LUX: Latin for “light,” it also stands for Lawrence University Experience, the name given to any distinctive opportunities that are uniquely Lawrentian.
Light! More Light! encompasses so many of the elements that make your experience at Lawrence illuminating: intellectual discovery, personalized learning, and engagement with the currents and forces that directly impact our world. At Lawrence, these elements come together for you in ways you can only experience here.

One critical thread through every Lawrentian’s experience is the option to study abroad. With a deep institutional commitment to term-long (or longer) study abroad programs, as well as an array of shorter-term programs and travelling classrooms, Lawrence offers study abroad options for every major.

Our purposeful combination of intellectual discovery and learning-by-doing will help you gain new perspectives about the world... and yourself.

Learning at Lawrence means active engagement—with others, with real-world problems, with a rich variety of places—and our study abroad programs offer you yet another opportunity to find where your light can shine most brightly.

* This phrase, the last words of the poet, Goethe, has been on our university seal for 170 years.
CRAFT AN enlightening journey

Extend your Lawrence experience beyond the classroom.

Whether it’s through Lawrence’s Francophone Seminar in Dakar, Senegal, or our London Centre, or through dozens of programs on every continent but Antarctica (until we start one there), study abroad programs offer you the chance to grow personally and intellectually through in-depth study of language and culture, participation in field experiences and internships, and academic coursework.

Lawrence allows you to plan a study abroad experience for your sophomore, junior, or senior years—and to do so while graduating on time because courses carry academic credit toward graduation. Our trimester schedule makes it easier for all majors to participate, even if you’re an athlete or conservatory student. Devoted faculty, staff, and fellow Lawrentians offer support and guidance from the moment that you decide to study abroad.

And with substantial institutional support that allows your Lawrence aid to travel with you, the doors will be wide open for you to immerse yourself in another culture.

STUDY ABROAD AT LAWRENCE ALTERS YOUR PERSPECTIVE OF THE WORLD.

Each study abroad experience is distinct, but all help you grow intellectually, deepen your sense of global citizenship, and undertake productive work that transforms the way you see the world. In the following pages, you’ll meet several students who shaped study abroad experiences that not only enabled them to engage deeply with the world, but also utterly changed them.

“I HAVE NOT RETURNED AS THE SAME PERSON, AND I THINK THAT CHANGE IN ME PARALLELS WITH THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF A LAWRENCE EDUCATION.”

—ANDREW BORRESEN ’15
While taking courses in public health at the University of Botswana during the spring of her junior year, Margaret Schmidt, a government major with a history minor, spent time working with women who were survivors of assault and violence and noted profound similarities with women in the U.S. The experience changed her trajectory: “I decided to enter a long-term career of representing victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking,” says Margaret.

After receiving graduate honors for her senior thesis, Co-infected Diseases and State Health Policy: Botswana and South Africa’s Response to HIV and Tuberculosis, Margaret enrolled at the University of New Hampshire’s School of Law, where she created her own program combining a law degree with a master of public health. Since then she has served domestic violence survivors in rural communities, interned at the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women, and now currently serves as staff attorney and legal clinic coordinator at the Network for Victim Recovery in Washington, DC.

“Without my study abroad position,” says Margaret, “I would not have made the educational decisions I made. Moreover, I would not have had the experience with race, culture and societal norms that continue to influence my work now.”

Studying in Botswana had a profound influence on my educational and career paths.”

Margaret Schmidt, a government major and history minor, studied public health for a term at the University of Botswana in Gaborone (pictured above).
Frequent rail journeys during her few months at our London campus helped Tara connect with famous literary locales she grew up with, “from the Lake District of so much Romantic poetry to the moors of Bronte country.” She credits her time abroad with giving her a newfound sense of personal adventure. “I planned solo journeys, met wonderful new people, and by the time I got back to campus, I was a changed woman, more eager than ever to tear into my books and soak up every drop of life on campus and elsewhere,” says Tara.

She also had a new understanding of what she was capable of doing—which empowered her to fly to Ann Arbor, Michigan, before graduating from Lawrence for an interview with Google, where she has been working ever since. Even today, Tara can see the transformative power of study abroad. “I think of my time in London almost every day,” she says, adding her hope that future Lawrentians experience it so they can “reimagine what they’re capable of.”

TARA JENSEN, A DOUBLE-MAJOR IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH, SPENT A TERM AT LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY’S LONDON CENTRE.
Join your fellow Lawrentians for study abroad through these and dozens of other immersive programs.

photos courtesy of Lawrentians from their study abroad experiences

Because Lawrence is committed to empowering students from all majors to deepen their connections to the world through long-term study, we offer generous grants and scholarships that help fund your experience. Funding opportunities include:

- The Helen Barr Rudin Study Abroad Grant
- The Schwartzburg Fund for Study Abroad
- The Bruce Mastland Brown Fund for Study Abroad
- The Donald Manson Study Abroad Fund
- The Beth Arveson Scholarship
- The London Centre Anniversary Scholarship
- The Paul Family London Centre Scholarship
- The Dwight A. & Marjorie S. Peterson Fund for International Experience
- The Professor Gervais E. Reed Award for Off-Campus Study in Francophone Countries
- The Bertrand A. Goldgar London Fellowship
- The Ronald J. and Carol I. Mason Excellence in Anthropology Fund
- The Dorrit F. Friedlander Scholarship

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ANTHONY CARDELLA, A PIANO PERFORMANCE MAJOR WITH A MINOR IN PIANO PEDAGOGY, DECIDED TO STUDY ABROAD IN ONE OF THE WORLD’S MOST MUSICAL CITIES: MILAN, ITALY.

“HAVING THIS EXPERIENCE REALLY PUSHED ME AS A MUSICIAN and opened up a whole new level of musicianship for me.”

Anthony had the opportunity to perform all over the city while completing in-depth studies of chamber music and performance. The defining moment of his study abroad, Anthony says, was “my last performance of the semester at Casa Verdi,” the former home of opera legend Giuseppe Verdi. “The home is a massive mansion with a beautiful performance hall,” Anthony explains, complete with “high ceilings covered in murals and a gorgeous piano donated by [Vladimir] Horowitz,” one of the greatest pianists of all time. Anthony performed piano trios and solos with a few other musicians, but the event “was a really exciting” because “the audience was full of highly trained musicians.”

Anthony says that his studies abroad changed him in striking ways: “having the opportunity to go to so many different places and be immersed in so many different cultures is really life-changing and forces you to assess the way you live.” According to Anthony, living abroad makes you “think about everything that you do daily that is so normal here, but completely different from the way of life in other countries,” a realization that Anthony could only experience thanks to the global education offered at Lawrence.
Study Abroad at Lawrence is an opportunity for you to explore the world, engage with global challenges, and, as the experiences of Margaret, Tara and Anthony show, illuminate a greater sense of who you are. Your travels will enable you to put the ideas and issues that you’ve learned about in class into a global perspective and to enhance your skills through cross-cultural collaborations that can lead to life-changing moments. Lawrence University’s study abroad programs will open new paths for you, and empower you to shine your light on the world in truly transformative ways.

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