LIU Global

8 SEMESTERS • 8 COUNTRIES • COUNTLESS ADVENTURES

YEAR 1
COSTA RICA

YEAR 2
EUROPE

YEAR 3
ASIA-PACIFIC & AUSTRALIA OR CHINA

YEAR 4
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH & NEW YORK CITY

YOUR GLOBAL EXPERIENCE
THE ONLY ONE

LIU Global is the Only University in the World Where Students Earn a Bachelor’s Degree Through a Series of Year-Long Cultural Immersions.

LIU Global offers a B.A. in Global Studies, a discipline that explores the world’s interdependent cultural, political, ecological, and economic systems. The program equips future business, cultural, government, and political leaders with the tools to analyze challenges, issues, and processes that transcend national and disciplinary boundaries.

Studies will take students on an unparalleled educational journey that includes the cities of mainland China and Europe, as well as the delicate ecology of the Caribbean and Australia.

The final year of the program begins with an independently designed research and internship project in a location near one of our centers around the world, and culminates in a semester in New York where students complete a series of capstone experiences and a senior thesis. Over the course of the program, students build language skills, gain hands-on experience, and acquire an invaluable cross-cultural education that prepares them to become agents for change in the contemporary, global community.

ENGAGED EDUCATION

At LIU Global, we believe in the integration of classroom learning, cultural immersion, community engagement, and internships.

Learning is individualized thanks to the close personal attention of faculty and advisors, who will meet independently with students to guide their projects and help develop their research and writing skills. As students build their confidence and capabilities, they move from structured classroom learning and group field trips to more intense and prolonged activities, including field study, community service, and internships.

HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS

LIU Global’s high academic standards and the structure of the curriculum underscore the quality of the education. Students will graduate with a major in Global Studies and a minor in Social Entrepreneurship, International Relations, or Arts and Communications.
Every semester offers a new location, and with it, new opportunities. LIU Global students are immersed in an unparalleled educational program, learning new skills while gaining valuable experience that will prepare them for tomorrow’s global careers.
ULTIMATELY, OUR MISSION IS TO CHALLENGE OUR STUDENTS TO BECOME INDEPENDENT, WELL-EDUCATED, RESPONSIBLE, AND ENERGIZED CITIZENS FOCUSED ON SERVING THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

Study around the globe
Learn about the social, historical, political, and cultural background of each host nation; achieve language proficiency and cross-cultural sensitivity through foreign immersion; develop first-hand awareness of cultural perspectives on government, society, economics, ethics, religion, customs, and the environment—and the worldwide impact of these crucial issues.

Cross-cultural competence
becomes second nature as students learn to respect and understand a range of factors that shape the beliefs and practices they encounter. Developing the ability to interpret experience from different perspectives, along with language proficiency and an appreciation for cultural norms, students learn to adapt their thought, behavior, and speech to match particular contexts.

Global knowledge
involves an understanding of the interdependence of social, cultural, environmental, and political systems. Students identify the global repercussions of particular events and trends that are observable in the local environment, drawing out the human consequences, ethical implications, and calls for responsibility and action.

Problem solving
Overcome communications obstacles, manage responsibilities, and solve practical problems in environments where your efforts make a real difference. Learn to implement solutions to effect change and advance a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.

Career connections
Make connections with prestigious international organizations and influencers across the globe; work in LIU Global’s learning community through collaborative projects, service, and field trips.

Expert instruction and research
Study with instructors who are experts in their fields and conduct groundbreaking research with real-world application.

Internships and fieldwork
Build confidence and experience through internships at public service organizations, independent field work, and volunteer opportunities.

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“Like life, Global is an experience that is wonderful, terrifying, and phenomenal all wrapped up into one epic jaunt. Overall, my only advice to those who may be questioning the program is to do it. Take the leap. Sign your name. I promise you that you will create a story to tell.”

- KRISTINA ERICSON, CLASS OF 2016
LIU Global offers a four-year educational journey around the world that is unmatched by any other university on the planet. LIU Global students are fully immersed in the cultures of eight or more countries on five continents through a unique program that combines classroom instruction, field study, and professional internships, making LIU Global’s Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Studies the only one of its kind in the world.

You will explore the world’s major regions with a dynamic team of professors whose deep knowledge of their countries and fields of study will enrich your education. You will develop a set of political, economic, cultural, and ecological lenses that will help you understand the challenges that face our global community, exploring issues ranging from urbanization to economic development, and from immigration to climate change. You will learn about creative solutions to meet these challenges, guided by your professors and by each region’s knowledgeable center staff.

