



**Study Abroad & Global Experiences
Annual Report 2021-2022**

VALENCIA COLLEGE

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A. SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS:

In light of the continued challenging conditions surrounding international travel and the pandemic, it was determined that new criteria should be set forth for 2022 short-term programs. This included, (1) faculty in consideration for the 2022 cycle must have been program leaders who had approved programs in the 2020 and/or 2021 cycle that were cancelled due to COVID-19, (2) faculty must be experienced program leaders who have lead trips in the role as primary program leader in the past, (3) every trip must have two experienced leaders, (4) all programs must include a third program leader, who does not have to be experienced but must have had a program approved in 2020 and/or 2021 that was cancelled due to COVID-19, and (5) programs can only travel to one destination in which the faculty member already has prior experience. These conditions were presented and approved by Senior Team. The programs listed were approved by the SAGE Committee and International Education Connections Team, but were later cancelled as conditions deteriorated once again due to COVID-19 variants, closures of international borders, and heightened travel advisories issues through the U.S. Department of State. The programs were cancelled before applications opened, so no students were impacted by cancellations.

Term	Program	Program Leader/s	Course	Notes
Early Summer	Netherlands	Suzette Ashton & Christy Cheney	IDH 2955 Honors Study Abroad	Cancelled Due to COVID-19
Early Summer	Italy	Jeremy Bassetti & Lisa Cole	HUM 2232 Renaissance & Baroque Humanities	Cancelled Due to COVID-19
Late Summer	France	Scott Creamer & Char Mortimer	INR 2002 International Politics	Cancelled Due to COVID-19
Late Summer	Greece	Marsha Butler & Melissa Schreiber	SLS 2940 Service Learning	Cancelled Due to COVID-19
Late Summer	United Kingdom	Heith Hennel & Jerry Hensel	CGS 2038C IT for International Business Travel	Cancelled Due to COVID-19

B. PROGRAM LEADER-IN-TRAINING MENTORSHIP:

No PLITs were identified for the 2021-2022 cycle. Per the new guidelines approved by Senior Team, funding normally reserved for PLITs was transferred to funding third leaders. Selected third leaders included Jonathan Lair (Netherlands), Jennifer Taylor (Italy), Bryan Spangler (France), and April Engel (Greece). As programs were later cancelled due to continued COVID-19 travel restrictions, these faculty members did not travel abroad.

C. SAGE PROGRAM LEADER CERTIFICATION:

Seven faculty members successfully completed the entire SAGE Program Leader Certification through Faculty Development. Professors and administrators who are now fully certified to lead a study abroad program include 1) Kristin Bartholomew, 2) Coleen Cox, 3) Dan Mullins, 4) Amanda Norbutus, 5) Steven Rujak, 6) Lynn Sims, and 7) Eric Wallman.

D. ENDOWED CHAIR FUNDING:

The following faculty were awarded Endowed Chairs supporting study abroad during the 2022 cycle: Marsha Butler, Melissa Schreiber, Jerry Hensel, Heith Hennel, Jonathan Lair, Suzette Ashton, and Christy Cheney. As short-term programs were cancelled due to continued impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the faculty rerouted their funding to support other work. For example, four faculty members were able to use their Endowed Chair funds to travel internationally to visit partner institutions and scout new study abroad service partners and locations.

E. SEMESTER ABROAD STUDENT AND SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY:

Due to the continued challenges with the global COVID-19 pandemic, the college determined it was in the best interest of health and safety to keep semester abroad programs closed. In addition, the majority of the SAGE Office's semester abroad partners had also cancelled their semester abroad programs due to the closure of international borders, restrictions on visas/incoming international students, and issues with health/safety.

Country	Institution/Partner	Duration	Scholarship
South Korea	TEAN/Hanyang University	3 Months	\$2,500.00
Uruguay	USAC/Universidad ORT Uruguay	1 Month	\$300.00
Thailand*	USAC/Chiang Mai University*	2 Months	\$2,500.00
France	International Internship	2 Months	\$0.00
UK	London Academy of Music & Dramatic Arts	1 Month	\$0.00
TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS DISBURSED:			\$5,300.00
*Student deferred spring semester travel due to COVID-19 and traveled abroad with UCF in summer			

F. SEMESTER ABROAD AND EXCHANGE STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS:

Males	Females	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Indian/ Pacific	Other	Non U.S. Citizens
1	4	0	1	4	0	0	0	0

