

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LCOB STUDENT EXCHANGES AT FGCU

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While FGCU was being created, the inaugural Dean of Business, Dr. Richard Pegnetter, established the College of Business with a critical international component which he felt was very important for all business students to have. He created the “Second Circle” International Model which was the foundation of the business curriculum at FGCU.

The “Second Circle” International Model

The basic notion is to use Lurgert College of Business international academic activity to connect to a circle of business and cultural environments beyond the universities in both countries. This successful concept has resulted in excellent academic exchange agreements.

Students rave about their experiences and encourage other FGCU students to participate.

HOW PARTICIPATING IN AN EXCHANGE HELPED FGCU STUDENTS

- **“You learn a lot about yourself when you participate in an exchange program. The experiences you have will have a lifelong impact.”** Courtney Lynch
- **“I would definitely recommend others give studying abroad a try. It is an amazing opportunity to broaden your world view.”** – Spencer Jacobs
- **“Explore the world by traveling, networking, and learning!”** – Tatiana Rodriguez
- **“Studying abroad was one of the best experiences of my life. I was immersed in a foreign culture, met people from all over the world, and was challenged to grow academically as well as personally. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity that I would advise everyone to take advantage of, if given the chance.”** – Natalie Ingham
- **Studying abroad is not a culture shock. The truth is that it's more of a culture awakening.”** – Claudia Tellez
- **“This was hands down the best decision we have ever made! We learned a lot and also had the best time of our lives.”**- Jocelyn Scott and Mariana Tirado
- **“This entire experience has made me a much more confident, well-rounded person.”** - Amanda Niemczyk
- **“I felt like I was learning history in the making.”** - Alejandro Anillo
- **“I learned a lot about the differences between the European Union member states. It gave me an appreciation and understanding of the way they do business with each other, as well as with the United States.”** - Mary Ann Crandall
- **“I learned a great deal about SAP during my internship in Wuerzburg. I feel it added a lot of value to my professional experience.”** - Jasson Velez

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS*

Q: How can I benefit from participating in an International Student Exchange Program?

A: With the internationalization of markets and the increased mobility of people and capital, it is essential that business graduates demonstrate proven international skills. Participating in an international exchange program will distinguish the student from other job applicants and provide the graduate with a greater understanding of different cultures and customs.

Q: What do I need to qualify to participate in a LCOB exchange program?

A: To be eligible the student MUST:

- start the process nine months to a year in advance
- be admitted to FGCU as a degree seeking student
- have earned a minimum 60 credits and a 3.0 GPA
- have always met the University's Code of Conduct

Q: Do I need to speak the language of the country where I plan to attend school?

A: Some partner universities deliver a large selection of business courses taught in English. Special programs have been developed with the partner universities that do not.

Q: What costs am I responsible for?

A: Students pay FGCU tuition and are responsible to pay for their flights, housing, meals, textbooks, materials, health insurance, local transportation and other expenses at the partner university.

Q: Is the program open only to Business students?

A: Although the majority of the agreements are with business schools, a couple of programs are open to other qualified FGCU students.

Q: Do I need to also pay tuition to the host university?

A: Under the terms of the exchange program students remain FGCU students while they take classes at the partner (host) university. As such, they need to pay tuition only to FGCU. However, they are also eligible to receive Financial Aid and scholarships from FGCU.

Q: Do I receive credit for courses I take at the partner (host) university?

A: To receive academic credit from FGCU for courses taken at the host university, students MUST have prior approval from FGCU for all coursework for which they wish to receive credit.

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