**Personal and social responsibility** is instilled in students along with ethical awareness, including the ability to express and analyze their core values and those of others. Students identify the principles of government, social justice, and sustainability within their own society and that of others and apply the knowledge they gain to articulate the rights and responsibilities of global citizens. Such development requires leadership and teamwork skills that combine independent initiative, a collaborative spirit, and the ability to synthesize and articulate diverse viewpoints within a group.

**Intellectual and practical skills** are developed organically as students develop proficiency in writing, oral presentation, and digital communication, and learn to formulate critical and creative thought. From the mastery of writing skills to the effective use of stylistic techniques to sensitivity for audience and context, students will be able to independently produce complex and well-grounded analyses and apply them in novel situations. This work will help them develop aptitude in qualitative research for projects that are clear in scope and solid in methodology.
AN EXCLUSIVE BLEND OF LEARNING EXPERIENCES

LIU Global students will spend the first three years living and learning around the world—engaging with a variety of cultures and people through coursework, fieldwork, service learning projects, internships, and independent studies. The knowledge gained during this time will prepare them to conduct an independently designed research project in an approved global location, culminating in a semester in New York where students complete a series of capstone courses and a senior thesis.

The LIU Global curriculum integrates classroom learning with real-world experience, with an emphasis on developing global leadership skills through language immersion and the study of economic, cultural, geographic, environmental, and political realities of the world’s key regions.

SOUGHT-AFTER SKILLS

In the context of a highly competitive global economy, international experience and the proven ability to effectively work and communicate with people of diverse backgrounds are key competencies that employers seek in new hires. These vital skills rarely appear on the typical bachelor’s degree transcript, but they are at the core of an LIU Global education.

MINORS

- **Social Entrepreneurship.** The minor in social entrepreneurship introduces students to the central role that entrepreneurship plays in economic and social development throughout the world.

- **International Relations.** Students study factors that shape international political and economic systems, specifically the interactions among governments, international and non-governmental organizations, and corporations.

- **Arts and Communications.** By studying human cultures and world events through the visual, literary and performing arts, students will learn to understand and analyze traditions from around the world.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS SEQUENCE

All programs feature courses organized around classroom lectures and seminars, film viewings, readings, site visits, hands-on projects, group workshops, group travel, outdoor experiences and independent travel. Students are also able to undertake independent study courses that are co-designed with local faculty around students’ interests and passions. For more information, visit [liu.edu/global/academics](http://liu.edu/global/academics).
LIU GLOBAL’S UNIQUE LEARNING EXPERIENCE IS BUILT AROUND:

- Global Studies courses that build academic knowledge and skills throughout the program’s four years.
- Internships during senior year where students apply a learned global perspective towards a career in an increasingly interconnected world.
- Area studies courses that draw on decades of engagement with partners and communities around the world.
- Immersive cultural experiences including stays with local families, where students can fully appreciate the food, language, and customs firsthand.
- A senior thesis dedicated to a global issue chosen specifically by the student; the pinnacle of the student’s undergraduate work in Global Studies.
FRESHMAN YEAR
Costa Rica’s cities, jungles, and mountains will be your classroom for LIU Global’s first-year program:
• Spanish language immersion, aided by living with a local family
• Academic fieldwork, service learning, and independent research
• Visits to neighboring countries, including Nicaragua and Panama
• Exposure to a Latin American perspective on economic development and the environment

SOPHOMORE YEAR
The second year of your LIU Global education is split between Madrid and Florence, with a program featuring:
• Madrid-based courses in European history and politics, Spanish language, and civilization
• Independent field research
• Florence-based courses on the emergence of modern Europe, the European Union, and international relations
• Excursions to the U.K., France, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Morocco.

TRANSFER STUDENTS
First location for transfer students is dependent on starting term, academic goals, and credits transferred. Please contact 718.488.1565 for details.
From the complexities of modern China, to the history, cultures, and bustling cities of Europe, to the diverse religions of Thailand; LIU Global students learn about social, economic, environmental, political, and cultural issues that have global impact, all from the perspective of local citizens.

Share the experience of traveling, working, and studying in exotic locations with like-minded LIU Global classmates and form close mentorships and life-long bonds with instructors and local residents.

