

Recommended LGBTQ+ Friendly Locations for Global Study

- Argentina (Buenos Aires)
- Australia
- Belgium
- Costa Rica (San Jose)
- Czech Republic
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- South Africa (Cape Town)
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Thailand
- United Kingdom

Locations hosting Global Pride Events:
www.gaypridecalendar.com



Semester Programs with LGBTQ+ Studies Courses

Arcadia University in Cape Town
Arcadia University in Scotland
CEA Buenos Aires, Argentina
ISA Australia programs
ISA New Zealand programs
ISEP Exchange– Johannes Kepler
Universitat, Austria
ISEP Exchange– The Chinese University of
Hong Kong

While Abroad

Aspects of your identity may feel highlighted while you're abroad because of cultural differences in the local community. Some students feel relieved to be free from the cultural norms and expectations of the U.S. Others find it more challenging to confront diversity issues in an unfamiliar culture. Those you meet in your host country—such as your program director, professors, students, and host families—will be knowledgeable about the country and may be able to assist you with your concerns and needs.

Back in the U.S.

Reflect on your experience abroad and evaluate if your relationships back home will be affected. If you chose to come out while abroad, how will this impact your family and friend relationships?

Consider being a resource to future study abroad students who identify as LGBTQ+ through panels, group discussions, and testimonials. Become a Panther Pal to incoming international exchange students and help them adjust to life at Chapman!

Chapman's Student Psychological and Counseling Services holds group sessions for returning students to discuss their adjustment back home.

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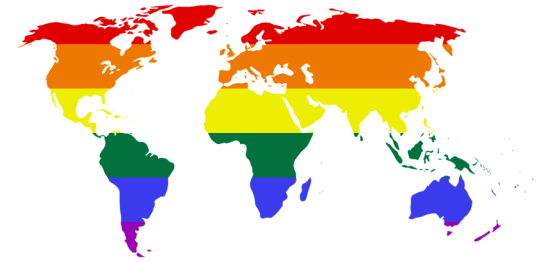
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LGBTQ+ Students Abroad



Chapman University encourages students of all identities and backgrounds to partake in a global experience. Over 600 students per year participate in a semester or year abroad, summer and interterm Travel Courses, and international internships.

Select from thousands of courses in hundreds of locations worldwide. How will you get YOUR global experience?





“My time in Cape Town showed me a completely different side of the LGBTQ experience...I also recognized certain aspects that resembled my experiences with the LGBTQ community in the states. Having lived in suburban towns my whole life, experiencing the LGBTQ culture in various countries throughout Africa was an invaluable experience, which granted me knowledge I can't imagine obtaining any other way.”

-Noah Feinberg, University of Cape Town, South Africa

Why an International Experience?

For the LGBTQ+ community, studying abroad can be an opportunity to learn more about yourself and identity within the global context. Experience a different culture, gain new skills and expand your worldviews.

Studying abroad offers LGBTQ+ individuals the unique opportunity to:

- Understand gender and sexuality in different cultural contexts
- Gain a new perspective on identity
- Build transnational solidarity with sexual minorities
- Learn about different social movements advocating for gender and sexual rights
- Challenge the perceptions of LGBTQ+

Considerations

Concepts of identity and the way in which LGBTQ+ individuals are perceived vary from country to country and also within regions of the same country. Research the safety implications in the host country to help mitigate risks and understand how your LGBTQ+ identity may affect your experience.



Questions to ask yourself when selecting a program:

How open will I be about my sexual orientation and/or gender identity with my in-country staff, professors, peers, host family and others?

How important is it to me to find other LGBTQ+ students and friends while abroad? What are my expectations about seeking and finding community?

What are the cultural attitudes toward sexual orientation and gender identity in my host country?

What is the general police attitude towards the same as above?

What are considered typical male and female social behaviors and customary gender relations in the host country?

Do I prefer a single or shared room, and/or access to gender-neutral restrooms?

Will I need access to any medications, or services? Are they available in my host country? If not, will I need any additional documentation to travel with my medication or supplies?

Please note that you are still subject to your host country's laws even if you feel they are discriminatory.

LGBTQ+ Study Abroad Scholarships

Rainbow Scholarship
Pride Foundation Scholarships
IGLTA Foundation Scholarships

Visit chapman.edu/cge > Student Resources > Scholarships



“When I first arrived in London, I was hesitant to reveal to my flat mates that I am bisexual. However, when I chose to come out to them, they were nothing but accepting of me. They made me feel very safe in my new environment.... This helped me to gain a newfound sense of security within myself and my sexual orientation.”

- Taylor Cox, University of Roehampton, London, UK

Additional Resources and Links

- Country Guide of LGBTQ+ rights, laws and social attitudes
- Passport change information for gender transition applicants
- Transgender travelers
- LGBTQ+ Stories Abroad
- Resource Guides

Visit chapman.edu/cge > Student Resources > Diversity, Access, & Identity

The Center for Global Education is a SAFE SPACE for students. Contact us to schedule an appointment with a CGE staff member who has received Safe Space training.