, and planning ahead to meet their academic, financial and personal goals. Peer Advisors and Study Abroad Advisors are available to provide guidance. Please check the Cal Poly Abroad (https://abroad.calpoly.edu/) website for drop-in advising hours, appointment hours, workshop and info sessions, along with study abroad planning resources.

Study Abroad and Exchange Eligibility Requirements
Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at Cal Poly in order to be eligible to participate in study abroad or exchange programs. In addition, students must meet the eligibility requirements of their chosen programs. Academic eligibility standards vary by program, and most require a minimum 2.5 GPA and at least one letter of recommendation. Participants may not study abroad during their first quarter at Cal Poly. Students who are on Academic or Disciplinary Probation at the time of application, or the term prior to studying abroad, are ineligible to participate in the program. Students are strongly encouraged to seek pre-approval for courses prior to departing for their terms abroad. If a program is located in a country where there is a U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory of Levels 3 or 4, Cal Poly may not provide the approval to participate in the program, or pre-approve the transfer of credits.
Cal Poly Global Programs

Cal Poly Global Programs (https://abroad.calpoly.edu/index.cfm?
FuseAction=Abroad.ViewLink&amp;Parent_ID=0&amp;Link_ID=6A691DA6-5056-
BA1F-742FCC16AEA0004D/) are study abroad programs that offer
students opportunities to study abroad with Cal Poly faculty. Ranging
from one week to a full term in length, these programs present a highly
flexible model capable of responding to specific curricular goals. Planned
with a focus on general education courses and/or courses applicable to
one or more Cal Poly major(s) and minor(s), Cal Poly Global Programs
may be open to students in all majors or to students in targeted fields of
study only. Check our website for the current program offerings.

Cal Poly International Exchange Programs

A number of Cal Poly colleges and departments have individual exchange
agreements with a variety of universities around the world. Through
these exchanges, students have an opportunity for cost effective,
easily arranged study abroad experiences within their own academic
disciplines. Students who qualify for one of these exchanges pay Cal
Poly tuition fees and applicable fees. Students can spend up to one
year at overseas universities as regularly enrolled students. For further
information about international exchange programs, students should
check with the Cal Poly Abroad (https://abroad.calpoly.edu/) website.

California State University (CSU) International Programs

These CSU systemwide programs allow participants earn resident
academic credit at their home CSU campuses while they pursue full-time
study at host universities or study centers abroad for an academic year.
The CSU International Programs suite of options serves the needs of
students in over 100 designated academic majors. Affiliated with more
than 50 recognized universities and institutions of higher education in
18 countries, CSU International Programs also offers a wide selection of
study abroad destinations and learning environments.

Cal Poly Partner Programs

Cal Poly has formal partnership contracts with several private sector, non-
profit and/or consortium program providers to place Cal Poly students in
reputable study programs, usually cooperating universities or specialized
study centers. Each partner offers specializations and a variety of
locations, and all have been vetted by the Cal Poly International Programs
Committee. For further information about partner programs, students
should check with the Cal Poly Abroad (https://abroad.calpoly.edu/)
website, visit partner websites, or schedule an appointment as needed
with an Affiliated Partner advisor in the International Center.

National Student Exchange (NSE) Consortium

Undergraduate students are able to spend up to one calendar year at
another NSE member college or university in the U.S., Canada, and the
U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, and U.S. Virgin Islands). Since its
founding in 1968, more than 118,000 students from all majors nation-
wide have had the opportunity to study away through the National
Student Exchange (NSE). Because students have the option to pay in-
state tuition and can use their financial aid funds, it is an affordable study
away program option.