

BRIDGE. CONNECT. ACT.

Rooted in the values of peace and justice, BCA Study Abroad promotes international understanding, awareness of global citizenship and academic scholarship through educational exchanges.

A PARTNER IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION.

Launched in 1962 by a consortium of seven colleges with historic ties to the Church of the Brethren, BCA is now an independent, non-profit study abroad provider offering:

More than a dozen study abroad programs at academic centers around the world serving hundreds of students each year

Peace and justice themes integrated within each program

Learning objectives blended with cultural immersion experience and opportunities within each program

Outcomes assessment tools to evaluate student enrichment and learning

Customized programs that provide students a unique, personalized, short-term experience

International seminars for U.S. faculty and administrators at one or more of our program sites

International student placement from our host universities at U.S. college campuses interested in receiving students from around the world



BCA created The Global Conversation course to engage students in an intentional learning experience about the effect of globalization while they are abroad and immersed in their cross-cultural experiences. Many BCA students live with host families and directly enroll in host university classes, giving them a number of opportunities to delve deeper into the issues affecting their host cultures. This course brings these students together from locations around the world in a virtual classroom to discuss, compare and reveal what they are seeing in their day-to-day lives. To learn more, please visit the BCA website at www.BCAabroad.org.

International Students on Campus.

Create a more diverse and vibrant community of learners on your campus by accepting international students for a year of cultural immersion and study. BCA works with our host universities around the world in placing their students in U.S. colleges and offers this service to our U.S. partner institutions interested in internationalizing their campuses.

For more information, contact Robert William at rwilliam@BCAabroad.org.

BCA Affiliate Program.

The BCA Study Abroad Affiliate Program seeks to build partnerships and foster relations with U.S. colleges and universities in support of study abroad through professional and personalized service and support. The purpose of the BCA Affiliate Program is to provide seamless transitions for students enrolling in BCA programs as well as ease of use for campus professionals. We are committed to working closely with campus faculty and administrators in supporting study abroad. We welcome your interest!

For more information, please go to www.BCAabroad.org.



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WHERE IN THE WORLD IS BCA STUDY ABROAD?

AFRICA

BCA Brikama
University of The Gambia
The Gambia

ASIA/PACIFIC

BCA Dalian
Dalian University of Foreign Languages
Dongbei University of Finance and Economics
People's Republic of China

BCA Dunedin
University of Otago
New Zealand

BCA Mangalore
School for Social Work at Roshni Nalaya
India

BCA Pondicherry
Foundation for Ecological Research
Advocacy and Learning (FERAL)
India

