The 2016 World Scholars Program

We believe that we must prepare students not only for global competition, but also global collaboration. The World Scholars Program reinforces our mission to teach our students how nations relate to one another—historically, culturally, socially, politically, economically, and ideologically—so that they can develop the capacity and the inclination to work across borders and biases to solve issues of international significance.

The UD World Scholars Program is the only four-year undergraduate experience that includes two study abroad opportunities—beginning your first semester—integrating academic coursework, an on-campus living learning residence, and a wide range of global co-curricular opportunities both in Delaware and abroad. Simply put, the UD World Scholars Program prepares students to live and work anywhere in the world.

Your status as a UD World Scholar will entitle you to engagement with visiting foreign dignitaries and diplomats, and earns you a spot in UD’s global community of international students and scholars. You will also receive guidance and mentorship in pursuing opportunities with the U.S. Fulbright Commission, Peace Corps, and multinational corporations, as well as international scholarships for postgraduate study or exploration.

The University of Delaware World Scholars Program is an innovative opportunity for high-achieving undergraduate students wishing to become educated as global citizens.

Curriculum

As a World Scholar, you will spend the first semester of your freshman year in Rome, Italy, or Madrid, Spain, at one of our partner universities. There, you will learn in small classes taught by professors who encourage dialogue and use the city as a learning laboratory. Of course, being a World Scholar isn’t simply about living and learning abroad during your first semester of college. Fall of your freshman year is just the beginning of a lifelong journey toward becoming an informed and engaged member of the global community.

Upon returning to Delaware in the spring, you will continue a four-year course of study to include a sophomore-year living and learning experience, a junior-year internship or research abroad and a senior year capstone course.

In addition to the requirements for your major, you will be required to minor in a globally-focused field of study.

Eligibility

The World Scholars program is by invitation only. Students admitted to the University in select majors with strong academic profiles are invited to apply for one of 100 spots in the program. It is intended to supplement your selected major. Due to course requirements and sequencing, only certain disciplines are eligible to participate in the program.

How to apply

To be considered for the World Scholars Program, please complete the World Scholars application on the website, at www.udel.edu/worldscholars.

Acceptance & Orientation

Students accepted into the World Scholars program will be notified within a few weeks of sending their application. Those accepting the University’s offer of admission must deposit by May 1, 2016. At that time, students must also confirm the decision to enroll in the UD World Scholars Program.

During the summer, students and parents will attend a custom New Student Orientation (NSO) on UD’s campus in Newark, Delaware. In late August, a University of Delaware representative will accompany the Scholars abroad for an on-site orientation, city tours, and an introduction to campus life.

The UD representative will remain with students for the start of their freshman college experience, and will return at semester’s end to ensure that Scholars are safely escorted home.
Freshman Year

Fall Abroad

As a UD World Scholar, you will begin your college career abroad in a major European city. You may choose to study in Rome, Italy, at John Cabot University, or Madrid, Spain, at Saint Louis University. Both UD World Scholar sites have been selected for their academic rigor and coursework taught in English, American style amenities, residential living opportunities, and the quality of advising and support services that will ensure a successful start to your college career.

To support your success while abroad, you will have a team of experts, including academic advisors, career counselors, health and wellness professionals, and student life staff, ready to assist you.

During your first semester, you will enroll in 15-17 academic credits, and will be co-enrolled in an Introduction to World Politics course. Students in Rome will benefit from the expertise of guest lecturer, Franco Pavoncello, President of John Cabot University.

You may then choose from a variety of courses spanning humanities, business, social sciences and the arts that meet UD graduation requirements.

Spring in Delaware

Upon arriving on campus in spring of freshman year, you will co-enroll in an exclusive First Year Seminar with freshmen from across the globe. Scholars will also join Delaware Diplomats in exploring international opportunities on campus, such as a film series, lectures, language partner exchanges, and coffee hours. Participation in global activities may translate into scholarship dollars that you can apply toward study abroad during your junior year. Throughout the spring, you will learn about globally-focused minors at UD and will be advised on your selection.

Sophomore Year

In your sophomore year, you will reside alongside international students in International House, a living and learning community focused on intercultural understanding and building global competencies. Faculty fellows, upper-class mentors, and career counselors will provide programs and resources focused on careers in foreign service, the Peace Corps, diplomacy, international business, and more.

UD World Scholars may major in any of the eligible courses of study but must enroll in an internationally focused academic minor. Options include, but are not limited to:

- African Studies
- Asian Studies
- European Studies
- Foreign Languages (Ancient Greek & Roman Studies, Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish)
- Global Enterprise Technologies
- Global Studies or Global Studies with Language
- International Business and IB with Language
- Islamic Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American & Iberian Studies

Junior Year

During junior year, you will delve deeper into your academic program and will finalize plans for a second experience abroad.

In their junior year, Scholars study abroad for a second time. Students may choose to return to their original destination or may select a new country to explore. This second study abroad experience may consist of academic courses, an internship, service learning, research project, or combination of these.

Senior Year

The global experience culminates in the fourth year of the UD World Scholars Program. Scholars will co-enroll in a senior capstone course focusing on some of the most challenging global issues of our time. In the spring, Scholars may present individually or in teams at a special symposium.

Prior to graduation, members of the UD Fulbright Society and the Institute for Global Studies will mentor Scholars in submitting an application to the U.S. Fulbright Student Program for post-graduate research, study, or teaching abroad.

As a UD World Scholar, you will be recognized for your achievement at Commencement and will join an elite corps of global leaders and citizens of the University of Delaware. We expect that this will be just the beginning of a lifetime of accomplishments.

What UD World Scholars are saying

“By attending the Nobel Peace Laureate World Summit in Barcelona, I was able to interact with some of the world’s most important peace activists. I was able to learn first-hand how they fostered peace and what I can do to help make the world a better place, even if it’s on a local level.”

— Jed Meckley, Springville, California

“When being a global citizen it is important to remember everyone around the world, no matter the language barrier, is a person, too. Everywhere I went this past semester, people were very patient with however little of the language I spoke. I have found that, with trying in Italian first and then resorting to English, there is a better understanding and appreciation of the effort.”

— Penelope Velasco, Newark, Delaware

About John Cabot University

Founded in 1972, John Cabot University (www.JohnCabot.edu) is an independent, four-year liberal arts university located in the neighborhood of Trastevere, which is on the west bank of the Tiber River, south of Vatican City.

JCU offers undergraduate degrees and study abroad programs to English-speaking students from more than 60 countries around the world.

More than 90 percent of JCU’s full-time faculty hold PhDs from some of the world’s most prestigious institutions. All classes, except for courses in Italian language and literature, are taught in English.

John Cabot University is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

About Saint Louis University

Saint Louis University (www.slu.edu/madrid) is a Catholic, Jesuit institution with campuses in St. Louis, Missouri and Madrid, Spain. Its campus in Madrid is located in the historically-protected neighborhood of Metropolitano, in an ideal setting on the northwest side of the city, with open views of the mountains to the north and west and easy access to public transportation.

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Program Costs & Financing

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+ Does not include airfare
+ Subject to UD Board of Trustees approval in July

Also, note that not all financial aid may be available while participating in this program. All Federal, State and UD Merit Scholarships will be available. However, UD need-based grants are not available to support the costs of this program.

The above chart represents costs for the fall semester only. Please see estimated spring costs in your Personal Financial Aid and Enrollment Guide coming in March.