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USI offers students study abroad through new international membership in ISEP

As a member of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), the University of Southern Indiana offers students the chance to study at one of 250 universities worldwide and pay USI tuition, room, and board rates. Students with a 2.75 GPA, who attain sophomore-status by the time of departure, are eligible to participate.

"The wonderful thing about this program is that USI students pay regular USI tuition, room, and board and a few additional costs. It is the most affordable way for someone to study abroad and get USI credit," said Heidi Gregori-Gahan, USI director of International Programs and Services.

ISEP offers students courses taught in English at universities in English speaking countries such as the United Kingdom and Canada, as well as courses taught in English at universities in non-English speaking countries such as China, Sweden, and Fiji. Students confident of their foreign language abilities have the option of studying courses taught in a foreign language. Universities in France, Germany, Japan, and Spain are examples of a few of the opportunities that offer total immersion in a language.

As a first year participant in the program, USI has one student studying in France; there are four students registered for the study abroad program for fall 2000. The total cost is about \$8,500 per academic year for in-state residents. Most USI financial aid and scholarships apply.

"ISEP is a very effective program; it makes studying abroad affordable. I definitely would not be here without it," said USI Junior Diana Fisher, a French major who is studying at l'Université d'Angers in Angers, France, through the ISEP program. "I paid approximately the same fees that I normally would as an in-state USI student for tuition, housing, and meals, and I was able to pay for it all with student loans."

Course credit will transfer to USI with departmental approval. Students may study or research in almost any field, whether theoretical or technical, at the graduate or undergraduate level.

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