



**Pacific
Global
Presents:**

STUDY ABROAD NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER, 2025

Pacific Global hopes that you have had a fantastic start to the new school year! This edition of our newsletter will introduce our new team, share some study abroad highlights from this summer and current abroad students, and explore upcoming opportunities. Let's jump right in!

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MEET THE
GLOBAL EDUCATION
TEAM

DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL EDUCATION:

Dr. Witold Wolny

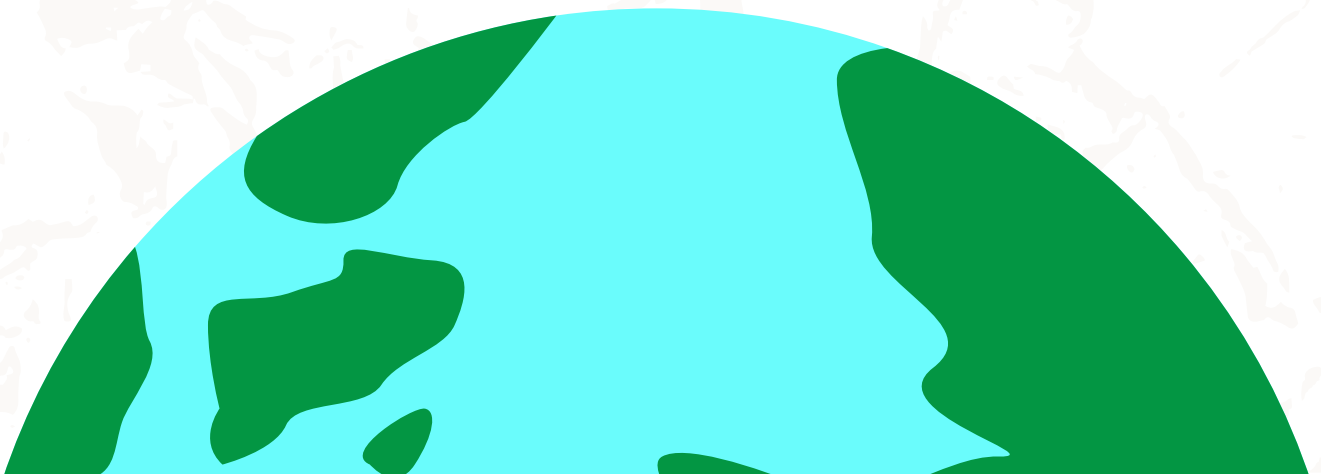
EDUCATION ABROAD ADVISOR:

Madeline Brown

STUDY ABROAD STUDENT ADVISORS:

Kyla Maxwell

Samantha Monarrez



DR. WITOLD WOLNY

Director of Global Education



3 FUN FACTS

- I play classical guitar and have written over 100 songs in 4 languages.
- I started and quit smoking when I was 6. Early retirement from bad habits.
- I love cooking—mostly Mediterranean food.

FAVORITE TRAVEL MEMORIES

- A mind-blowing trip to Machu Picchu in Peru.
- Journeys with students to Chile, Spain and Luxembourg — unforgettable adventures in both hemispheres.
- I've visited over 40 countries, but still think nothing beats a good road trip at home.





MADELINE BROWN

Education Abroad Advisor



3 FUN FACTS

- I am a Pacific Alumni (Go Tigers!)
- Green is my favorite color
- I have a kitten named KitKat

FAVORITE TRAVEL MEMORIES

- Going to Switzerland with my best friend for her 21st birthday
- Being pickpocketed by Captain Jack Sparrow at Paris Disneyland
- Trying “beans on toast” in England



KYLA MAXWELL

Study Abroad Student Advisor

Spring 2025 Madrid, Spain



3 FUN FACTS

- My middle name is Boston
- I have a pet bunny
- I played soccer for 12 years

FAVORITE TRAVEL MEMORIES

- Seeing the tulip festival in Amsterdam
- Picnicking at the Eiffel Tower with my friends
- Riding a camel in Morocco





