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The costs for these programs are approximate and do not include the cost of a passport (currently \$165). The actual costs may vary depending upon residency status, number of credits taken and other factors.

Financial aid and scholarships are available for many study abroad opportunities. Contact your Financial Aid Office for available financial aid. For scholarship information, contact your college's designated International Education Director or Office listed on the back cover of this catalog.

Legend

- C** = Cultural Diversity
- G** = Global Awareness
- H** = Historical Awareness
- HU** = Humanities & Fine Arts
- SB** = Social & Behavioral Science
- L** = Literacy

Message from the Chancellor



Dear Students and Community Members,

The Maricopa County Community College District invites you to embark on a life-changing experience through our study abroad programs. These programs allow you to explore different countries and cultures, learn new languages, establish lifelong friendships, and broaden your perspective. This catalog highlights diverse study abroad programs available for the 2024-25 academic year, spanning Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Guided by experienced faculty, we proudly provide our students the opportunity to expand their horizons through Maricopa credit-bearing courses in vibrant international settings. Ranging from one to four weeks, our study abroad programs are available to students from across our 10 colleges and community members.

Participating in a study abroad program offers unparalleled rewards. It allows you to travel to another country, immerse yourselves in its culture, and gain first-hand exposure to its people, customs, language, and history. This experience fosters greater cultural understanding and a deepened sense of global citizenship. As one of our Maricopa faculty program directors noted, "The travel experience opened students' eyes and changed perspectives on their own and others' worldviews, their role in the world, ways that they thought, and how they viewed life back in the United States."

Employers highly value study abroad experience. They seek graduates with a strong grasp of global challenges, cross-cultural communication skills, language proficiency, self-awareness, and adaptability—qualities that study abroad uniquely cultivates. By participating in a study abroad program, you not only gain a competitive edge in the job market but are also likely to experience personal growth that broadens your worldview, fosters new friendships, and challenges you in unexpected ways.

Our system remains committed to offering enriching study abroad experiences that extend beyond the classroom, empowering you to make a global impact. While stepping out of your comfort zone can be challenging, the rewards of studying abroad can significantly enhance your life and career. I encourage you to explore the programs featured in this catalog and consider taking advantage of the unique learning experiences that await you.

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Steven R Gonzales, Ed.D.

Chancellor

The Maricopa County Community College District

Study Abroad

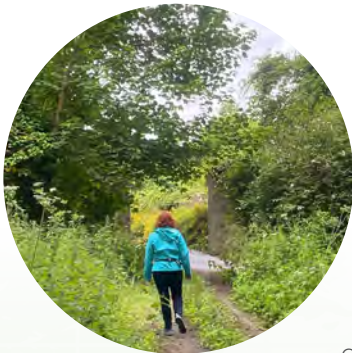
- Earn Maricopa college credit abroad
- Broaden your worldview
- Enhance your job marketability
- Discover new cultures

Student Testimonials



“My study abroad experience gave me a newfound confidence in myself, the people around me, and the world. I left England reassured in my ability to communicate, connect, and understand others within my social circles and outside in the world far beyond Maricopa. I gained skills while in England that I would never have been able to gain if I had decided not to go—including knowledge on how to manage my independence for the future and how to get along with an array of different types of people and cultures. England was a phenomenal experience, and I would recommend it to anyone who wishes to get out of their comfort zone and explore the world outside of their own.”

Davie, Canterbury and London Study Abroad 2024



“As a life-long learner and older adult student, I never considered how a study abroad program could make international travel affordable for me until a friend suggested it. Study abroad provided me an affordable opportunity to fulfill my long-time dream of visiting Ireland. Living locally, meeting the people, and experiencing daily life gave me new insights into my own personal history and my family’s stories. I have studied Irish literature and the Irish storytelling tradition for years - walking the land and seeing first-hand iconic landmarks brought these stories to life. The instructors’ expertise and depth of knowledge brought a richness to the experience that cannot be found with a traditional guided tour. I encourage all life-long learners with the travel bug to seriously consider a study abroad program.”

