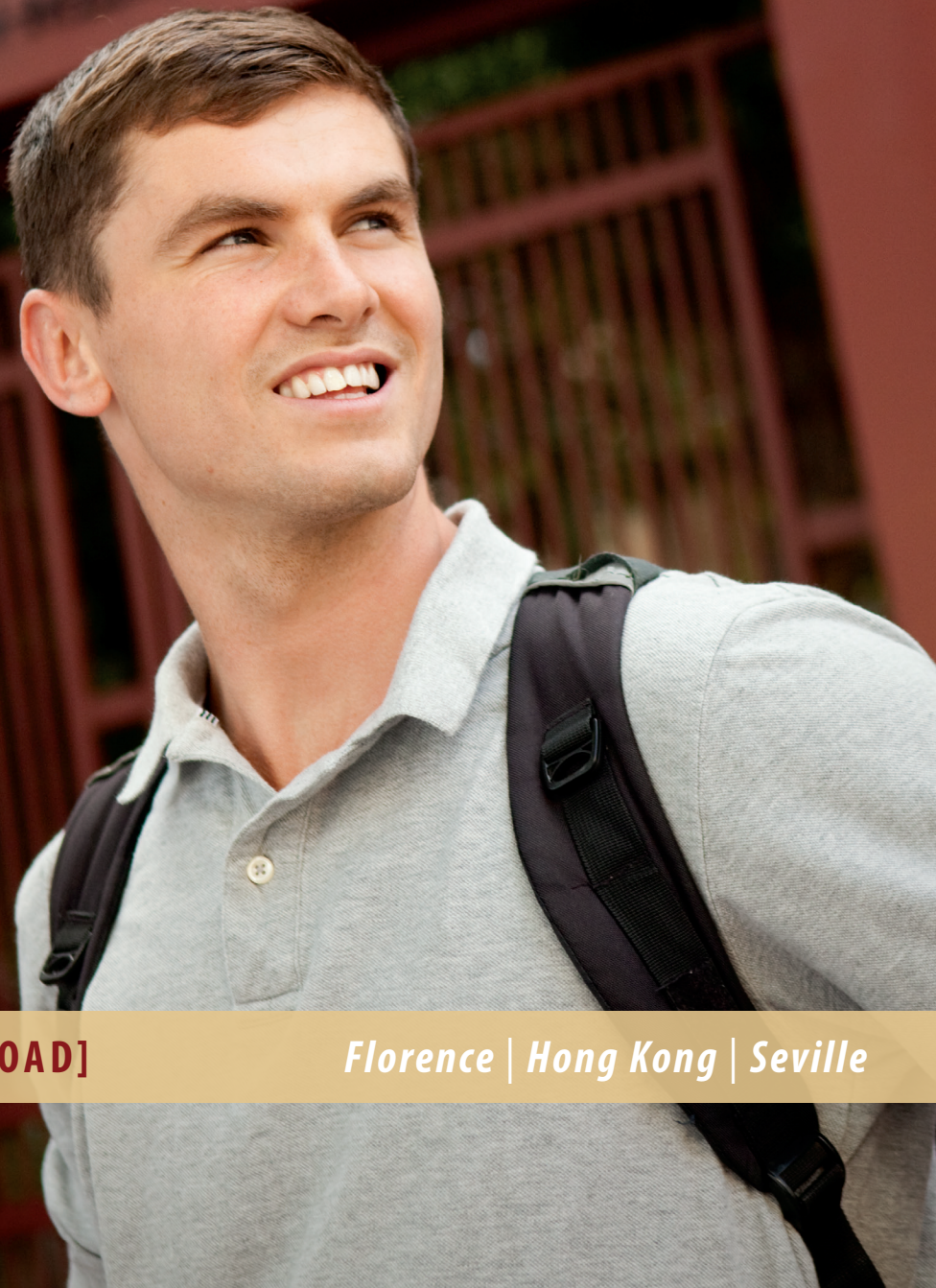


SECOND YEAR EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO / CLASS OF 2016



[STUDY ABROAD]

Florence | Hong Kong | Seville

Welcome to the World

Be a part of an amazing experience.



Florence, Italy



Hong Kong, China



Seville, Spain



In 2012, USD ranked 1st for undergraduate study abroad programs.

USD's International Mission

The University of San Diego is committed to actively promoting awareness, appreciation and respect for the complexity of cultural, political, environmental and social issues worldwide. USD strives to help students become truly global citizens who serve as ambassadors of the cultures they represent. Through a values-based education, students learn to respect diverse values, challenge existing global perspectives and develop a deeper understanding of worldwide interconnectedness.

Second Year Experience Abroad Program

This structured program is a unique initiative that has been specifically designed for the Class of 2016. A collaborative effort between USD's Departments of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, the Second Year Experience Abroad Program offers students the opportunity to study abroad in one of three truly exceptional locations: Florence, Italy; Hong Kong, China and Seville, Spain.

