



NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE
INTERNATIONAL

Vancouver Island, Canada 



Why Study Abroad?

- **Broaden your perspective.**
Immerse yourself in the social, economic and political environment of another country.
- **Build relationships.**
Create lasting friendships and professional relationships with people from around the world.
- **See the world.**
Explore the geography, the historical sites, the energy of life as it lived in places as diverse as Athens, Kathmandu and the Yucatan.
- **Improve your language skills.**
Begin at North Island College. Continue to build your skills when you arrive through social contact and informal language study.
- **Develop Cultural Intelligence.**
CQ is the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to work effectively with people from other cultures. It is becoming as important as content knowledge. Studying abroad, including the preparatory courses and seminars, offers you tremendous opportunity to build your cultural intelligence and increase both your employability and your pleasure in working with people from all cultural backgrounds.



*Develop your language skills.
Make friends.
See the world through new eyes.*



STUDY ABROAD OPPORTUNITIES

Studying Abroad takes many different forms at NIC. Your field of study and learning goals will help you decide what's right for you. Choose from the following four types of Study Abroad Opportunities:

Exchange

An exchange program is designated by a formal agreement between two institutions. This formal agreement provides for students to study at the other institution for the cost of tuition at their home institution. You would usually spend one or perhaps two semesters on exchange.

Specialized Exchange

Specialized exchange programs are exchange programs with financial supports for students, normally supported by additional funding such as government or industry-supported programs. Specialized exchange programs might also have unique learning opportunities, such as a targeted research project.

Short-term Study Abroad

Usually 3–6 weeks in length, Short-term Study Abroad programs are instructor lead. You travel with an instructor or team of instructors and complete 1–3 three courses while on site.

Intern, Co-op, and Practicum Placements

Overseas work placements will allow you to fulfill some of the requirement for your program, while live and working in a foreign country. Your experience may be independent or with a group.

WHERE CAN I GO?

As an NIC student, you have plenty of exciting opportunities to expand your education overseas. Student experiences are as diverse as instructor-led trips to Greece, nursing in Nepal, working with Mickey at Disney International, and expanding your hospitality, business and tourism skills. Or, become an exchange student at a partnership school in Europe, South America, United States, or Mexico, and develop independence as you travel the world. New opportunities continue to be available. And you might have an idea for an exchange you would like us to explore.

LOTS OF SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Study Abroad is an adventure; and for lots of students the first time away from home offers both excitement and challenge. North Island College International, in partnership with the hosting faculty, provides support for all students traveling to study. Support includes everything from how to get a passport, building skills for learning in a different culture and routine contact while you are away. Ensuring both a safe and stimulating experience are equally important and help is there every step of the way; pre departure, on site and when you return home.



Build understanding of different cultural practices.



Explore how to apply your skills in an international setting.

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