Donna, Study Abroad Ireland 2024



Namibia Study Abroad

Namibia, Africa | May 27 - June 20, 2025

Required Pre-departure Hybrid Coursework: May 12-23, 2025

A trek through the wilds of Africa will probably be the single most adventurous and exciting thing that you will ever do! In true safari style, you'll travel Namibia in 4x4's, exploring Africa's amazing wildlife, breathtaking landscapes, unique people and ecosystems. Accommodations will be a mixture of camping, staying in an authentic Himba village, hostels, and bed and breakfasts.

You'll visit Etosha National Park with Africa's big five (lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino, leopard), come face to face with cheetahs at the Cheetah Conservation Fund, build an elephant-proof stone wall and track the very rare desert elephants at EHRA, stay at a Himba village, and bushcamp in the world's oldest desert. By exploring the wildlife, flora, people, and landscapes of Namibia, you'll learn about global conservation, biodiversity and environmental issues, as well as the impact of expanding human populations and climate change. You'll use field techniques to census wildlife and examine environmental topics such as biodiversity loss and human-wildlife conflict.

To complement the environmental and conservation biology themes, you will also learn about the birds of Namibia with an introduction to ornithology.

With a mix of wilderness bush camping, rest camps, relaxing starlight campfires, BBQ's, and unique wildlife everywhere, this will be the learning adventure of a lifetime! But you'll also have down time for optional activities like dune surfing and adventure sports at Swakopmund on Namibia's coast.

Namibia is located on the southwestern coast of Africa, sharing borders with South Africa and Botswana to the east and Angola to the north. Namibia's landscape includes open grasslands, pans, dry riverbeds and dense woodlands. Namibia has the oldest desert in the world, the Namibia, a long coastline dotted with shipwrecks and diamond mines, as well as abundant wildlife.

Course Enrollment: (two courses required)

BIO105 - Environmental Biology, (4 cr. + \$10 course fee); fulfills SQ

BIO149SV - Field Biology - Birds of Namibia, 1 cr.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2025

(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

Estimated Program Fee: \$2,821 (program fee due March 21, 2025)

Estimated Tuition: \$510 (not included in program fee; due prior to pre-departure coursework start date)

Estimated Airfare: \$1,800 (not included in program fee)

Estimated Meals: \$220 (not included in program fee)

Estimated Himba Village Visit \$40 (not included in program fee)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: \$5,391

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Exploring Economic Dynamics and International Business in Costa Rica

Costa Rica | May 12 - 26, 2025

Required Post-trip Coursework: May 27-July 3, 2025

Embark on an unforgettable journey to the heart of Costa Rica, where the captivating landscapes and vibrant culture provide an enriching backdrop for a two-week immersion into the world of economics and international business.

Costa Rica, renowned for its commitment to environmental conservation, eco-friendly policies, and the concept of “pura vida”, embodies a harmonious blend of nature, culture, and sustainable development. As you explore bustling markets, lush rainforests, and serene coastlines, you’ll witness firsthand how this nation’s values harmonize with economic principles. Be immersed in an exceptional opportunity to expand horizons, broaden perspectives, and cultivate a deep understanding of global economic dynamics.

This study abroad program is a gateway to cultivating a global mindset, fostering cross-cultural competencies, and equipping students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the intricate landscape of international business and economics. Engage in a comprehensive curriculum that integrates classroom instruction with experiential learning. Gain insights from distinguished faculty and local industry experts, while also participating in interactive workshops, group discussions, and case studies.

Join us on this transformative journey as we embark on a quest to unravel the economic mysteries of Costa Rica while savoring the essence of “pura vida.”

