What Is the Western Difference?

Studying abroad can be the experience of a lifetime. You meet people from other countries, learn new and interesting customs – maybe even a new language – and take courses not available at Western. These experiences boost your self-confidence, flexibility and decision-making skills. They put you a step above most students.

Western and the Gunnison Valley offer a spectacular setting for your college career, but the university also can be your springboard for study across America and around the world. Western's affiliate providers offer a wide variety of options, including travel to Europe, Asia, Australia, Latin America, the Middle East and Africa. In fall 2014, Western added Harlaxton College – ranked the No. 1 study-abroad experience for American students by BestCollegeReviews.org. Harlaxton College, owned by the University of Evansville, resides in a 150-room English country manor. Students can choose to spend an entire semester there, or they can opt for one of its five-week summer courses.

Western offers three ways to expand your study horizons:

• Study Abroad with Western's affiliate providers or faculty-led summer abroad programs through Extended Studies.

• National Student Exchange, a semester or full year of study at a participating university in the United States, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam or Canada.

• Semester at Sea, a shipboard program open to students of all majors. The Fall program travels to 13 cities in 11 countries over 100 days. The Spring voyage visits 16 cities in 12 countries, traveling to four continents in 112 days.

To study abroad you must:

• Have a minimum 2.5 GPA.
• Be a degree-seeking student.
• Have completed 24 credit hours at Western.
• Be enrolled full time the semester before participating.
• Be in good standing with Student Affairs.

Western's Study Abroad affiliates

• Harlaxton College
• American Institute for Foreign Study
• Arcadia University
• Academic Programs International
• International Studies Abroad
• Cultural Experiences Abroad
• Center for International Studies
• Semester At Sea
• Knowledge Exchange Institute

Faculty-led Study Abroad

• Maya field school
• Trekking in Nepal
• Prague, Czech Republic
• Florence, Italy

To Learn More:
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