# GORILLAS ABROAD



#### FROM STUDY ABROAD INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Many students did not get the chance to study abroad as originally planned in 2020. However, our students from late fall 2019 and our students who were abroad in spring 2020 when the pandemic began to spread have great stories. As we look forward to traveling internationally again, read the stories below, search through programs, and look forward to your next adventure!

#### LEVI TAIWAN YEAR EXCHANGE FALL 19/SPRING 20

"I spent two semesters studying in Taiwan through the PSU exchange program. While I was there I worked hard to learn Mandarin, met dozens of amazing people who will probably end up as lifelong friends, and even got the change to do an internship with a company there in Taiwan. To merely say "spending time in another country is a great experience" is an injustice. Whether your stay is in Taiwan, Italy, Spain, Mexico, The United Arab Emirates—wherever might have the opportunity to go—there are few things in life quite so beautiful as participating in another culture and seeing what life looks like through someone else's eyes."





#### LEXINGTON PETERSON GERMANY FACULTY-LED PROGRAM (OCT 2019)

"This international conference experience in Düsseldorf, Germany allowed for our plastics team to not only be exposed to the countless jobs, internships, and the latest innovations in plastics and polymers, but it also immersed us in another country's culture for a week! Additionally, the memories made with my classmates (a.k.a. potential coworkers and lifelong friends) on this trip are ones that simply cannot be taught in a classroom environment!"

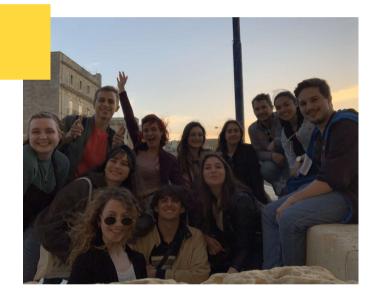


#### BRANDON TAIWAN SEMESTER EXCHANGE SPRING 20

"I went there by myself but due to this reason, I have learned so much from this trip like their language, school life & culture because it kind of forced me to meet and talk to people from around the world; which is great because it will increase my confidence and communication skills. In fact, I love to travel alone because you get to know yourself better; once you are on your own, you need to overcome fears by yourself in order to know how capable you are...Overall, this was a wonderful memorable experience, I would go again if I got the chance."

#### BROOKS NERIA MALTA SPRING 20

"I spent my time abroad in different classroom environments, immersed in different cultures, and encountering all sorts of new things and people. It was a life changing experience full of amazing places, people, and adventures. To anyone who is on the fence about studying abroad, I would like to recommend going, even if it seems scary or precarious, that's what makes it fun!...Studying abroad was much more feasible than I thought it to be, and I believe that you'll find the same thing if you look into it. It is a once in a lifetime experience that will give you memories, knowledge, and friendships that would be hard to find otherwise."





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While we look forward to traveling internationally again, we are optimistically and excitedly planning for future study abroad! Feel free to reach out to plan your next adventure!

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