II. Internationalizing the Curriculum (INZ)

A. INTERNATIONALIZING THE CURRICULUM (INZ) PD COURSE:

INDV 3351 Internationalizing the Curriculum (INZ) saw its highest faculty enrollment ever with 15 faculty members enrolled in spring and 17 enrolled in summer. In addition, a new section of the PD course was added to the Faculty Development calendar in summer, which allowed Honors faculty the ability to use the INZ course towards their Honors Certification. The new Honors Certification was designed to prepare Valencia faculty to teach for the Seneff Honors College, and incorporates engaged practice options such as INZ. In the future, Honors faculty who complete the certification will be allowed to list their toolkits on the VGD Internationalized Course List.

B. COURSE INTERNATIONALIZATION TOOLKITS:

In May, the SAGE Committee formally voted on and approved five course internationalization toolkits, including the first ever LinC toolkit. These toolkits are posted to the INZ SharePoint, and the following courses have been added to the VGD Internationalized Course List.

Course Title	Professor	Internationalized Unit
Community Health Nursing (NUR 3634C)	Professor Coleen Cox, West Campus	Examining Social, Cultural, and Ethical Aspects of Community Health/Nursing Practice
General Chemistry I (CHM 1045)	Professor Amanda Norbutus, East Campus	International Units of Measure and Significant Figures
LinC: Freshman Comp I (ENC 1101) & Intro to Literature (LIT 1000)	Professor Aby Boumarate, East Campus and Professor Randy Gordon, East Campus	Global Perspectives
Statistical Methods (STA 2023)	Professor Katie Pridemore, West Campus	Global Food Insecurity
Developmental Psychology (DEP 2004)	Professor Melonie Sexton, Downtown Campus	The Psychology of Other Cultures/Countries

C. COLLABORATIVE ONLINE INTERNATIONAL LEARNING (COIL):

Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) is a pedagogy that emphasizes collaboration, internationalization, cross-cultural competence, technology, and accessibility. In the COIL model, students from different cultures enroll in shared courses with faculty members from different countries co-teaching and managing coursework. Professor Ghazala Ahmad, Economics, completed full COIL training through the SUNY COIL program.

After a semester of institution matching and planning, multiple COIL exchanges took place in fall 2021 with Professor of Computer Programming and Analysis, Jerry Hensel, entering into three collaborations with two Colombian institutions: Universidad Simón Bolívar in Barranquilla and Universidad de la Sabana in Chia. Universidad de La Sabana is a private Colombian university, founded in 1979, that has achieved a reputation for academic excellence as well as for innovation, technology and internationalization. La Sabana holds the National High Quality Accreditation awarded by Colombia's Ministry of Education. Universidad Simón Bolívar is a non-profit higher education institution dedicated to comprehensive training and the development of research and innovation. It was founded in 1972 and is considered one of the most prestigious universities in Colombia, after the Ministry of National Education awarded it a high quality accreditation in 2016.

In the Universidad de la Sabana collaboration, Professor Hensel partnered with Professor Luz Mireya Cortes Urquijo to implement two collaborations with different cohorts of students. In sum, 44 Valencia College Computer Fundamentals and Applications (CGS 2100C) students worked with 43 Nursing/Physiotherapy students at Universidad de la Sabana. The Colombian students surveyed different age groups within their local population on eating habits, physical exercise, and overall wellbeing. These results were given to the Valencia College students, who then created a website along with a presentation on the results and conclusions of the data. Within every aspect of the project, students worked on intercultural communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and technology skills.

In the Universidad Simón Bolívar collaboration, Professor Hensel worked with Professor Silvia Moreno Trillos to implement one in-discipline COIL collaboration between 17 Valencia College IT Capstone students and 31 computer technology students at Universidad Simón Bolívar. The project involved the cohort creating different prototypes for the Valencia College Tech Club website and prototypes for several Colombian technology/sustainability websites. Once again, within every aspect of the project, students worked on intercultural communication, collaboration, problem-solving, and technology skills.