Course Enrollment: (both courses required)

ECN 211 - Principles of Macroeconomics, (no prerequisites), 3 cr.; fulfills SB

IBS101 - Introduction to International Business, 3 cr.; fulfills G

Application Deadline: February 2, 2025

(late applications accepted on case-by-case basis)

Estimated Program Fee: \$3,562 (program fee due Feb. 14, 2025)

Estimated Tuition: \$647 (includes \$50 ECN course fee; due prior to departure)

Estimated Airfare: \$929 (includes Costa Rica exit tax)

Estimated Meals: \$450 (not included in program fee)

Optional coffee plantation tour: \$45

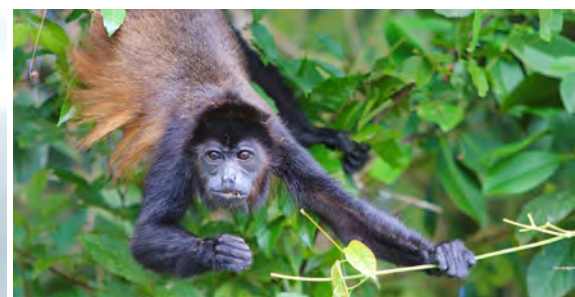
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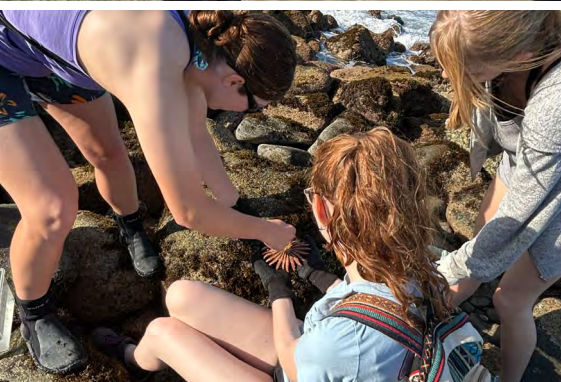
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Marine Biology in Puerto Peñasco Puerto Peñasco, Mexico (Rocky Point) | May 11 - 18, 2025

This introduction course to Marine Biology, designed for the non-major, will take you to the Sea of Cortez (our nearest ocean experience), which has one of the best intertidal expanses in the world! At low tide, as much as 300 feet of what was once covered by the sea is exposed. Students will visit and learn about different aquatic habitats as well the organisms that live there. They will take part in an ongoing scientific survey of intertidal organisms in local habitats as well as sea lions and local bird populations. In addition to biology, our study abroad also focuses on the effects of the ocean on local culture and business.

Educational excursions include talks from local experts on whales and other large animals of the Sea of Cortez (Gulf of California) at the Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans (CEDO); bird-watching while kayaking through the Morua Estuary; a boat trip to Isla de San Jorge to view, snorkel or possibly scuba dive with a sea lion colony, and group excursions to explore the town of Puerto Peñasco in the evenings. Accommodations are in CEDO dormitories, the base of operations for the trip. The program fee includes van transportation, lodging, and some meals.

Course Enrollment:

BIO149SV - Field Marine Biology in Mexico,]] 1 cr.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2025

(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

Estimated Program Fee: \$1,370 (program fee due March 23, 2024)

Estimated Tuition: \$112 (due before departure)

Estimated Meals: \$150 (not included in program fee)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: \$1,632

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Study Abroad in Japan: Japanese Language & Psychology and Culture Fukuoka, Japan | June 1 - 16, 2025

Required Pre-departure Online Coursework: May 12-30, 2025

Take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity in Fukuoka, Japan, where you will learn the language as well as conduct a psychological analysis of the traditional and current Japanese pop cultures.

Excursions will include visits to a tech-related company, the Dazaifu Tenmangu shrine and Kyushu National and Kitakyushu Manga museums, participation in a Hakata doll painting and Japanese tea ceremony as well as the opportunity to watch a Japanese baseball game. You will also visit the Ohori Park Japanese Garden/Art Museum, visit local schools and have a kimono dress-up experience.

