

Study abroad program brings new experiences

By Shawn Knepper
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Sometimes, it's better to gain experience outside of the classroom – maybe even outside the United States. Laura Podschun, religion and philosophy senior, and Adler Darst, biology junior, will study abroad next semester.

By sponsorship with the American Institute of Froing Studies, Podschun and Darst have the opportunity to continue their studies in Barcelona, Spain.

Podschun has been planning this since last winter break.

"It just kind of hit me," said Podschun. "It was kind of in my mind that it was achievable and doable. I'm using my elective credits, so I'll be studying architecture and art while I'm there. Even though it has nothing to do with my major, it's still something I want to learn more about."

Podschun said she is most excited to get to know Barcelona and its culture, though it won't be the two's only stop.

The women will also travel to Denmark, Italy and the U.K.

"My program includes Spain, and the program actually adds more excursions," said Podschun. "I'll be going to Denmark and Rome with my folks as well, so we will be traveling with the organization a lot."

Brushing up on simple greetings in Spanish and learning what to expect



Adler Darst, biology junior, and Laura Podschun, religion and philosophy senior, are all smiles when thinking about next semester. Darst and Podschun embark on a new adventure abroad while continuing their studies.

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while visiting are some ways Podschun is preparing for travel. She is also hopeful to get the chance to stop by the world-famous "Making of Harry Potter Tour" at Warner Bros. Studios, London.

Darst said she is excited to be exposed to something new and to experience a different culture.

"I'm looking forward to making life-long memories and connections, which I would have never made otherwise," said

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During the semester, Darst will take six hours of Spanish culture, Spanish art history and intercultural communications.

"I thought I might as well learn about Spain as much as I could while I was there, because, what place would be better?" said Darst.

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Entrepreneurs choose unique employment

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As broke college students, many students look for ways to make easy money, from working a work-study position to applying for positions at nearby stores.

While work-study positions are ideal for students who are not able to work off campus, it can be difficult to find on-campus positions. While it can be a challenge to balance school, work, activities and sports, some students have found other opportunities to make cash.

One student turns bushy eyebrows to arched, shaped eyebrows, and another turns out-of-date hairstyles to slick fades. These talents give them business on the side of school and athletics.

Josael Romero, general health science senior, has been in business since the moment he stepped into Winfield.

Romero has always had a passion for fixing up men's hair. Since he can remember, he has wanted to put his passion to work and seek opportunities to improve in his skills. However, he said it was difficult for his potential customers to trust him.

Romero's first customers were a couple members of the men's soccer team. His place soon became his barbershop, where he spent his time cutting and fading clients' hair. Romero said he believes working as a barber benefits him more than a part-time job would, because he chooses when he wants to work and when he wants to get paid.

Romero said, "Understand cutting hair isn't as easy as many say. It takes time and a lot more passion."

Samantha Toriche, biology junior, has been in business since August, threading and shaping men's and women's eyebrows. Toriche has taken cosmetology classes since she was a senior in high school.

Toriche decided to put her passion for eyebrows to work since the moment she stepped in Winfield. Although it is not easy to do eyebrows and play soccer, she wishes to continue to put effort and time into expanding and advertising her work in the spring.

As both student athletes focus on their season and academics, they wish to grow more into their passions and see where their businesses leads them.

Toriche said, "Once I have settled and found my place here in Southwestern College, I will be much more comfortable to begin my work process and put my passion to work."

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Dry campus policy consumes college memories

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For many students, coming to college is not just about the degree – it is about making memories. To do this, some students turn to partying.

Southwestern College is a dry campus, meaning no drugs or alcohol are allowed on college property. SC's Student Code of Conduct states:

"The possession, use, or distribution of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs by students or employees is strictly prohibited on the property of the college or as part of any college activity taking place off college property. Additionally, the possession, use, or distribution of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs is strictly prohibited as part of any activity taking place on college property, even if that activity does not involve students or employees.

Students who host, live, participate in, or attend activities where alcohol or illegal drugs are present violate the college's code of conduct. They may be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials if local, state, or federal statutes are violated in addition to facing college action."

Sarah Hallinan, director of residence life and assistant dean of students, said, "Southwestern being Methodist affiliated, it has always been a dry campus for as long as I remember. Before taking the job here at Southwestern, I worked at Baker University as the head of residence life. They are also Methodist, but not a dry campus."

Baker University's Code of Conduct states:

"For students of legal drinking age, consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to inside the Horn and Markham apartment units. The possession or consumption of alcohol is prohibited in residence halls and apartments in the following locations: on the balconies, stairways, and other outside apartment areas. The consumption use, distribution, and possession of caffeinated alcohol beverages is prohibited on University property and at all campus sponsored functions. Games or behaviors encouraging rapid consumption are not in line with the University's values and therefore, prohibited on University-owned property. Students are encouraged to read the Amnesty Policy in relation to the Alcohol Policy.

Apartment units with students of age assigned to that unit may have up to 1 750ml

of wine, 1 liter of hard liquor or distilled spirits, 1 30 (12oz) pack of malt product, 1 30 (12oz) pack of wine cooler or similar product. The limit is per apartment unit and is effective at all times, including during social events. Partially consumed bottles or cases will be considered full for the purposes of this limit. Excessive empty cans, bottles, or cases found in an apartment will be taken as evidence that the limit was exceeded at some past time. Alcohol is permitted in apartment units that have a combination of students of age and underage students assigned to the unit, however it is still expected that underage students abstain from alcohol use under Kansas and Federal law. This privilege will be revoked for individual apartments if residents are found to be supplying alcohol to minors, underage students in the apartment unit are found consuming alcohol, or other major violations."

Dan Falk, vice president of student affairs and dean of students, said, "Dry campuses essentially have less issues such as the opportunity for alcohol poisoning, fights, sexual assault and property damage."

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