Special Academic Programs and Opportunities

Catalog

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International Education

To prepare undergraduate students for effective participation in the global community, Nebraska Wesleyan is committed to

- encouraging students, faculty, and staff to live, study, work, and travel abroad
- integrating global and multicultural perspectives into the curriculum
- providing a welcoming environment for international students, faculty, and visitors,

Education Abroad Programs

Nebraska Wesleyan offers programs abroad varying in length, content, format, and cost. Some programs require an appropriate degree of fluency in the language of the host country while others use English as the language of instruction. The following opportunities abroad are offered to Nebraska Wesleyan students:

Faculty-Led Programs
Faculty-led academic trips provide students an opportunity to spend time in other countries. Typically four to six international trips are scheduled every year. Examples of summer or winter term study trips include Peru, France, Costa Rica, Germany, Greece, Belize, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Nepal, and Spain.

ISEP Exchange Program
Nebraska Wesleyan students participating in the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) pay tuition, fees, room, and board at Nebraska Wesleyan and receive equivalent benefits at one of Nebraska Wesleyan's partner institutions in over 30 countries: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Malta, Mexico, Nicaragua, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, and Uruguay.

Nebraska Wesleyan Bilateral Exchange Programs
Nebraska Wesleyan students may participate in exchange programs with Nebraska Wesleyan partner institutions in these countries:

- Japan (Kwansei Gakuin University - Campus Nishinomiya)
- Mexico (Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM) - Campus Querétaro)
- Estonia (University of Tartu)

Student Teaching Abroad
Education majors may complete part or all of their student teaching requirement in Australia, Costa Rica, England, Germany, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Scotland, Taiwan, or Wales.

Global Service Learning

Students may apply for membership in this group which focuses on local, national and international service-learning. Contact the University Ministries Office for details.

Study Abroad Scholarships

Students interested in pursuing studies or research abroad may apply for scholarships such as the Rhodes, Marshall, Fulbright, Rotary, and Boren Scholarships. For more information on these scholarships and their eligibility criteria, contact the International Education Office or the Coordinator for National and International Prestige Scholarships.

Application Procedures

All students are encouraged to participate in study abroad campus fairs and visit the International Education Office, preferably during their first or second year at Nebraska Wesleyan. Plans to study abroad must be developed in consultation with academic advisors and the Director of International Education. Preapproval of the academic program at the host institution is important; credits earned abroad do not transfer automatically. For more information, contact the International Education Office.

Financial Aid

Education Abroad Grants and other forms of financial aid are available to eligible students who participate in Nebraska Wesleyan's approved programs. For information related to federal and institutional financial aid, see the Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid in Smith-Curtis 207; for application forms and instructions related to Education Abroad Grants, contact the International Education Office.

Senior College

Nebraska Wesleyan University recognizes the richness of experience and insight older adults can bring to the classroom and welcomes them to campus in this special program. Adults age 60 or more may enroll on a space-available basis in a wide variety of day classes and pay only a minimal registration fee. Senior College participants may enroll for credit or audit, with degree completion possible under certain circumstances. Enrollment is limited to two courses per semester, and the program does not operate in the summer or winter term. Contact Graduate, Adult, and Transfer Admissions for details.

Wesleyan Honors Academy

The Wesleyan Honors Academy is a program designed for gifted and highly motivated high school students who are passionate about learning and excited by the challenges of college-level work. The Wesleyan Honors Academy provides high school students with an opportunity to earn college credit by enrolling in selected advanced placement or differentiated classes taught by their own exceptional high school teachers in their schools. In addition to earning Nebraska Wesleyan undergraduate credits, students can participate in special intellectual and cultural events and use various campus facilities and resources. Contact the Director of the Wesleyan Honors Academy for more information.

Cooper Foundation Center for Academic Resources

The Cooper Center provides a place for students, at all stages of their academic careers, to seek assistance with their students. Housed in the library, the Cooper Center provides assistance to all NWU students at every stage of the academic careers, including writing assistance, speaking projects, discipline-specific tutoring, and study skills.

Chicago Center

Semester, winter term, and summer programs at The Chicago Center for Urban Life and Culture offer a selective number of Nebraska Wesleyan students the exciting opportunity to live and learn in Chicago for credit. Students experience a variety of cultures, lifestyles, neighborhoods, and perspectives through in-depth study and interaction. Along with a seminar that introduces the student to the city, the program requires an internship and independent research study. Student teaching in a variety of schools is also available to education majors. The rich diversity of Chicago provides an almost unlimited choice of internship and practicum possibilities as well as research opportunities. Students can design a program to meet their own interests and degree requirements at Nebraska Wesleyan in consultation with the Chicago Center Faculty Liaison and their academic advisors. For specific information, contact the Chicago Center Faculty Liaison (Social Work faculty member Rebecca Czaja-Stevens).

University Forum

Nebraska Wesleyan offers a University Forum program with distinguished speakers on social, ethical, political, and global issues.

Capitol Hill Internship Program (CHIP)

Nebraska Wesleyan University's Capitol Hill Internship Program, sponsored by the United Methodist College Washington Consortium, offers undergraduates the experience of living, interning, and studying in the heart of Washington, D.C. The program provides students of any major with a total Washington experience through an academically rigorous program with a focus on experiential learning. In addition to interning in either government or non-governmental offices, students will discover the role of government in fields including law, the media, health care, the arts, and sciences. Challenging seminars and courses that are tailored to enrich students' internship experiences are an integral part of the internship program. Contact the Department of Political Science for more information.

Veteran's Education Benefits

Nebraska Wesleyan University is an approved institution for federal education benefits from the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs. Students approved for education benefits from the VA should contact the Registrar's Office.