Highlights of your stay in Japan will include 4 nights with a local Japanese host family. This is a rare opportunity to establish relationships with Japanese people and to learn the way of life in Japan!

Fukuoka was awarded Best in Travel 2023 by Lonely Planet!

Course Enrollment: (two courses required)

JPN115 - Beginning Japanese Conversation I, 3 cr. OR

JPN116 - Beginning Japanese Conversation II, 3 cr. AND

PSY132 - Psychology & Culture, 3 cr.; fulfills C, G, SB

Application Deadline: February 2, 2025

(late applications accepted on case-by-case basis)

Estimated Program Fee: \$3,241 (program fee due Feb. 14, 2025)

Estimated Tuition: \$597 (not included in program fee; due before pre-departure coursework start date)

Estimated Airfare: \$2,450 (not included in program fee)

Estimated Meals: \$270 (not included in program fee)

Estimated optional WiFi: \$65 (not included in program fee)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: \$6,558

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Study Abroad Ireland

Athlone, Republic of Ireland | June 7 - July 5, 2025

Spend summer school in Ireland and see for yourself why the country is nicknamed the Emerald Island!

Held on the campus of Technological University of the Shannon, located in picturesque Athlone, Co. Westmeath, you will spend a full month immersing in the study of Irish culture and history while exploring and experiencing the rich and diverse heritage of Ireland. Using Athlone as a home base, participants will make field trips to locations such as the prehistorical monuments at Loughcrew and the Hill of Uisneach, the early Medieval monastic city of Clonmacnoise and the Norman castles of Dunamase and Trim, and the 18th Century great house, Emo Court. You will also spend several days in Galway, Ireland's Cultural Heart, visiting the Burren, the Cliffs of Moher, and the island of Inis Mor, as well as a day-trip to Dublin City. Your Irish adventure will be a learning experience you will never forget!

Course Enrollment (both courses required):

REL250 - Religion in Ireland: Neolithic to Medieval, 3 cr.;
fulfills HU, H

STO290 - Irish Storytelling Tradition, 3 cr.; fulfills G

Application Deadline: March 1, 2025

(late applications accepted on case-by-case basis)

Estimated Program Fee: \$1,969 (program fee due March 21, 2025)

Estimated Tuition: \$597 (not included in program fee;
due by Summer tuition deadline)

Estimated Airfare: \$1,600 (not included in program fee)

Estimated Transportation: \$33 (not included in program fee)

Estimated Meals: \$1,200 (not included in program fee)

Possible estimated ETIAS travel authorisation: \$8
(not included in program fee)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: \$5,399

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Canterbury and London Study Abroad

Canterbury and London, England | June 14 - 29, 2025

Pre-departure Mandatory Orientation: May 3, 2025
Required Pre-departure Classes: May 26, 2025 - June 9, 2025
(Mondays/Wednesdays)
Required Post-trip Classes: July 9, 2025 and July 11, 2025

Complement your learning with an immersive cultural and educational experience in England. For two weeks, continue your literature studies in Canterbury, England, on the University of Kent campus—living among the local student population, learning in the school's classrooms, and experiencing college life at a British university. Take two full-day trips to London to visit the Tower of London, Shakespeare's Globe, St. Paul's Cathedral, and other amazing historical and cultural sites that England's capital has to offer. Visit Hever Castle, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn, and Dover Castle, a medieval castle and one of the most important fortresses in England's history. Walk along the White Cliffs of Dover. Study theory and literature while exploring the sites, settings, and inspirations of selected writers' work—including those linked to the volatile reign of Henry VIII.

The University of Kent is a research-led British university in Canterbury, England. Canterbury, the birthplace of Renaissance playwrights Christopher Marlowe and Aphra Behn, is a beautiful small British town in southeastern England that retains a medieval feel. Located roughly 60 miles east of London and 150 miles northwest of Paris, Canterbury is home to the Canterbury Cathedral (the pilgrimage site on which Chaucer's Canterbury Tales is based) and the Benedictine monastery of St. Augustine's Abbey. Medieval walls surround the city, the majority still with original construction; you can walk along the walls while touring the town or simply making your way to a local hotspot.