**JUNIOR YEAR**
LIU Global’s Asia-Pacific & Australia program is based in Byron Bay, an intimate South Pacific beach community in New South Wales, where rigorous courses are supplemented by integrated field experiences in a variety of environments. Topics of study include:
- Australian society and environmental history
- Environmental challenges, including old growth forest destruction, land degradation, and irrigation and water resource issues
- Fiji’s tourism and agriculture economies and global market forces
- Thailand’s economic inequality, complex regional geopolitics, and exploitation practices
- Bali’s commitment to manage its cultural and environmental resources in the face of globalization

**OR**
LIU Global’s China Center in Hangzhou offers the opportunity to explore the tumultuous history and dynamic development of a central player in geopolitics and world economics through:
- Courses on the campus of the prestigious Zhejiang University
- Intensive Chinese language study
- Convenient access to Shanghai (one hour by train)

**SENIOR YEAR**
In the fall term of the final year, the student chooses a global location and undertakes an international research project and internship, which will form the basis for a senior thesis. The spring term will find the students at LIU Brooklyn in New York City, where they participate in another internship and complete their senior thesis projects, all while continuing to develop an appreciation for the multi-global environment in which they live, work, and study.
Costa Rica is a small Central American country located 10 degrees north of the equator. At its narrowest point from East to West, there are just 75 miles separating the Caribbean from the Pacific Ocean. It is possible, therefore, to watch the sun rise over the Atlantic Ocean and then catch an early bus to arrive in time for the sunset on the Pacific coast. While the land mass of the country is about the size of West Virginia and comprises 0.03% of the world’s surface, it contains 4% of the planet’s expected biodiversity. Costa Rica is an ecological microcosm of the rest of Latin America, with lush jungles, high mountains and coastal plains.

At the Costa Rica Center, located in Heredia City, students have the opportunity to study the factors that make up Central America today. Costa Rica is an ideal location as a departure point for the rest of the region since it shares many of the characteristics common to other Latin American countries while offering an interesting comparison.

First-year students will live with a local host family, where they will be immersed in the Spanish language and local culture. They will engage in a curriculum that will lay the foundation for their entire LIU Global education, take field trips around the region to gain hands-on experiences, and gain a Latin American perspective on global issues such as economic development, environmental sustainability, and human rights. Students also study local industry, work in local social enterprises and NGOs, and travel to nearby countries like Nicaragua and Panama.

“Attending LIU Global has not just affected what I know, it has changed who I am, and I love who I am becoming.”

- Magen Allen, Class of 2015
The LIU Global Europe Program provides the opportunity for students to explore and experience the great cities of Europe and the impact that Europe has had on global history and politics. Through study in London, Berlin, Paris, and Rome, as well as extended residence in Madrid and Florence, students will gain unique perspectives on Europe’s cultures, conflicts, and political innovations, as well as the impact these forces have had on the rest of the world.

The Europe I Program is based at the Franklin Institute at the University of Alcalá, located in Alcalá de Henares, approximately 20 miles northeast of Madrid. The University of Alcalá is the second oldest university in Spain. The city was the site of key events in the history and culture of Spain, such as the birth of Cervantes and key meetings between Christopher Columbus and the Spanish monarchs that commissioned his voyages to America. The fall curriculum in Spain combines courses and fieldwork that will introduce you to the forces that have produced modern Europe, and the economic and political institutions that govern the European Union. In addition to required and elective courses, you will expand your knowledge of political development through travel to Paris, Germany and Morocco.

The Europe II Program is based in Florence, considered the birthplace of the European Renaissance. The Florence School of Fine Arts, our partner institution, is located in the heart of the city’s historical center, situated on a quiet street, steps away from Piazza Santa Croce. This historic neighborhood, one of the most beautiful settings in Florence, breathes the Renaissance atmosphere. Walk out of the school building and you are minutes away from the Uffizi Gallery, Loggia dei Lanzi, the Arno River and the historic Ponte Vecchio. This advantageous location provides LIU Global students with a vibrant and inspirational surrounding to study art, culture, and politics.

EUROPE
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LOCATION:
Europe: London, Berlin, Alcalá, Spain, Paris, Florence, Sarajevo

YEAR:
Sophomore

ACADEMICS:
Culture, politics, and business of modern Europe

HIGHLIGHTS:
- Study throughout Europe
- Courses in Florence on documentary film making, world cinema, Renaissance Art, and conversational Italian
- Learn about the economy and some of the biggest companies in Europe in relation to their historical or geographical advantages
The Asia-Pacific/Australia Program is based in Byron Bay, a small South Pacific beachside community approximately 100 miles south of Brisbane on the east coast of Australia. Byron Bay is located on the lands of the Arakwal people, part of the Bundjalung nation, and has been a place to meet, exchange, and learn for thousands of years. Its beautiful beaches give way to a hinterland of green rolling hills and rainforests, with the remnants of an ancient shield volcano mountain.

From this base in Byron Bay, the program engages students with the quest for sustainable development in the nations and peoples of contemporary Oceania and Southeast Asia. Through two semesters of courses and fieldwork, students study the challenges and innovative solutions that communities, organizations and nations are developing as they aspire to address one of the world’s central questions: How can we, across a range of diverse cultures and countries, promote economic development without destroying our planet’s ecosystems? Students study and travel throughout Australia, Fiji, Thailand, and Bali, focusing on this challenge from the perspectives of different communities, cultures and national political dynamics.

