



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Four short-term faculty led Study Abroad Programs for the spring (March 3-7, 2025) and summer of 2025, (May 15, 2025 to June 1, 2025). Fiscal Impact: Travel costs for both faculty-leaders are built into program cost assuming minimum enrollment is met.

Presenter(s): Jeffrey Guild, Vice Provost, Academic Affairs

What is the purpose of this contract and why is it needed?

The purpose of this submission is to seek approval by the District Board of Trustees for Broward College to sponsor four faculty led study abroad programs in the spring and summer of 2025 to Greece, France, Iceland and Panama. Broward College has a long academic tradition in study abroad programs from as early as 1974, and would like to extend this tradition for its 50th commemorative year.

What procurement process or bid waiver was used and why?

Not applicable.

Is this a budgeted expenditure from the budget established at the last June Board of Trustees meeting?

Not applicable.

What fund, cost center and line item(s) were used?

Not applicable.

Has Broward College used this vendor before for these products or services?

No.

Was the product or service acceptable in the past?

Not applicable.

Was there a return on investment anticipated when entering this contract?

No.

Was that return on investment not met, met, or exceeded and how?

Not applicable.

Does this directly or indirectly feed one of the Social Enterprise tactics and how?

Study abroad is a "high impact" practice in higher education, meaning that the value of such experiences leaves significant impressions on the students who participate long after they are over. They remember their travel abroad for the rest of their lives and often consider it the highlight of their college experience. Study after study have documented that students who study abroad are more likely to persist in college and graduate on time than students who do not study abroad. There is no one thing that can add more value to a student's college experience than studying outside of the US, even if only for a week or two at a time. It also gives the students a global perspective.

Did the vendor amend Broward College's legal terms and conditions [to be answered by the Legal Office] if the College's standard contract was used and was this acceptable to the Legal Office? Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Description: Travel costs for both faculty-leaders are built into program cost assuming minimum enrollment is met. If minimum enrollment is not met, the program will not be approved.

STUDY ABROAD

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FACULTY-LED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS – 2025

PANAMA – Panama Canal International Trade and Logistics - Supply Chain

Faculty Leaders: Professor Tuly Badillo and Professor Michael McCarthy

Term: Spring 2025

Dates of Travel: March 3-7, 2025

Coursework Offered:

Students will need to enroll in at least one of the courses over the Spring 2025 semester in order to participate:

- SCM2221 Warehouse Operations
- SCM2360 Six Sigma Yellow Belt Body of Knowledge
- SCM3162 3 Supply Chain Quality Management
- SCM4810 3 Supply Chain Management Internship/Practicum
- SCM4105 3 Supply Chain Modeling
- SCM4191 3 Supply Chain Management Capstone

Student Demographics:

- Group size: 12-15 min/max
- Eligibility: min. 2.0 GPA, at least 18 years old,
- ONLY students within the Supply Chain Management Program may participate

Cost:

\$2,020 per participant.

- Travel costs for both faculty-leaders is built into program cost assuming minimum enrollment is met
- No cost to the College

Program Summary

With this faculty-led study abroad program students will not only have the opportunity to explore one of the largest engineering marvels in the world, but they will also get to explore a number of warehouses, cargo operations, and logistical centers all positioned around moving cargo through the Panama Canal. Led by two Broward College professors who are experts in the field of supply chain management, this program gives students the chance to actually see and experience how transnational companies operate using global supply chains. Students will talk with managers and representatives who are in the field and develop the processes that move products around the world.

Iceland - Fire & Ice: Exploring Biology & Chemistry in Iceland's Unique Ecosystems

Faculty Leaders: Professor Vijay Ramdeen and Dr. Vanessa Hörmann

Term: Summer 2025

Dates of Travel: May 15-21, 2025

Coursework Offered:

Students will need to enroll in at least one of the courses in order to participate:

- BSC 1005 General Biology for Non-Majors
- CHM 1020 General Chemistry for Liberal Studies

Student Demographics:

- Group size: 14-20 min/max
- Eligibility: min. 2.0 GPA, at least 18 years old, all programs of study

Cost:

\$4,630 per participant.

- Travel costs for both faculty-leaders is built into program cost assuming minimum enrollment is met
- No cost to the College

Program Summary

With this faculty-led study abroad program students will embark on an unforgettable journey to Iceland, where they will explore the dynamic interplay of biology and chemistry in one of the world's most unique environments. From glaciers to geysers, this course offers hands-on scientific experiences, fostering a deep understanding of natural processes and ecological diversity.

France - Comparative Education in France and USA

Faculty Leaders: Dr. Dominique Charlotteaux and Dr. Isis Silva

Term: Summer 2025

Dates of Travel: May 24 - 31, 2025

Coursework Offered:

Students will need to enroll in at least one of the courses in order to participate:

- EDF 1005 Introduction to the Teaching Profession
- EME 2040 Introduction to Educational Technology
- EDP 4004 Principles of Educational Psychology
- EDF 4430 Tests and Measurement

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Student Demographics:

- Group size: 10-16 min/max
- Eligibility: min. 2.0 GPA, at least 18 years old, all programs of study

Cost:

\$3500 per participant.

- Travel costs for both faculty-leaders is built into program cost assuming minimum enrollment is met
- No cost to the College

Program Summary

With this BC faculty-led study abroad program, students will have an amazing opportunity to travel to both Paris (the capital) and Aix-en-Provence (southern France). Students will be immersed in French language, culture and, of course, cuisine (rated one of the best in the world). The program is also designed to expose students to the French K-12 educational system, as well as their unique educational philosophies and practices. After participation on this program a student's world viewpoint will radically change for the better, they will dip into the French/European perspective related to K-12 education, and they will analyze both the similarities and differences between the French and American educational systems. This is truly a once in a lifetime adventure!

Greece – Doing Business in Greece

Faculty Leaders: Professor Cathileen Montesarchio & Professor Jeanne Christ

Term: Summer 2025

Dates of Travel: May 12-23, 2025

Coursework Offered:

Students will need to enroll in at least one of the courses in order to participate:

- GEB2011 Introduction to Business
- MAN2021 Introduction to Management

Student Demographics:

- Group size: 10 - 14 min/max
- Eligibility: min. 2.0 GPA, at least 18 years old, all programs of study

Cost:

\$4,995 per participant (approximate)

- Travel costs for both faculty-leaders is built into program cost assuming minimum enrollment is met
- No cost to the College

Program Summary

This BC faculty-led study abroad program crisscrosses the vibrant, modern landscape of this country, traveling to four different cities, exploring ancient ruins and learning about the resilience of Greek society. In the late 2000s, Greece experienced a major economic crisis that rocked all of Europe. The crisis triggered a severe recession and three major international bailout packages. However, with structural reforms and the spirit of Greek businesses, the country has bounced back. Our BC business faculty are eager to show students how effective businesses in Greece have helped to pull this country back from the brink of collapse into now a modern, successful European economy. This program will take students to a whole new world, giving them a true understanding of how another society lives and thrives. Greece is a country that mixes well the idea of a work/life balance with a modern structure layered on top of an ancient society. It is truly a gem and well worth the experience!