Gilman Advisor Spotlight Webinar Series
Community Colleges
Kirkwood Community College Snapshot

STUDY ABROAD

AUSTRALIA | BELIZE | CANADA | FRANCE/ENGLAND | GHANA | GREECE | GUATEMALA | IRELAND | ITALY | MEXICO | NEPAL | SCOTLAND | SINGAPORE | SOUTH AFRICA | THAILAND | UNITED STATES | VIETNAM

YOU CAN STUDY ABROAD!

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

www.kirkwood.edu/studyabroad
Kirkwood Community College

- Main campus in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (2nd biggest city in IA pop. 130,000)
- Another large campus in Iowa City, Iowa
- 7 Regional Centers
- 15,000 students | 300 international students | 300 ELA students
Kirkwood Global Vision

Every faculty, staff and student engage in an intercultural experience as part of their Kirkwood experience.
Study Abroad Learning Outcomes

- **Compare & Contrast**
  - components of home culture and host culture experience

- **Develop**
  - intercultural competencies and tools
  - enable ability to move across boundaries
  - see world from multiple perspectives

- **Reflect**
  - apply cultural learning obtained to academic discipline and/or career direction
Global Service Award

- Kirkwood full-time employees with minimum of three years full-time experience are eligible
- Awardees are full participants in study abroad program
- Tuition/program fees for study abroad course waived
- Vacation days saved
COVID-19 Response

- Virtual Exchanges
- 2020 Program Resets
- Transition Travel to Virtual Format
Common Barriers

- Defining Gilman
- Confidence
- Timelines
Solutions

- Alumni Support
- Emails to All Eligible Pell
- Workshops (in-person and Zoom)
- One-on-one help
- Encouragement
- Connection to Applied Programs
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- AAS programs
- AA programs
- Humanities credit
- Hard Skills
- Soft Skills
Campus Partnerships

TRIO

Financial Aid

Finance Dept.

Advising
Advising Process

1. Start Early and Often
2. Offer one-on-one assistance
3. Follow-up
4. Connect to Alumni
5. Campus Connections
6. Last Minute Help!
What We (Think) We Know About CC Students

- Capable
- Willing to try new things
- They trust you!
Katelyn’s Story

https://www.miusa.org/resource/story/katelyn

With help from her college, community, and a Gilman Scholarship Award, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Katelyn Parker learned more about the world and her own vocational interests.
Denny’s Story

DENNY WEST  STAFF WRITER

When I first came to Kirkwood about three years ago, I had no idea my adventures in higher education would eventually lead me to our amazing International Programs department and my own opportunity to study in Rome, Italy for two glorious weeks.

Recommended by my philosophy professor at the time, Dr. Scott Samelson, I visited Kate Nefzger for an informal meeting to discuss my chances, starting a process that landed me three scholarships on route to the trip of a lifetime to study Roman culture and literature.

Joining Dr. Samelson and our advisor professor, Dr. Renee Schroeter, myself and my classmates felt like the “hood” on the map, Italy, and began a whirlwind of fascinating study, incredible ancient ruins, amazing architecture, glorious art and wonderful literature.

We were also allowed ample time to explore the region on our own, learning to navigate our way through busy streets and communicate to the locals in their own language.

We all left with the knowledge that we can make our way through any foreign land and, with a little effort, mingle with their citizens while showing them the respect due them as we remain vigilant that we are guests in their country. The lessons were far greater than just local culture and art, but life lessons we can take with us forever.

Even myself, the older of the group!

The Coliseum, the Forum, San Clemente and many other beautiful basilicas. The Vatican and it’s awe-inspiring museum. A papal visit where we saw Pope Francis kiss many children and greet us all with warmth and generosity.

Original paintings by Canaletto and sculptures by Bernini. The Baths of Caracalla. And yes, shopping and delicious meals. I must admit, the wine was also quite good.

There was much commotion into the two-weeks, but plenty of time to take in everything and soak it all in.

I couldn’t possibly mention it all in one piece of writing. But let you with this.

The folks in the International Programs department are passionate about what they do. They believe that every single student has the capacity to go abroad and they work very hard to make those dreams become reality.

So many options are available to help pay for your trip. Almost everyone gets the Global Advantage Scholarship given by Kirkwood, as well as competitive programs like the Gilman Scholarship, of which I was a recipient, and others.

The DeWolfe Scholarship was also one that I was fortunate to receive. If you must pay for some of it on your own, you have installment plans to ease the burden.

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If you don’t think you could possibly be considered for such an honor, you are exactly the person I want to reach!

Please take the time to visit anyone in the Study Abroad offices and attend the Study Abroad fair to learn more about the golden opportunity that I promise you.