“It was difficult to understand my relationship to the world before I had the opportunity to see myself against a background completely ‘other’ than what I was used to. This was an incredible opportunity for self-discovery--the primary and most essential knowledge, as well as the heart of higher education.”

- Andy Thomas, Class of 2001
“LIU Global pushed me to my absolute limit, and in the process brought about a wisdom that I never thought was possible from college. I learned how to witness all that is beautiful and horrifying in our world with an open mind and heart. This kind of learning is the foundation for transformation in our world.”

- NATHALIE RODRIGUEZ, CLASS OF 2012
In the fall semester of their senior year, students enroll in an International Research and Internship Semester. After executing a proposal developed in the spring semester of their Junior year, students carry out their program at one of the LIU Global semester sites around the world that includes (a) the first stage of senior thesis research, (b) a professional internship, and (c) a self-designed “special studies” program developed in consultation with advisors. This self-designed program is the opportunity for students to deepen their academic and professional engagement with one of the pressing global challenges of our times.

“When I graduated, I had a résumé that was incomparable. In addition, I had worldly experience and perspective, which are becoming more important in a globalized society. Today’s workforce is increasingly competitive, and I’ve found that having such a unique education is highly valued and appreciated.”

-BRITTANY BOROIAN, CLASS OF 2010
Students complete their global education with a Capstone Semester at LIU Global’s World Headquarters located on the campus of LIU Brooklyn in New York City.

As a world cultural center and the heart of the U.S. economy, New York offers students numerous educational and professional opportunities. Students are also able to take advantage of courses taught throughout all the LIU schools of study, supplementing their thesis work with courses in arts and media, business, social policy, education, health professions, pharmacy, or nursing.

Students also travel to Washington D.C., to learn about the interaction of government, non-governmental organizations, and lobbying groups at national and international levels. In New York, LIU Global courses are linked to field experiences at cultural, financial, and political organizations. All students complete a Capstone internship at an internationally oriented organization.

“Nowhere else in the world will you find an educational path that will push you in every single way possible. No other program can give you phenomenal internship opportunities alongside breathtaking life experiences and a challenging academic curriculum. By the time you don your cap and gown in four years’ time, you will carry with you a sense of maturity that cannot be formulated in four years on a college campus. You will carry with you an open mind and a passion to help make this world a better place for us to live in.”

- KRISTINA ERICSON, CLASS OF 2016
Students begin participating in fieldwork on day one, and continue to build real-world experience through internships at the world’s top international organizations. LIU Global students typically complete at least four internships and independent field projects during their four years. Upon graduating, LIU Global students land coveted fellowships, internships, and employment at some of the world’s most respected corporations and international organizations, including:

- The Associated Press
- Centers for Disease Control
- Doctors Without Borders
- Goldman Sachs
- Grameen Foundation
- IBM
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- National Geographic
- NBC Television
- Peace Corps
- Red Cross International
- Soros Foundation
- UNESCO
- UNICEF
- United Nations
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of State
- William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India

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HOW TO APPLY

THE GLOBAL STUDENT

If you are adventurous, bold, curious, compassionate, and committed to becoming an innovative and socially responsible global leader, LIU Global is the place for you.

APPLICATION PROCESS

LIU Global provides the candidate with the opportunity to share information that goes beyond the standard process of reviewing transcripts and test scores that occurs at other universities. The application is reviewed to assess academic achievement and evaluate the curricular rigor of the student’s academic history, leadership potential, the depth of participation in community service, and extracurricular activities, and international experience and exposure.

LIU GLOBAL APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- A completed application form – online (liu.edu/apply), hard copy, or Common Application (first year students only)
- A non-refundable application fee of $50 (payable online)
- Two letters of Recommendation (one must be from a teacher or counselor)
- Essay. This is your opportunity to provide LIU Global with a glimpse of who you are, in a way that grades and test scores cannot. Choose one topic and write a short 250-500 word essay.
  - Define global citizenship. As an aspiring world citizen, how would your LIU Global education assist you in developing a broad world view and cultivating global sensitivity?
  - Identify what you believe to be the most urgent contemporary human problems. How do you think an LIU Global education might help you with a plan of action in addressing these issues?
  - What does it mean to have a cross-cultural perspective? How do you think an LIU Global education would help you develop this perspective?
- Official transcript (high school and/or university)
- For international students, an official copy of your TOEFL score (minimum score of 90 Internet-based required) or an official copy of your IELTS score (minimum grade of ‘B’ required)

QUESTIONS?

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