

Virtual GO Program Descriptions

GO Short Virtual Program

Some of our most popular GO Short programs have been switched to a virtual format. Some GO Short virtual programs will take place following the original program timeline, but the off-site portion during winter session would be held virtually. Students participate in the prep course during the second half of Fall semester, do the virtual cross-cultural immersion over winter session, and complete the reflection during the first half of the Spring semester – all led by the program directors. Others changed their timeline so that they take place entirely over the Spring semester - meaning that the prep course would take place during the first half of the Spring semester and the reflection during the second half, with the virtual intercultural interactions spread throughout the semester. Students may have projects with international university students that model the Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) model. With both options, the virtual experience will include a blend of synchronous and asynchronous cultural activities, exchanges, and projects similar to what would have been done in-person.

We planned to have programs in the following regions:

- Africa – Kenya/Tanzania: Winter Break
- Europe – Austria, France, Poland, Spain: Winter Break
- Asia – Japan: Spring Semester
- Europe – Cyprus, Spain: Spring Semester

Virtual Internships

Virtual international internships include an internship placement in a related field based on resume submissions and interviews. Most placements require 120 hours for the internship, including meeting with international partners 1-2 times/week and will provide practical work experience as students enter the post-graduate and/or professional world. Students will also have required cultural programming from the internship provider to allow for a greater understanding of the host culture. Students complete a prep course during the second half of Fall semester, do the virtual cross-cultural immersion and internship over winter session, and complete the reflection during Spring semester. The internship placements are based on the match with student's discipline/area of interest. Available disciplines include:

- Arts & Graphic Design
- Business/Business Administration
- Finance & Economics
- Marketing & Advertising & Public Relations
- Communication/Journalism
- Community Development
- Health and Wellbeing/Social Work
- Education
- Environmental Conservation
- Political Science

Placements were in primarily in Italy and South Africa but also included some placements in Uganda, Brussels, and Mexico.

SU International Connections Option

One option available to students is an intercultural development course that will take place over the spring semester. Students will be paired with an international student on campus so they can learn about their culture while working on intercultural development. This option includes one-on-one intercultural coaching with a trained Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) facilitator. This will help build skills at working effectively across cultures and give students a great resume line that will impress potential employers. Students will be able to have deeper connections with the SU international community. Students in the course will be focusing on different cultures based on their interests and the international partner they choose to work with.