D. VIRTUAL STUDY ABROAD PLATFORM:

Due to the sustained global COVID-19 pandemic and pause of traditional study abroad mobility, SAGE continued to offer access to 360 GLE, an interactive platform featuring immersive international education learning materials from all over the world. The library of embedded content in 360 GLE can be used by faculty and institutions to: 1) supplement/enhance courses, 2) recruit students to future in-person study abroad programs, 3) achieve internationalization and DEI goals, and 4) provide immersive experiences for students. With the current subscription model, Valencia College students and staff can access the full platform for free. The platform, which is accessible any time through smartphones, tablets, laptops, desktops, and VR headsets, features over 1,800 globally infused educational videos from 65 locations around the world with over 150 disciplines represented. 360 GLE was also incorporated into Valencia Global Distinction, giving students another option to complete global co-curricular requirements.

III. Valencia Global Distinction (VGD)

A. VGD STUDENT SUMMARY:

Valencia Global Distinction is SAGE's program with the goal to prepare students to live/work in an interdependent and multicultural world and to have the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of a competent global citizen. Students can choose between two pathways of program completion: Tier 1) Global Ambassador and Tier 2) Global Citizen. In order to graduate as a Global Ambassador, students take four internationalized courses from the VGD Internationalized Course List and complete 15 points of global co-curricular activities. In order to graduate as a Global Citizen, students take four internationalized courses from the VGD Internationalized Course List, complete 15 points of global co-curricular activities, and present a final capstone project with the support of a VGD Advisor. Upon completion of the program, Global Ambassadors are awarded a certificate of completion, small graduation gift, and a letter of recommendation. Upon completion of the program, Global Citizens are awarded a

certificate of completion, small graduation gift, letter of recommendation, official notation on their transcript, and a medallion worn at graduation. During the 2021-2022 program cycle, thirty students enrolled in VGD and eighteen students successfully completed the program earning either Global Ambassador or Global Citizen status.

GLOBAL AMBASSADORS

Name of Graduate	Campus
Daniel Antonio	West Campus
Sienna Condello	West Campus
Christel Infante	Lake Nona Campus
Ryanne Gourzong	East Campus
Joel Cuba	West Campus
Paulette Nicholson	West Campus
Ty Gilbert	West Campus

GLOBAL CITIZENS

Name of Graduate	Campus	Mentor	Capstone Project
Sarah Cruz	West Campus	Tami Gitto	What is Happening in Palestine?
Vanessa Gomes Senna	East Campus	Aby Boumarate	E-Portfolio Presentation & Holocaust Interviews
Miguel Bermudez	West Campus	Aby Boumarate	Removing Illegal from the Word Immigrant
Maria Willches	West Campus	Wayne Bart	E-Portfolio Presentation
Gaeun Lee	East Campus	Jason Davis	E-Portfolio Presentation
Jason Skaf	East Campus	Aby Boumarate	From Lebanon to the United States
Isabella De Campos Rampon	West Campus	Leignann Ostrowsky-Leonard	Global Undergraduate Research Project
Erie Saint Louis	West Campus	Tami Gitto	E-Portfolio Presentation
Juan Vivas	West Campus	Adrienne Mathews	Healthcare Access Among Undocumented Hispanic Immigrants
Esteban Baez-Sola	East Campus	Aby Boumarate	Latin American Studies Symposium Presentation
Allison Chamberland	Poinciana Campus	Tami Gitto	Aspects of Global Communication in the Workplace

B. HIGHLIGHTED VGD GRADUATE:

Miguel Bermudez – Born in Venezuela, Miguel migrated to the United States about four years ago due to political persecution. His experience ignited his passion for immigrants and refugee rights. For his VGD capstone project, Miguel volunteered at a non-profit organization called humanitarian Action and traveled to Arizona to gather information about refugees and immigrants coming into the U.S. through the Tucson Sector of the Southern Border. East Campus Professor of English, Aby Boumarate, served as Miguel's VGD Advisor and assisted him through the capstone process. Besides the VGD program, Miguel completed the Career Action Distinction and the Peace and Justice Institute Distinction.

C. VGD ADVISOR UPDATE:

Valencia Global Distinction welcomed one new VGD Advisor: Jason Davis, International Recruitment Specialist on East Campus. Jason is an Orlando local who has been with Valencia for three years. Prior to working for Valencia College, he spent several years as an educator abroad. After getting his Master's from Florida State, Jason left the USA to become a teacher overseas with stops in Canada, Spain, Korea, Hungary, and five years working in China. At Valencia Jason also manages the International Student Ambassador program.