SAMANTHA MONARREZ

Study Abroad Student Advisor

Fall 2024 Madrid, Spain

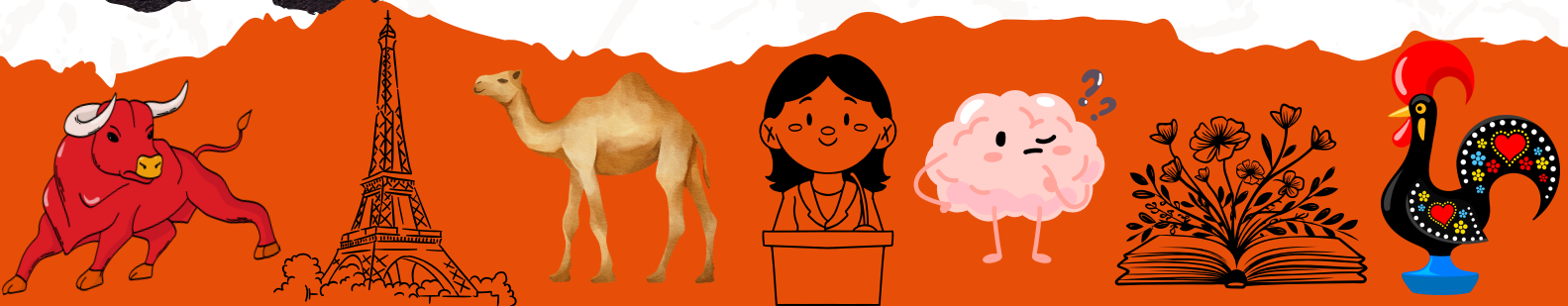


3 FUN FACTS

- I have a cadaver knee
- My hair has been every color of the rainbow
- I have been a President 3 times in Student Government

FAVORITE TRAVEL MEMORIES

- Taking an 8 hour overnight bus ride to Portugal
- Riding a camel in Africa
- Riding the elevators to the very top of the Eiffel Tower



DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL EDUCATION JOINS EUROPEAN CULTURAL PARLIAMENT



From left: Witold Wolny, Minister Pär Stenbäck, Chairman of the ECP Senate and Ambassador Karl-Erik Norrman, Secretary General.

We're excited to announce that Witold Wolny, Director of Global Education, was inducted on August 16 as a member of the European Cultural Parliament (ECP) during its session in Oulu, Finland.

The ECP is a forum of distinguished cultural figures from across Europe—including politicians, artists, architects, and educators—bringing together leaders in the arts, education, and cultural diplomacy. Its mission is to foster dialogue, strengthen cooperation, and promote shared values across borders.

As part of this appointment, Wolny will also serve on the board of the Transatlantic Dialogue Conference, one of the flagship initiatives of the ECP.

Our Semester Goals

1.



Successfully hosting our
new "First Year
Experience: Chile"
Program

We have been
busy working
towards some
goals! Check
out what we're
focusing on ~

Pacific Global



4.

Increasing
Awareness
of Studying
Abroad

2.

Increasing
Participation
in Study
Abroad



To find out
more about
how to apply,
keep reading!

3.



Finalizing Partnerships
with Semester at Sea &
2 other phenomenal
universities

5.



An Active Online Presence

- Tabling around campus
- Instagram & TikTok
 - @pacific.abroad

A RECAP ON PACIFIC'S SUMMER IN AUSTRIA

This summer, 37 students traveled to Salzburg, Austria on McGeorge's annual Faculty-Led Trip to study Law and International Legal Studies! This trip included 3 courses related to law, guest lectures from special speakers, a day trip to Vienna, and visits to two UNESCO sites.



"The key takeaway I got from this experience, is that in a world forever evolving, it is important to take opportunities that can help shape you into the person you wish to become while also connecting you with people from a variety of cultures and backgrounds. So, if you are ever given a chance to study abroad or just travel somewhere new, I definitely recommend going for it."

-Chanel Page, Criminal Justice & Sociology Major

Program Contents

- 3 weeks in Salzburg, Austria
- Classes in the mornings
- Free afternoons and weekends to explore
- A group day-trip to Vienna, Austria
- Experience Hochberg (town that inspired the Frozen village)



Interested?

- Must be in good academic standing
- Open to McGeorge students & undergraduate students of any major
- No background in law required

Contact ckucera@pacific.edu to inquire about next year's trip!



Our inaugural First Year Experience: Chile program is officially in its predeparture stage! Throughout the beginning of the semester, Pacific Global, Dr. Lee Skinner, Dr. Hector Estrada, and Dr. Jeffrey Hole advertised the program and reviewed all of the nearly 100 applications. The excitement for this opportunity was even bigger than we were expecting – and it was incredibly challenging to select the final 20 participants!

