SEMESTER AT SEA

Ready to embark on the educational travel experience of a lifetime?

SEMESTER AT SEA OFFERS A WORLD-CLASS CURRICULUM

Semester at Sea offers an unparalleled educational program in partnership with CSU. The distinctive feature of Semester at Sea is the opportunity it affords students to engage in global comparative education. All Semester at Sea academic credits are earned through fully accredited CSU courses. The University appoints the academic dean from among its most accomplished faculty, oversees curriculum, and approves course syllabi for the Semester at Sea academic program. The MV World Odyssey serves as a traveling home and campus that brings approximately 550 students to the farthest reaches of the globe every semester, giving deeper meaning to education, experiential learning, and community.

The Semester at Sea program itineraries are built around international challenges, trends, and issues. Since 1963, more than 73,000 students from 1,700 colleges and universities around the world have studied with Semester at Sea. Notable alumni and contributors include Nobel Laureates Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, and many other world leaders and global thinkers.

CREATING GLOBAL CITIZENS THROUGH COMPARATIVE EDUCATION

Global comparative education is a form of international study that identifies and connects the world's peoples, patterns, cultures, and traditions. Semester at Sea has served as a pioneer and leader in multiple-country, comparative education for more than 50 years. Semester at Sea prioritizes in-country exploration and interaction with local communities. By teaching students how to interact with cultures and peoples of developed and emerging nations—pushing students’ understanding of the world into new directions and perspectives—students become global citizens who are prepared and motivated to take on the world's most pressing issues.

FINANCING, AID, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Semester at Sea is administered by a 501c3 non-profit organization – the Institute for Shipboard Education (ISE) – that is dedicated to enhancing a traditional academic experience with a global perspective and greater intercultural understanding. ISE offers a variety of need- and merit- based financial awards. About 60% of Semester at Sea participants receive some type of financial aid. For further information on eligibility requirements, deadlines, policies, procedures, financial aid, and costs related to the program, visit Semester at Sea (https://www.semesteratsea.org/).

WHY ARE STUDENTS CHOOSING SEMESTER AT SEA?

- Improved understanding of the world
- Greater awareness of cultural difference
- Improved self-confidence and autonomy
- Improved flexibility and understanding of multiple perspectives
- Better understanding of one's own culture
- Greater recognition of other perspectives and world views
- Ability to live in close community

SEMESTER AT SEA ATTRACTS OUTSTANDING, AWARD-WINNING FACULTY

At the core of the Semester at Sea academic experience is a team of 25-28 innovative, stimulating, and flexible educators who are passionate about global education. The unparalleled environment of Semester at Sea provides engaging shipboard courses in unique combination with field work. Past voyages have included internationally recognized experts on social movements and media, environmental systems, international business, intercultural communication, and world cinema, as well as a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and a Carnegie Foundation Professor of the Year. With the world as their campus, Semester at Sea faculty teach in a global context and excel in the field of experiential learning. All faculty hold doctorates or advanced degrees with extraordinary professional career experience and have international or intercultural expertise relevant to the voyage itinerary.