Course Enrollment:
ENG 200 - Reading and Writing about Literature, 3 cr.;
fulfills HU, L

Application deadline: February 21, 2025
(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

Estimated Program Fee: \$2,880 (program fee deadline: April 1, 2025)

Estimated Tuition: \$306 (not included in program fee, due by Summer 2025 deadline)

Estimated Airfare: \$1,600 (not included in program fee)

Estimated Meals: \$500 (for those not included in program fee)

Ground Transportation: \$30 (for those not included in program fee)

Globe Theatre Ticket: \$10 (not included in program fee)

Estimated ETA travel authorisation: \$14

Estimated TOTAL Cost: \$5,340

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England and France: A Tale of Two Cultures Nottingham, England | July 12 - August 5, 2025

Required Online Pre-departure Coursework: July 7-11, 2025

Big Ben. Robin Hood. The Eiffel Tower. The Louvre. The British Museum. You can spend part of the summer exploring these world renowned sites and more as you contrast the cultures of England and France. We will explore the historical, artistic, literary, and social contexts of these different countries and cultures while you create your own personal memories and narratives.

Spend over 3 weeks exploring the history and modernity of some of the world's greatest cities, including London, England and Paris, France. Excursions include, but are not limited to: the Victoria & Albert and British Museums (in London), Tower of London, Chatsworth (in Derbyshire, England), Newstead Abbey, and 4 days/3 nights in Paris where we will visit the Louvre, the Musée d'Orsay, the Eiffel Tower, and more!

Our home during the program is Nottingham, England, which is associated with the legend of Robin Hood in the Sherwood Forest and the defeat of Richard III, former king of England. Nottingham is a vibrant, walkable city in the East Midlands region of central England where the average temperature in July is 70 degrees!

Course Enrollment: (both courses required)

ENG217 - Personal & Exploratory Writing, 3 cr.; fulfills L

HUM251 - Ideas & Values in the Humanities: Renaissance to the Contemporary World, 3 cr.; fulfills H, HU, L

Application deadline: March 1, 2025

(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

Estimated Program Fee: \$2,900 (program fee due March 21, 2025)

Estimated Tuition: \$597 (not included in program fee; due by Summer tuition deadline)

Estimated Airfare: \$1,800 (not included in program fee)

Estimated Meals: \$600 (not included in program fee)

Estimated ETIAS travel authorisation (France): \$8 (not included in program fee)

Estimated ETA travel authorization (England): \$14 (not included in program fee)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: \$5,905

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Mindful Italy: Psychological, Cultural, and Economic Aspects of Slow Living

Perugia, Italy | May 11 - 29, 2025

Required Online Pre-departure Coursework: April 14 - May 10, 2025

Visit the heart of Italy and immerse yourself in slow living, a mindset for a meaningful and conscious lifestyle that aligns with what you value most. From the peaceful hills of Umbria to the historic streets of Rome, you'll explore elements of Italian culture, psychology, history, economy, and lifestyle that promote a deeper connection with oneself, others, and the environment.

Wander through the fascinating, medieval streets of Perugia, Umbria's capital. This city is known for its lively arts scene and incredible craftsmanship. Taste the region's famous chocolate and explore its fascinating history, from its Etruscan origins to Renaissance art.

Experience the peacefulness of Assisi, a UNESCO World Heritage site and the birthplace of St. Francis. Visit the stunning Basilica of St. Francis, with its beautiful frescoes by Giotto, and learn how tradition and sustainability can go hand in hand.

Visit Lake Trasimeno, Italy's fourth-largest lake, surrounded by quaint villages and lush scenery. Here, you'll connect with the area's rich history and natural beauty while exploring the ideas behind the economics of slow tourism.