Academic Component

While on their international journey, students will earn three units of academic credit by completing one core curriculum course. Disciplines offered often include art history, ethics, history, language, literature, marketing and religious studies.

Experiential Learning Component

The Second Year Experience Abroad Program is an integrated learning component that gives students the opportunity to interact with USD staff and faculty while participating in a variety of cultural and social activities abroad. Staff and administrators from USD's International Center and Office of Student Affairs serve as on-site staff in each program location and are responsible for organizing small student groups to engage in cultural and social activities. They will also lead small group discussion and reflection. As early as their second semester on campus, students will begin to interact with the staff in preparation for their experience abroad.

Activities will vary by location and may include guest lectures from local professionals, visits to significant museums and monuments and community service-learning activities. Small group activities are included in the program price.

Scholarships

The USD International Center offers scholarships for students who are Pell-Grant eligible; all program applicants will be reviewed to determine eligibility for these scholarships. Eligible students will be contacted directly by the USD International Center with information about their award.

Program Cost

The Second Year Experience Abroad Program cost is \$4,500. This fee includes:

- Tuition for three units
- Application fee
- Housing
- Some group meals
- Excursions
- Cultural/social activities (on-campus and abroad)
- International medical/health insurance

Please note: Airfare, spending money and additional meals are the responsibility of the student and not included in the program price.

Financial Aid

USD financial aid is available; the aid package for an Intersession program will consist primarily of loans. Students are required to submit a Supplemental Aid Form in the Office of Financial Aid; it should be submitted in early Fall 2013 to be considered for 2014 Intersession aid. To learn more about financial aid, go to www.sandiego.edu/financial_aid.

Excursions

As part of their experience, all students participate in one day-trip and one weekend excursion, which are organized and staffed by USD. Day-trip and weekend

excursion locations will vary by country. All excursions are included in the program price.

Second Year Experience Abroad Program Schedule (tentative)

December 7, 2012:

Priority application deadline

March 1, 2013:

Final application deadline

Spring 2013: Kick-off event and small group activities with fellow program participants

Fall 2013:

Pre-departure seminars

January 2014:

Go abroad! (three weeks)

Spring 2014:

Program reunions on campus

Contact Information

To learn more about the Second Year Experience Abroad Program and the opportunity for USD sophomores to earn core credit through study abroad, visit Serra Hall 315, visit us online at <http://gointernational.sandiego.edu> or call the USD International Center at (619) 260-4598.

A Tale of Three Cities

Choices tailored to fit a variety of academic interests

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Florence, Italy

Rightfully regarded as among the most beautiful cities in the world, Florence is one of Europe's most enduring cultural capitals, and contains more artistic masterpieces per square kilometer than anyplace else on the planet. The birthplace of the Renaissance, Florence has been home to Michelangelo, da Vinci, Dante, Machiavelli, Galileo and the powerful Medici family.

Florence's historic center is made up of numerous squares, Renaissance palaces, gardens, churches, parks and art galleries. As much of the city's economy relies on visitors — and especially international students studying in Florence — locals tend to be welcoming.

Florence is within easy access of other popular Italian destinations such as Pisa, Siena, Milan and Bologna. The Arno River cuts through the old part of the city; the beloved Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge) is the only bridge in the city to have survived World War II intact.



Hong Kong, China

A diverse metropolis steeped in a blend of Eastern and Western traditions, Hong Kong is located on China's south coast, east of Macau on the opposite side of the Pearl River Delta. It is surrounded by the South China Sea on the east, south and west.

Visitors experience a vibrant Chinese city intersected with British flavor, as the British ruled the colony until 1997. The city's high density has resulted in a dramatic skyline; in fact, it contains 36 of the world's tallest 100 buildings, and is known as the "world's most vertical city."

Under the unique principle of "One Country, Two Systems," Hong Kong enjoys a great deal of autonomy, retaining its capitalist system, free trade, independent judiciary and freedom of speech. Hong Kong's culture seamlessly blends a very modern way of life with traditional Chinese practices such as feng shui, tai chi and Chinese medicine.



Seville, Spain

With a population of less than one million, Seville offers a small-town feel compared to bigger cities such as Madrid and Barcelona. Located in Southern Spain, Seville is considered the guardian of traditional Andalusian culture.

The birthplace of flamenco and home to awe-inspiring architecture, city highlights include the Cathedral of Seville — which is among the largest of all medieval and Gothic cathedrals — and the Alcázar, which was once a Moorish palace.

Visitors revel in Seville's vibrant atmosphere and delight in exploring the city's many shops, restaurants and terrace cafes, where locals meet for their afternoon café con leche. A culinary hub for the region, the cuisine of Seville is based on products from the surrounding provinces.

Festive and romantic, steeped in culture and unapologetically devoted to indulging the senses, Seville is a city filled with relaxed, fun-loving locals who welcome visitors to their beloved city.

"Florence was an amazing experience for me! I loved the city, the sounds, the sights, the smells, and everything in between." — Ashleigh Becker '11