What are students most excited for?

This trip is going to be jam-packed with exciting excursions, cultural lectures, immersive opportunities, and more. The itinerary was designed to keep everyone busy learning about Chilean culture! We've asked the participants of FYE: Chile to share with us some of their most anticipated activities for the trip.

Here's what they said! 

Want to travel to South America for a semester or two? Check out all of the programs we offer!



Quotes from students participating in FYE: Chile

Cynthia Montantes

"This will be my first time traveling internationally, so I'm really looking forward to everything!!! The landscapes, meeting locals, and just getting to see how life works in another part of the world. I think being there for more than a few days will be especially eye-opening"



Erik Ventura

"What I am most excited about is to travel to a new country and experience a new culture which is both different and similar to my own, as I am of Mexican ethnicity. I am also fluent in Spanish, so it will be fun to communicate and learn their local spoken Spanish, or slang!"

Where in the world are our tigers?

We have 10 fellow tigers who are spread across 7 countries right now! They are living in England, Japan, Italy, South Korea, Singapore, Spain, and China. Some are traveling for one semester, and others are abroad for a full year! Isaiah Quinene is one of our year-long study abroad students – you can find him in Tokyo, Japan!

"These first few weeks have been very busy here in Barcelona. It's been an incredible experience, and I'm also already adapting to this new situation. I've been able to learn more about Catalan and Spanish culture, as well as make new friends with people from the program and some locals."

– Jerome Ehrlich, currently abroad in Barcelona, Spain

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- **Italy: Rome, Milan, & Torino**
 - **China: Shanghai**
 - **South Korea: Seoul**
 - **Japan: Tokyo**
 - **Spain: Barcelona**
 - **England: London**
 - **Singapore**

Upcoming Partnerhsips

PACIFIC GLOBAL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THESE UPCOMING PARTNERSHIPS WITH NEW UNIVERSITIES AROUND THE WORLD!



Durham University

Are you a fan of Harry Potter? If you are, then Durham University is the perfect study abroad destination for you. Durham is the filming site of the Hogwarts dining hall and courtyard! Indulge in your fantasy dreams while studying in England.



Semester at Sea

Can you imagine yourself relaxing on a cruise ship full of other college students like yourself? Semester at Sea is the perfect opportunity to get your tan on while visiting 15+ countries throughout the semester, and taking courses relevant to your destinations.



Faraday Institute at Cambridge University

The prestige! The academia! The history! Study at the Faraday Institute of Science and Religion, a Cambridge-based interdisciplinary program based on analyzing the connection between science and religion. This is a great option for students interested in philosophy!



STUDY AT ONE OF THESE PROGRAMS AS SOON AS FALL 2026!

How Can YOU Study Abroad?



STEPS

- **Meet the requirements**
 - (see next page)
- **Browse through our 800+ programs throughout 62 countries**
- **Meet with a Study Abroad Advisor**
- **Complete your application online**



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Meet with an advisor

Browse through our programs



Requirements:

- **2.75+ GPA**
- **Good Disciplinary Clearance**
- **Sophomore Standing**
(Enrolled 2+ semesters)
- **Consider your academic needs**
(major, minors, GE credits)



Types of Programs:

- 1. Bilateral Exchanges & Partnerships**
- 2. Provider Programs**
- 3. Faculty–Led Programs**

Bilateral Exchanges & Partnerships

University of the Pacific has partnerships and exchange agreements with these universities. These options are highly immersive, as if you were a local student directly enrolling into the university!

France

Burgundy School of Business
Universite Grenoble Alpes

Italy

Instituto Lorenzo de Medici
University of Parma
John Cabot University

Germany

Esslingen University

South Korea

Hanyang University

Japan

Kwansei Gakuin University
Waseda University
Tokyo Denki University

Egypt

The American University in
Cairo

United Kingdom

Durham University*
Cambridge University

Semester at Sea*

Provider Programs

Pacific partners with four organizations, each offering a wide range of international programs and destinations. They provide an additional layer of support and assistance to students on their programs as well as a large number of scholarships.

ISEP

ISEP offers programs in 50 countries and throughout over 300 universities!



IES



IES offers programs in 30+ countries and over 500 opportunities!

CIEE

CIEE offers programs in 33 countries and over 470 opportunities!



