

Quick Facts
UHM Study Abroad Center (SAC)

- The UHM SAC offers summer, semester, and year long programs in Europe, Asia, South America, Australia, and the Pacific. During the 2006-2007 academic year, 464 students studied and 22 instructional faculty taught and/or conducted research abroad through the UHM Study Abroad Center.
- An advisory council appointed by the UHM Faculty Senate Executive Committee provides oversight and guidance with regard to key policy, curricula and governance issues.
- UHM SAC programs are distinguished by its ability to a) include all interested faculty members from the campus to teach and/or lead study abroad programs, b) provide the opportunity for faculty to continue teaching while overseas without jeopardizing their benefits, tenure, promotion, and retirement schemes, c) secure approval from college deans and department chairs to consider SAC teaching activities as part of the faculty's regular teaching responsibilities, and d) provide an environment for research and professional development without burdening them with administrative and logistical responsibilities.
- SAC is unique in that it does not use third-party providers such as AIFS, CIEE, etc. Rather, UHM SAC develops its own programs in partnership with overseas institutions of higher education.
- UHM SAC students earn UHM resident credits for their coursework completed overseas. There is no break in enrollment at UHM.
- Students may fulfill general education, major and elective requirements for graduation on UHM SAC programs.
- Eligible students may apply their financial aid and scholarship awards towards UHM study abroad programs.
- In addition to current SAC programs, UHM students may choose to design an independent, self-designed study abroad program anywhere in the world.
- A faculty review panel selects students based on their GPA (3.0), reference letters, and program study statement.
- All students receive intensive orientation sessions dealing with a wide range of issues such as packing, money, culture shock, and health/safety prior to their departures. Orientation/Informational meetings are also held for parents/guardians.