IV. Valencia Programming and Events

A. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK (IEW):

With most students at Valencia College still taking virtual classes due to COVID-19, IEW continued to be offered as an online event, although one hybrid opportunity was added in partnership with MAP Club. SAGE collaborated with MAP Club, study abroad/INZ professors, PJI, V.I.S.A. Club, Study Abroad Association, Redefining Normal, and WorldStrides to create and host sessions. 836 participants attended 23 sessions throughout the week.

Date	Country/Region	Event	Organizers/Presenters
Monday, Nov 15th	Italy	Rome Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Monday, Nov 15th	UK	Oxford Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Monday, Nov 15th	Morocco	Moroccan Cooking Class	SAGE Office & WorldStrides
Monday, Nov 15th	France	Woyago Paris Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Woyago
Monday, Nov 15th	Costa Rica	Costa Rica Formation and Geology	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Tuesday, Nov 16th	Israel	Israel/Palestine – Dual Narrative Experience	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Tuesday, Nov 16th	Worldwide	Redefining Normal – Studying Abroad	SAGE Office & Redefining Normal
Tuesday, Nov 16th	Italy	Italian Cooking Class	SAGE Office & WorldStrides
Tuesday, Nov 16th	Brazil	African Heritage in Rio Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Tuesday, Nov 16th	Worldwide	Flavors Around the World	V.I.S.A. Club
Wednesday, Nov 17th	Worldwide	Peace Breakfast: An Interfaith Gathering	PJI
Wednesday, Nov 17th	Italy	Venice Canal Tour	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Wednesday, Nov 17th	France	Black History of Paris	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Wednesday, Nov 17th	Africa	Healthcare in Liberia	SAGE Office & WorldStrides
Wednesday, Nov 17th	Worldwide	Succeeding Globally through International Education Locally	MAP Club
Wednesday, Nov 17th	Spain	Woyago Barcelona Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Woyago
Thursday, Nov 18th	Greece	Following the Footsteps of Athenian Democracy	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Thursday, Nov 18th	Nepal	Modern Perspectives from an Ancient City: Heritage of the Past, Ambitions of the Future	SAGE Office & Where There Be Dragons
Thursday, Nov 18th	Peru	Walking Tour of Cusco	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Friday, Nov 19th	Worldwide	Christian Alyea Presents Global Learning Experiences	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Friday, Nov 19th	Spain	Micro Plastics in the Ocean	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association

Friday, Nov 19 th	Colombia	Organic Coffee Making in Colombia	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
All Week	Worldwide	International Education Week Scavenger Hunt	Beth King – West Library

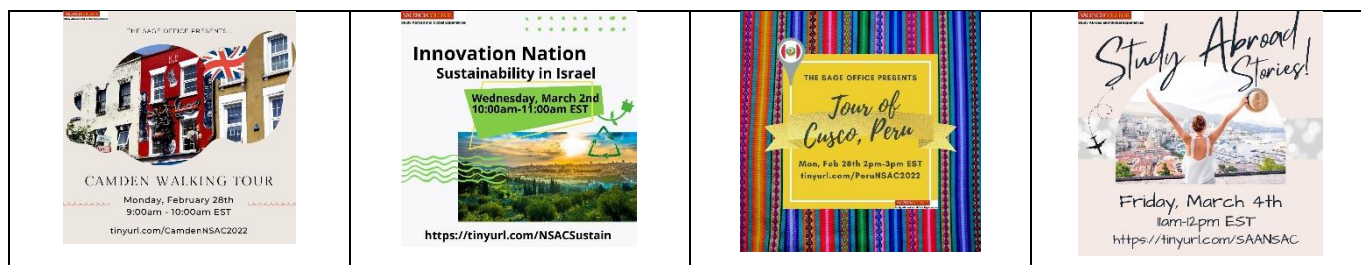


B. NATIONAL STUDY ABROAD CELEBRATION:

The SAGE Office celebrated its second National Study Abroad Celebration in honor of National Study Abroad Day, which was held on Monday, February 28th. Throughout the week, participants engaged with local guides and guest speakers from Italy, Spain, France, Peru, Colombia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Argentina, and the United Kingdom. Sessions covered a wide variety of topics that ranged from food and culture to dance, business, sustainability, and eco-tourism. All events were free and open to everyone at the college. 470 participants connected to the seventeen interactive sessions throughout the week.