Discover Rome, the Eternal City, through the eyes of slow living. Walk among the ancient ruins of the Colosseum, soak in the grandeur of St. Peter's Basilica, and admire the art in the Vatican Museums—all while embracing a more mindful way of traveling. See how a metropolis like Rome faces challenges and opportunities to incorporate sustainability.

This program is perfect for students who are passionate about sustainability, cultural psychology, and exploring alternative economic models. It's a unique chance to study these topics in some of Italy's most inspiring and historic places, giving you an educational experience you won't forget.

Course Enrollment: (PSY132 Enrollment is required, and ECN212 is Optional)

PSY132 - Psychology and Culture, 3 cr.; Fulfills C, G, and SB

ECN212 - Microeconomic Principles, 3 cr.; Fulfills SB

Application Deadline: February 2, 2025

(late applications accepted on a case-by-case basis)

Estimated Program Fee: \$3,895

Estimated Tuition: \$306

Estimated Airfare: \$1,700 (not included in program fee)

Estimated ETIAS travel authorization: \$8

(not included in program fee)

Estimated Meals: \$500

Additional Potential Costs: \$235 (Passport, SIM Card, ECN212 Courseware)

Estimated TOTAL Cost: \$6,409

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Additional Programs To Be Offered

Please check the website for additional study abroad programs that are projected to be offered.

Prague - City of One Hundred Spires

Prague, Czech Republic

Tentative Dates: June 27 - July 18, 2025

Pre-departure Classes: Vary depending on the course.

Please visit the website listed below.

Course Enrollment: (choose one course)

AVC142 - Introduction to Digital Photography, 3 cr.

AVC143 - Intermediate Digital Photography, 3 cr.

AVC290 - Independent Study, 3 cr.

ENG217 - Personal & Exploratory Writing, 3 cr.; fulfills L

HUM245 - Introduction to Holocaust Studies, 3 cr.; fulfills HU

Tentative Application deadline: April 1, 2025

www.cgc.edu/academics/study-abroad

Art and Art History in Florence, Italy

Florence, Italy

Tentative Dates: May 18 - June 19, 2025

Pre-departure Orientation Dates: April 29 & May 13, 2025

(mandatory)

Course Enrollment:

ART 115 - Three Dimensional Design, 3 cr.

ARH 102 - Art from Renaissance to Modernism, 3 cr.; fulfills H, HU

Tentative Application Deadline: January 25, 2025

www.paradisevalley.edu/academics/international-studies

Gilman International Scholarships

There are three essays required as part of the Gilman application: the Statement of Purpose Essay and the two Community Impact Essays, which are the Building Mutual Understanding Essay and the Follow-on Service Project Proposal. For those applying for a Critical Need Language Award (CNLA), an additional essay is required.

Students are highly encouraged to start the process as early as possible and get help from their campus study abroad advisor and writing center tutors. **They are great resources!**

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program

The U.S. Department of State's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program enables American undergraduate students with high financial need to study or intern abroad through scholarships of up to \$5,000. Students studying critical need languages are eligible for scholarships up to \$8,000. For over 20 years, the Gilman Program has provided access and opportunity to study abroad for more than 38,000 exceptional U.S. undergraduate students, who have gained skills critical to their personal and professional development, as well as for our national security and economic prosperity.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. Citizen
- Undergraduate student in good academic standing
- Federal Pell Grant recipient
- Participating in credit-based program abroad up to an academic year in length
- In the process of applying for, or accepted to, a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program in a country with an overall Travel Advisory of 1 or 2 according to the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory System.

Benefits of Being a Gilman Scholar

- Noncompetitive eligibility for federal employment
- Networking opportunities with thousands of Gilman Scholars and Alumni via a private platform
- Access to professional development seminars and career-development resources

Application Deadlines

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

For overseas programs that start December 2024–October 2025
Awards announced in December.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

For overseas programs that start April 2025–May 2026
Awards announced in mid-May.