BCA Sapporo
Hokusei Gakuen University
Japan

BCA Sydney
Macquarie University
Australia

EUROPE

BCA Athens
City University of Athens
Greece

BCA Barcelona
University of Barcelona
Spain

BCA Brussels
Vesalius College, Free University of Brussels
Belgium

BCA Cheltenham
University of Gloucestershire
England

BCA Derry
Magee College, University of Ulster
Northern Ireland

BCA Marburg
Philipps University
Germany

BCA Strasbourg
University of Strasbourg
France

LATIN AMERICA

BCA Quito
University of San Francisco de Quito
Ecuador

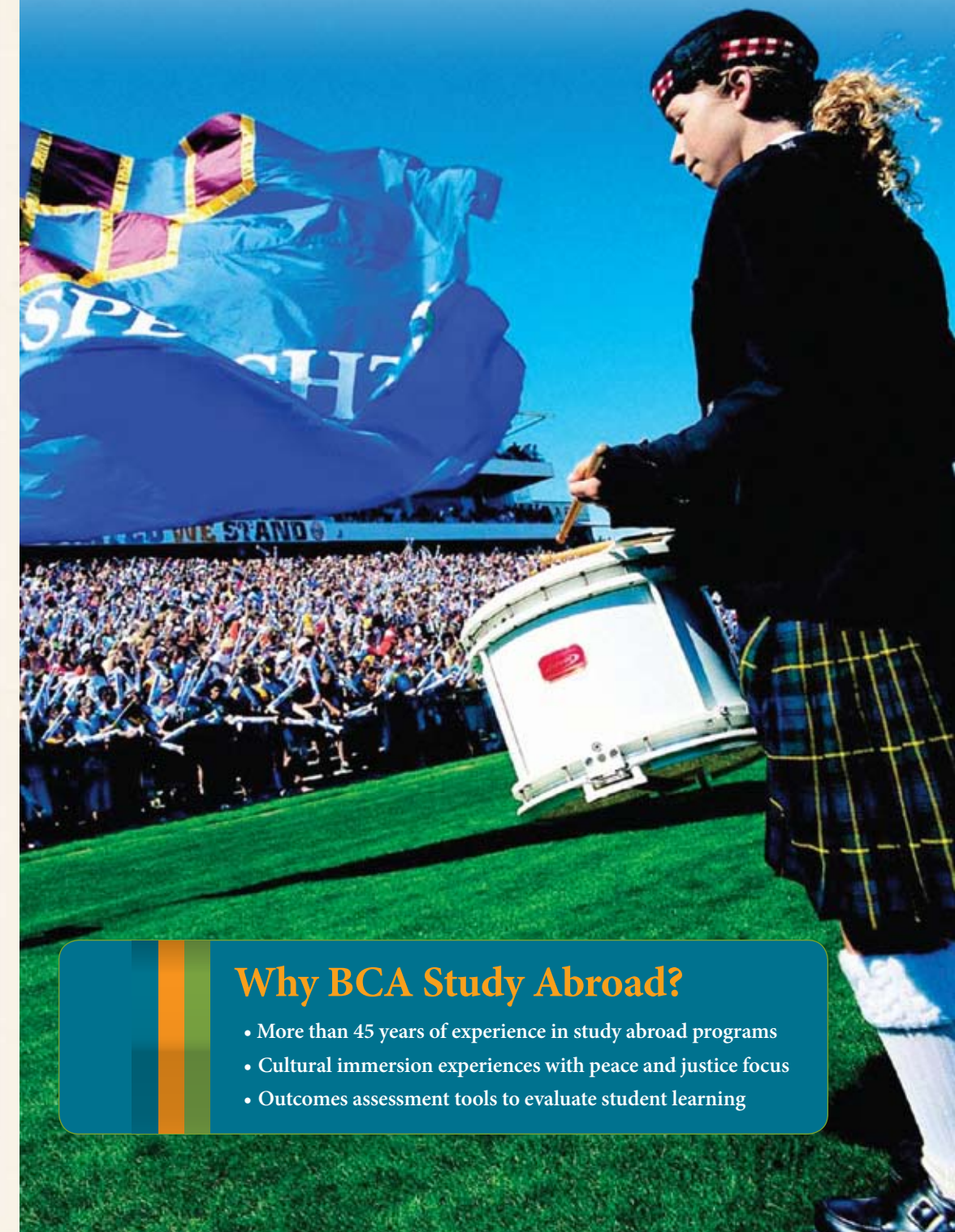
BCA Xalapa
University of Veracruz
Mexico



Study Abroad In

BCA Study ABROAD

FIND YOURSELF ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED.



Why BCA Study Abroad?

- More than 45 years of experience in study abroad programs
- Cultural immersion experiences with peace and justice focus
- Outcomes assessment tools to evaluate student learning

Study Abroad PROGRAMS.

BCA's Study Abroad programs offer courses to U.S. students in many disciplines within the liberal arts tradition. Students can choose to study for a semester, year or summer and earn academic credit toward their undergraduate degrees.



BCA offers a wide variety of services and activities as part of our comprehensive fee, including:

- Tuition
- Housing
- Meals
- Excursions
- On-site resident director assistance
- Volunteer and internship opportunities
- On-site group activities
- Seminars and guest lectures
- University services
- Personal advising
- BCA courses taught by the host institution's professors and/or resident directors
- BCA International Student Conferences (Divided Societies conference in Derry, Northern Ireland, in November; U.S.–European Relations conference in Strasbourg, France, in March)
- Cultural and university orientation
- Intensive language training
- Academic transcript
- International SOS membership

About Our Directors.

