Is the Student Exchange Program different than Study Abroad?

Yes! The Student Exchange Program (SEP) is an independent international experience. Unlike a traditional study abroad program where a student travels with a BYU professor and a group of BYU students, SEP is individual students immersing themselves with local and international students on a foreign campus for a semester independent of any BYU professor or other BYU students.

SEP is based on reciprocity and provides undergraduate business students with an opportunity to attend Nanjing University (NJU), a top business school in mainland China, at minimal cost. One of the main benefits of SEP is that students have the opportunity to study at a foreign institution for the cost of studying at BYU and classes are taught in English! Students only need to pay BYU tuition. Approved classes transfer directly to BYU so students will not lose credit or academic momentum by participating in SEP for a semester. For a tentative list of classes visit the Whitmore Global Management Center in 360 Tanner Building. Students need to be a Marriott School major or minor. The only classes that are guaranteed to transfer are business courses.

Milan, Italy

Milan is the main industrial, commercial and financial centre of Italy and a leading global city. Its business district hosts the Borsa Italiana (Italy’s main stock exchange) and the headquarters of the largest national banks and companies. The city is a major world fashion and design capital. Thanks to its important museums, theatres and landmarks, Milan attracts over 6 million annual visitors. It hosts numerous cultural institutions and universities, with 185,000 enrolled students in 2011. The city is also well known for several international events and fairs, including Milan Fashion Week and the Milan Furniture Fair. Milan is home to two of the world’s major football teams, A.C. Milan and F.C. Internazionale Milano.

Bocconi University

Università Bocconi was founded in 1902 and is considered one of Europe’s leading educational institutions in Economics, Management, Finance, and Law. Bocconi’s modern urban campus lies in the heart of Italy’s bustling business and finance city. Their course offerings provides a quality response to a wide range of educational needs. Bocconi has bilateral agreements with about 200 top - ranked partner schools worldwide and exchanges more than 1200 students every year.

Program Location:
Milan, Italy

Program Duration:
One or two semesters

Semester Dates (approx):
Winter: February to May
Fall: September to December
(not available Spring/Summer)

Cost:
• Regular BYU tuition
  (students will be exempt from Bocconi tuition)
• $25 application fee
• $325 acceptance fee
  (includes HTH Worldwide Health Insurance)

Application Deadline:
Winter: 17 October 2014
Fall: 20 February 2015

More information:
Visit: http://gmc.byu.edu/exchange
or stop by the Whitmore Global Management Center in 360 TNRB.
Their business school was ranked 8th in Europe according to the Financial Times European Business School Rankings 2013, the MSc in International Management is 23rd worldwide according to the Financial Times Masters in Management Rankings 2012 and the full-time MBA was ranked 39th worldwide according to the Financial Times Global MBA Rankings 2013.

Program Details
- A broad spectrum of business classes are offered.
- Many courses feature learning experiences designed to actively involve students with the people, history, arts, attitudes, and traditions of Italy.
- Many courses will count for Marriott School courses and toward the Global Management Certificate.
- While studying in Italy, an important part of students’ educational experience will include visiting sites in and around Milan.
- Visits to cultural sites and other field trips such as museums, cathedrals, monuments, and theaters will enhance students’ study and increase appreciation and understanding of Italian culture.

Prerequisites and Course Requirements
- Courses are available in English.
- No Italian language skills are required.
- Many courses are transferable to the Marriott School.
- Students must complete at least nine credit hours to maintain full-time student status.
- All courses must be pre-approved before the trip by the Marriott School’s Whitmore Global Management Center.
- For a tentative list of courses available at Bocconi University, please visit the GMC (360 TNRB).

Where do Students Live?
- Students are responsible for their housing arrangements.
- Students may live off campus in an apartment.
- Students may live with a host family.

Preparation for Student Exchange
All students are expected to register through ISP for a one credit, pre-departure preparation class that will be held once a week during the 2nd Block. Contact Laura Ricks (360 TNRB) for more information.

What Funding Sources are Available?
- Regular BYU tuition scholarships, Pell grants, and Federal Insured Student Loans may be applied to Student Exchange Programs.
- Students who submit the financial aid section of the International Study Programs (ISP) application and who have a current FAFSA form on file at the Financial Aid office, will be considered for a SEP scholarship awarded through the Kennedy Center.
- Private grants and scholarships outside of BYU may assist: kennedy.byu.edu/student/scholarships.php.

Application Process
- Complete the online application at kennedy.byu.edu/isp/online/app.
- Application deadline: 17 October 2014 (Winter), 20 February 2015 (Fall)
- Applicants should email ibcareer@byu.edu when application is finished to set up an interview.
- Students from all majors may apply; however, preference is given to business majors and minors.
- ISP and the GMC reserve the right to cancel this program, revise its offerings, or make any adjustments to the preliminary cost estimates due to conditions beyond its control.

How Much Does This SEP Cost?
Students need to pay the $25 ISP application fee. After acceptance into the program, students will be expected to pay a $325 program fee. The fee includes HTH Worldwide health insurance which is mandatory for all students leaving campus. Students will be exempt from Bocconi University tuition, but will still need to pay regular BYU tuition. BYU tuition payment plans and scholarships are still applicable.

Students will be responsible for their airfare to and from Italy, visa fees, ground transportation, accommodations, meals, and any other educational and personal expenses incurred during the program.

Pick your future. Pack your bags.
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