USAC



USAC offers programs in 26 countries and throughout over 50 universities!

Faculty-Led Programs

Pacific currently offers two short-term programs for unit credit.

(1) Salzburg, Austria for Law & Pre-Law students

(2) Santiago, Chile for freshmen of any major

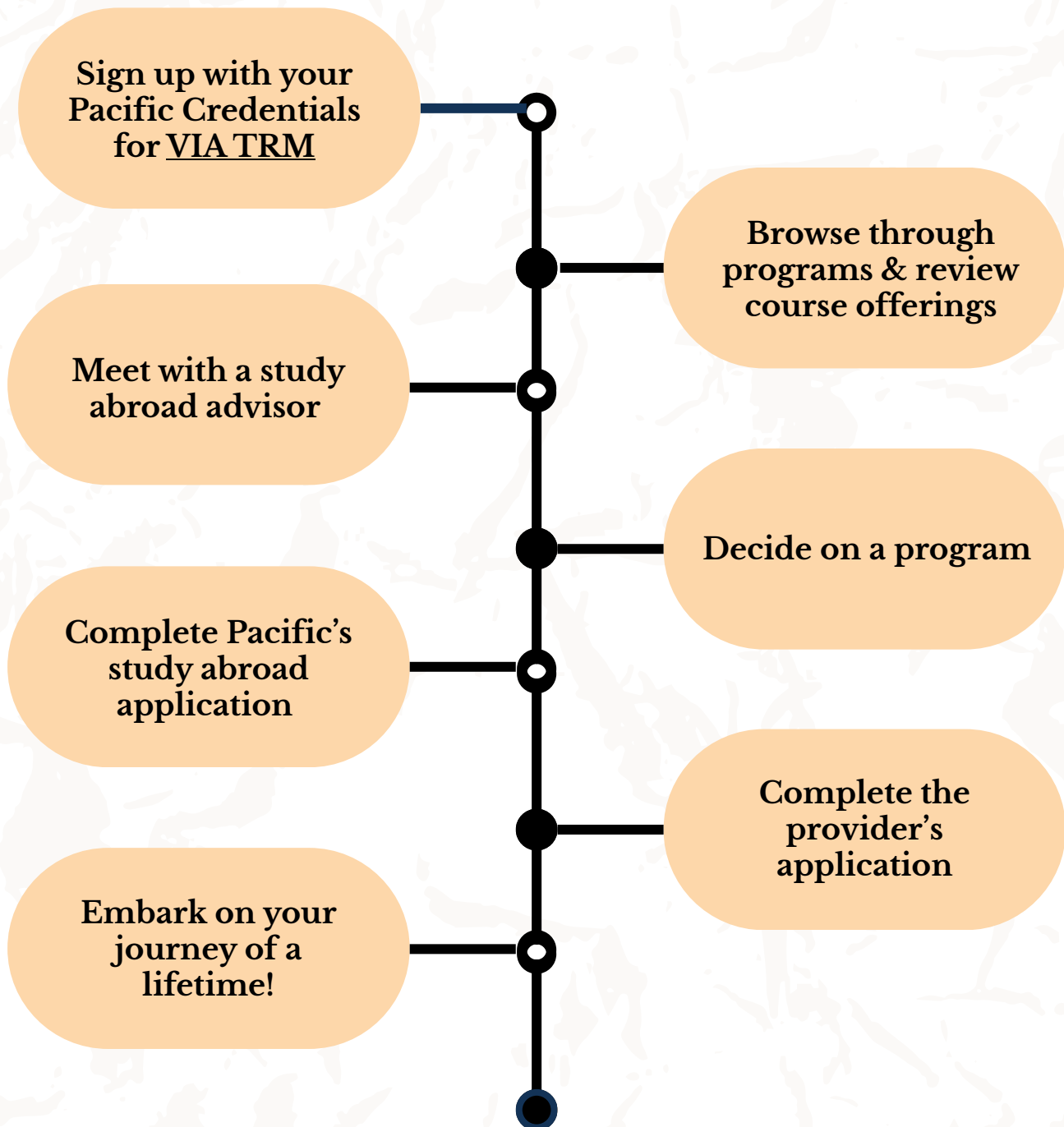
Study Law in Austria
Law/Pre-Law focus
3 weeks in summer