BCA on-site resident directors ensure students receive every opportunity for cultural immersion. They are experienced international educators selected for language skills, academic training, management abilities and experience with the issues and concerns of U.S. undergraduates. Directors oversee the academic programs, which can include internships and independent studies, as well as arrange housing, orientations, field trips and excursions and other activities. For the few programs without a director, students rely on host university student services.

SEE MORE. LEARN MORE. BECOME MORE.

Working Toward PEACE.

BCA engages students to examine world issues, gain a new cultural perspective and impact their local community – *to make a difference*. We foster citizens of the world.

Peace and Justice

BCA strives to develop a global civil society and foster a culture of peace in the spirit espoused by UNESCO. Many of our programs incorporate themes of peace and justice, allowing students to examine current world problems including human rights, peace and reconciliation; the conditions of Aboriginal and indigenous people; national development and globalization; democracy; the European Union and other issues pertinent to the program location.

Outcomes Assessment

Incorporating outcomes assessment at nearly every level of each program, we focus on what students *learn*, not on what the program provides. Using a learner-centered assessment model, BCA considers both program inputs and students' own goals and learning.

BCA Learning Objectives.

- A. Students make a serious effort to adapt to an academic setting significantly different from their own and successfully complete relevant course work.
- B. Students identify, articulate and reflect on their own values and beliefs, describing these in the context of their own cultural backgrounds.
- C. Students better understand the society in which they are studying, including:
 1. Basic knowledge of political, historical, cultural and social issues at their study abroad site.
 2. Language skills as relevant to the program location.
- D. Students demonstrate the ability to interact constructively with people of different cultures.
- E. Students gain understanding of some concepts for analyzing cultural patterns and understand that these methods can be applied in other cultural settings.
- F. Students reflect on the questions: What is Peace? What is Justice?



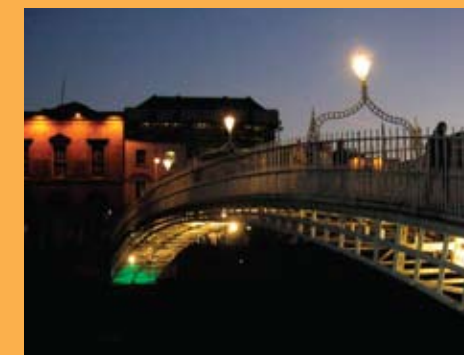
Helping Students Learn

Our assessment process is designed to help students learn about global issues so they can interact across cultures and begin to work toward solutions. We know that such learning does not occur by chance. To challenge students to undertake true cross-cultural education, we have structured our programs to:

- Make students responsible for their own behavior and learning
- Provide a means of consistent review across programs
- Assess students and provide timely feedback so they can change behaviors in real time

visit www.BCAabroad.org to begin your journey

Serving The INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.



Customized Programs

BCA customized programs are tailored to fit your needs with curriculum integration and experiential learning opportunities for your students. Our experienced international staff guides you in creating a program tailored to the needs of your institution at any of our BCA locations around the world.

International Faculty Seminars

Drawing on four decades of experience in developing quality academic programs, BCA designs its seminars to provide faculty and administrators an intensive, in-depth understanding of international societies and their political, economic and cultural perspectives.



"BCA has provided our university top-rate international experiences that are academically and culturally relevant, without falling into the typical student-tourist trap found in so many study abroad organizations. I highly recommend BCA for the discerning international program director."

Andrew Wiseman, PhD, Director of International Programs Development, Cedarville University

BCA's reputation and many years of experience afford us numerous contacts in government, private industry and education sectors that can provide a unique, global perspective to any program – big or small.

Contact the BCA central office at inquiry@BCAabroad.org to create a personalized itinerary that will help your participants enjoy the experience of a lifetime.

Participants meet educators, community leaders and government officials from the country they visit and return to campus:

- Enriched with a global perspective
- Inspired to encourage students to become citizens of the world
- Focused on promoting a campus environment that reflects a multicultural world

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