

MiraCosta College supports international education to provide a comprehensive educational experience that empowers students to make reasoned decisions in both the international and domestic contexts through the use of critical analysis informed by a globalized perspective. The college offers a variety of international education programs that are designed to develop and enrich multicultural awareness, intercultural competence, and understanding of global issues and trends through curricula that encompass world cultures and perspectives and programs that encourage participation in international experiences.

MiraCosta College will strive to accomplish the following:

- A. Develop courses of study that effectively in international contexts and to enhance their understanding of other cultures.
- C. Provide opportunities for students to participate in study abroad programs and/or virtual international exchanges to enrich their academic training, perspectives, and personal
- F. Recruit and retain qualified students and scholars from other countries to inspire an appreciation for differences among cultures and a deeper understanding of the values and perspectives of other people.
- G. Facilitate faculty exchange and collaborative partnership programs with institutions in other countries.
- H. Initiate collaborative research undertakings to address issues of global significance.

Students participating in international education experiences must be enrolled at MiraCosta College or at a consortium-member or partner institution. Students enrolling in study abroad experiences must be over the age of 18 (unless they are emancipated minors). The college considers all international activities to be part of a learning experience, and each participant to be an ambassador of MiraCosta College. Therefore, students, staff, and faculty participating in international education, including study abroad, educational excursions, or field study, must obey all civil and criminal laws of any country visited and must comply with the district's board policies and administrative procedures.

International Education Guidelines

The Institute for International Perspectives (IIP) provides support for faculty and students interested in study abroad programs. The IIP and International Education Advisory Committee also maintains a list of procedures and guidelines that outlines how to design, promote, and operate a study abroad program approved by the district. Faculty members are encouraged to talk to the IIP coordinator and/or the International Education Advisory Committee about any questions concerning study abroad opportunities and requirements.