For more information, visit gilmanScholarship.org or contact gilman@iie.org with your questions.

Gilman-McCain Scholarship for Undergraduate Dependents (child or spouse) of Active or Activated Military Personnel

The U.S. Department of State's John S. McCain International Scholarship for Military Families (Gilman-McCain Scholarship) provides awards of \$5,000 for undergraduate dependents (child or spouse) of active or activated United States military personnel to study or intern abroad on credit-bearing programs. Developed under the framework of the State Department's Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program, the John S. McCain International Scholarship for Military Families (Gilman-McCain Scholarship) is open to eligible students enrolled at accredited U.S. colleges and universities who receive any type of Title IV federal financial aid.

The Gilman-McCain Scholarship is a congressionally funded initiative of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and named after the late Senator John S. McCain from Arizona. With the support of the U.S. Congress, this scholarship honors Senator McCain's legacy of public service by enabling undergraduate children and spouses of active or activated United States military personnel to develop the leadership and career readiness skills and global perspective to pursue careers of service and contribute to preserving the principles and alliances that are critical to an international order based on the rule of law, human rights, and democracy.

Eligibility Requirements

- U.S. citizen or national
- Undergraduate student in good academic standing
- Dependent (child or spouse) of active or activated United States military personnel during the time of application (including Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Navy, Navy Reserve, Space Force, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and USPHS Commissioned Corps)
- Recipient of any type of Title IV federal financial aid
- In the process of applying for, or accepted to, a credit-bearing study abroad or internship program in a country with an overall Travel Advisory of 1 or 2, according to the U.S. Department of State Travel Advisory System

Award Amount

The Gilman-McCain Scholarship recipients are awarded \$5,000 to be used toward the cost of study abroad or international internship programs.



IIE Passport Grant

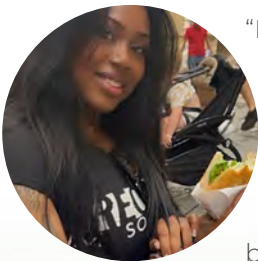
The Maricopa Community Colleges was selected by the Institute of International Education to receive an IIE American Passport Project Grant in 2023. We are excited to award up to 5 eligible students from one of MCCC's ten community colleges the funding and application assistance needed to receive a U.S. passport this year. To learn more about student eligibility and how to apply, go to: <https://shorturl.at/YRlvj>. Deadline to apply: November 22, 2024

Passport Processing Times

Routine: 6-8 weeks*

Expedited: 2-3 weeks and an extra \$60*

*Mailing times are not included in processing times. Processing times only include the time your application is at one of the passport agencies or centers. The total time to get your passport includes both processing and mailing times. It may take up to 2 weeks for applications to arrive by mail at a passport agency or center, and up to 2 weeks for you to receive a completed passport in the mail after it is printed. **Consider the total time it will take to receive your passport when you are booking travel.**



"I always had the goal of getting my passport, but being a mother of three children, life can become very unpredictable. Sometimes that goal would be pushed off because life happens, and unexpected expenses would pop up. Being chosen for the IIE Passport Grant really was a blessing. I was able to get my passport and experience a life changing summer to study abroad in Italy. This was one of the most life changing experiences I have ever had. There were many memorable moments and lessons while studying abroad in Italy, but there is one that really stands out to me. The most important thing I took from living in Italy is that my black is beautiful. One of my biggest fears prior to studying abroad was racism. You hear a lot of stories, both good and bad, and you wonder what your own experience will be like. There was even a point where I almost talked myself out of it. However, in Italy I was met with nothing but love and acceptance. I received so many compliments and most importantly, respect. For the first time I didn't feel like my "blackness" was the first thing that walked through the door. I will forever be grateful for this experience, and it all started with being accepted to get the IIE Passport Grant."

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