

Student Voices



Meghan, Undergraduate

I did my study abroad program in London and Stratford-upon-Avon for 6 weeks. I really wanted to explore more of London's queer scene. I'm appreciative that many of the folks I went with were "out" or LGBT. I'm fortunate to have studied in countries where they were more progressive, and this definitely heightened my ability to enjoy the company and culture.



Austin, Undergraduate

I studied in Granada, Spain. I stayed with a host family and enjoyed authentic home cooking every day. I got to experience Madrid's pride parade. We were able to check out multiple gay venues too. I highly recommend studying abroad.



Masami Yamagata

I got to enjoy the LGBT areas in Tokyo throughout my studies there and it was a good opportunity because I could reconsider the American culture objectively. I totally recommend studying abroad. It's an eye-opening experience!

Contact Us!

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Campus Resource Center

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Student Activities Center
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 206-3628

E-mail: lgbt@ucla.edu

Website: www.lgbt.ucla.edu

International Education Office

1332 Murphy Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 825-4995

E-mail: ieo@international.ucla.edu

Website: www.ieo.ucla.edu/

Other Campus Resources

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)

John Wooden Center West
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 825-0768

Website: www.caps.ucla.edu

Arthur Ashe Student Health & Wellness Center

221 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 825-4073

Website: www.studenthealth.ucla.edu/

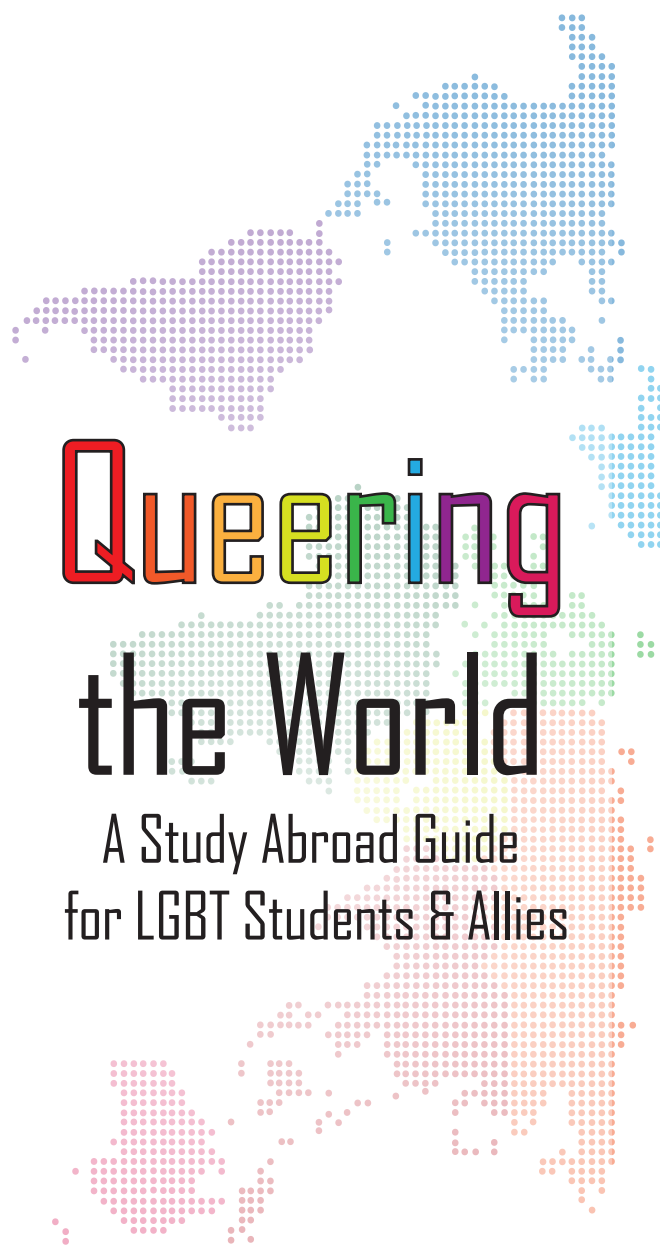
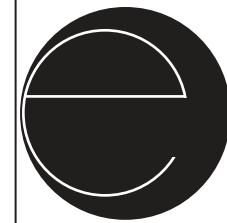
Career Center

501 Westwood Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90095
(310) 206-1915

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Queering the World

A Study Abroad Guide
for LGBT Students & Allies

Why Study Abroad?

Many students regard study abroad as the most rewarding experience of their college career. However, cultural attitudes towards people who are, or are perceived to be LGBT, vary greatly around the world. The IEO and the LGBT Campus Resource Center encourage LGBT students to study abroad and provide this guide to help you navigate the process. We hope this information will help you select the best program that meets your needs! Please feel free to contact us for more information.



Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Campus Resource Center

The LGBT Campus Resource Center provides a comprehensive range of education, information and advocacy services and works to create and maintain an open, safe and inclusive environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, intersex, transgender, queer, questioning, and same-gender-loving students, faculty, and staff, their families and friends, allies and the entire campus community.

International Education Office (IEO)

IEO offers a complete range of services for students who wish to study abroad and counsels them on academic, cultural, and financial issues. Students can choose from more than 250 programs in over 35 different countries that offer a full range of coursework. It is possible to fulfill many major, minor and GE requirements abroad. Scholarships and financial aid are available.

Things To Consider

CULTURAL NORMS

What are the cultural and local attitudes towards Americans, tourists, sexual orientation and gender identity in my host country?

What is considered typical male and female social behavior and customary gender relations and social patterns in my host country?

What may make the coming out process different in my host country compared to the U.S.?

How open will I be about my sexual orientation and gender identity with my teachers, peers, friends, host family and others?

FINDING COMMUNITY

What resources are available in my host country for LGBT-identified people?

Are there any LGBT-friendly establishments nearby? How can I find them?

Is the program able to make special accommodations for students who request single rooms, private, baths or certain roommates?

LAWS

Are there "public decency" laws or "public indecency" laws in my host country?

Will laws and attitudes be the same for different social classes or geographic areas?

Will any laws or attitudes affect my gender identity/expression?

HEALTH

Are sexual health products, i.e. condoms, readily available abroad as they are in the United States?

Is psychological and/or holistic counseling for mental health available at my host campus?

Where can I find LGBT-inclusive medical care in my host country?

COMING BACK HOME

If I choose to come out while abroad, how will this affect my return to friends and family?

Will I be able to re-integrate these relationships upon my return or will I need to find a different supportive community?

Web Links

Fund For Education Abroad

<http://www.fundforeducationabroad.org/applicants/scholarships/>

International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans And Intersex Association

<http://ilga.org/>

International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission

<http://www.iglhrc.org>

Lonely Planet Travel Guide

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>

NAFSA: Association of International Educators Rainbow Special Interest Group

<http://overseas.iu.edu/lesbigay/student.htm>

10 Reasons Why LGBTQ Students Should Study Abroad

http://apps.carleton.edu/curricular/ocs/diversity/LGBT/10_reasons/

Study Abroad for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered (GLBT) Students

<http://studyabroad.isp.msu.edu/forms/glbst.html>

NAFSA: Association of International Educators Rainbow Scholarship

<http://www.rainbowsig.org/rainbow-scholarship-2/>

For more information, visit: www.lgbt.ucla.edu



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