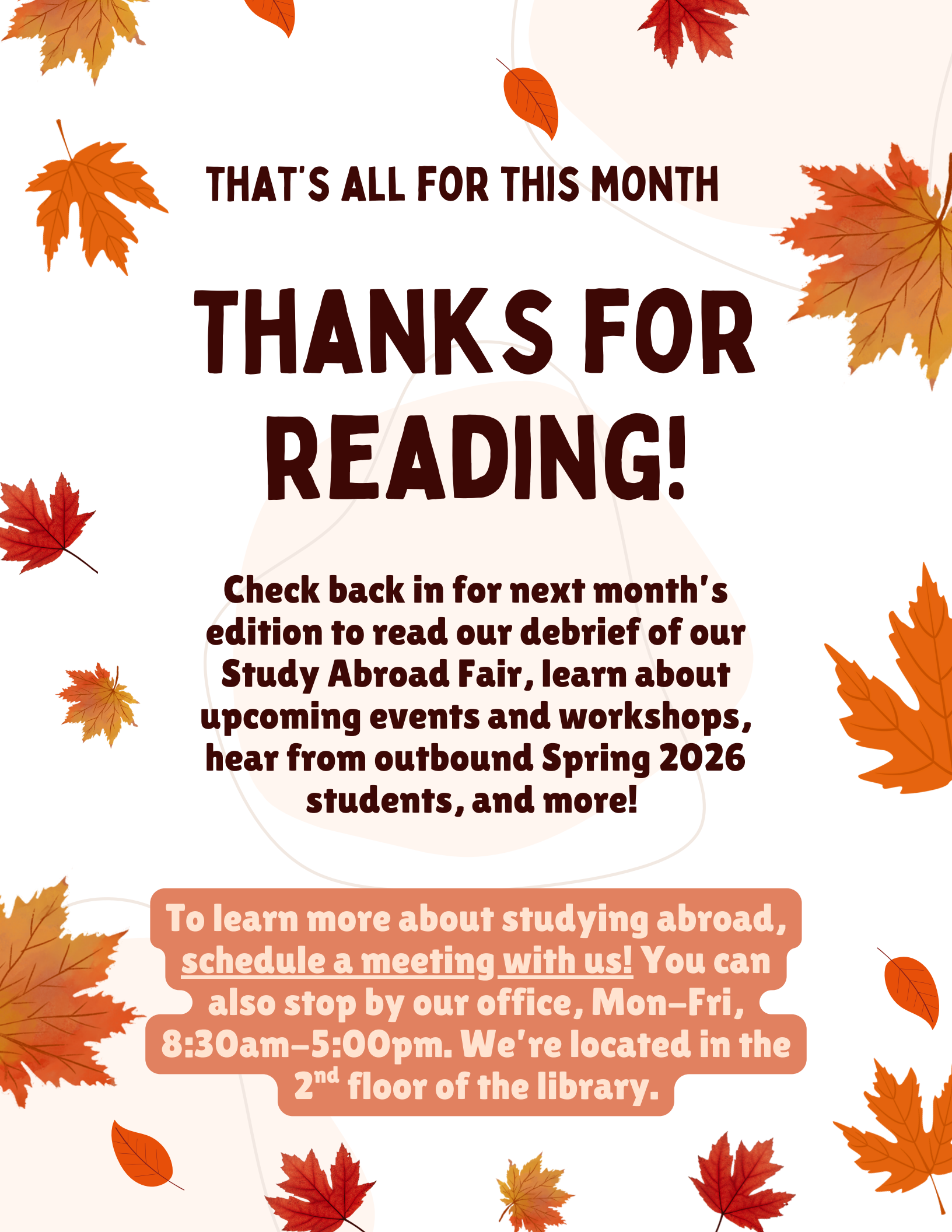
First Year Experience: Chile
Any major
For freshmen & first-year
transfer students
2 weeks in December



What's the Application Timeline?



Our application process is simple and straightforward.
We're here to assist you each step of the way!



THAT'S ALL FOR THIS MONTH

THANKS FOR READING!

Check back in for next month's edition to read our debrief of our Study Abroad Fair, learn about upcoming events and workshops, hear from outbound Spring 2026 students, and more!

To learn more about studying abroad, schedule a meeting with us! You can also stop by our office, Mon–Fri, 8:30am–5:00pm. We're located in the 2nd floor of the library.