Date	Country/Region	Event	Organizers/Presenters
Monday, Feb 28 th	United Kingdom	Camden Walking Tour with Becky	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Monday, Feb 28 th	France	Woyago Paris Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Woyago
Monday, Feb 28 th	Spain	Flamenco Dance Lesson	SAGE Office & WorldStrides
Monday, Feb 28 th	Peru	Cusco Walking Tour with Jimmy Jon	SAGE Office & WorldStrides
Tuesday, March 1 st	Hungary	Budapest Jewish Quarter Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Tuesday, March 1 st	Spain	Intercultural Communication	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Tuesday, March 1 st	Worldwide	Study Abroad Tips with Justin & Alexis	SAGE Office & Redefining Normal
Tuesday, March 1 st	Argentina	Tango Dance Lesson	SAGE Office & WorldStrides
Tuesday, March 1 st	Worldwide	V.I.S.A. Club Culture Panel	V.I.S.A. Club
Wednesday, March 2 nd	Germany	Munich Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Wednesday, March 2 nd	Israel	Innovation Nation: Sustainability	SAGE Office & WorldStrides
Wednesday, March 2 nd	Greece	Athens Walking Tour with Mariza	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Thursday, March 3 rd	Spain	Barcelona Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Thursday, March 3 rd	Worldwide	SAGE Virtual Study Abroad Fair	SAGE Office, USAC, SAI, SIS Abroad, NALCAP
Thursday, March 3 rd	Colombia	Eco-Tourism in Colombia	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
Friday, March 4 th	Italy	Rome Tiber River Walking Tour	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association

Friday, March 4 th	Worldwide	Study Abroad Stories with SAA	SAGE Office & Study Abroad Association
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C. GLOBAL GUEST SPEAKERS:

The SAGE Office continued to support its new internationalizing initiative, Global Guest Speakers (GGS), to bring international educational experiences to students. GGS provides students a unique opportunity to hear from industry experts around the world, explore international careers, and engage in topics with a global impact. SAGE partnered with faculty from disciplines around the college to pinpoint speakers and locations of interest. Some of the guest speakers were integrated into larger events, such as International Education Week, while others were scheduled during corresponding national celebrations, such as National Nutrition Month. The SAGE Office would like to thank the following professors for their contributions: Heith Hennel, Jerry Hensel, Melissa Schreiber, Mayra Borrero, Andy Ray, April Engel, Rebekah Lane, and Aby Boumarate.

Discipline	Country/Region	Guest Speaker(s)	Topic
Science/Geology	Costa Rica	Indira Calvo Vargas	Geology of Costa Rica
Culinary	Morocco	Chef Amanda Belamoun	Moroccan Cooking Class
Politics/History	Israel	Mahmoud Abu Eid & Shai Goren	Dual Narrative Experience: Israel & Palestine
Culinary/Hospitality	Italy	Chef Sartori	Italian Cooking Class & Hotel Tour
International Education	Worldwide	Alexis & Justin Black	Redefining Normal – Study Abroad for Non-traditional Students
History	France	Kevi Donat	Black History of Paris
Healthcare/Nursing	Africa	Melvin Tamba	Healthcare in Liberia
History	Nepal	Jason Shah	Modern Perspectives from an Ancient City
Biology/Environment	Spain	Olga Novillo Sanjuan	Microplastics in the Ocean
Holocaust/Literature	Worldwide	Stanley A. Goldman	Intersections of Life, Law, and the Unspeakable
Arts/Entertainment	Spain	Esther Velez Carvajal	Learn Flamenco in Spain
Arts/Entertainment	Argentina	Gustavo & Nathalie Braña	Tango Lessons from Buenos Aires
International Education	Worldwide	Alexis & Justin Black	Study Abroad Tips and Tricks
Communication	Spain	Brandon Paramo & Lucy Goffe	Intercultural Communication
Sustainable Energy	Israel	Anat Harrel	Innovation Nation: Sustainability in Israel
Sustainability	Colombia	Ana Velez & Simon Willis	Sustainable Eco Tourism
International Education	Worldwide	Christian Alyea	Study Abroad Stories with SAA
Nutrition/Culinary	Africa	Desiree Haakonsen, CAC Makumira & Ellen Mndima	Tanzanian Cooking Class
Nutrition/Culinary	Italy	Elisabetta Chelo	Mediterranean Diet in Italy
Health	Costa Rica	Luis Murillo	COVID-19 in Costa Rica
Tech/IT	Argentina	Sofia Barrio, Yamila Zakhem & Martin Sciarillo	Microsoft Meetup

