MBA STUDY ABROAD
2024 SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS
Flight Plan (Agenda)

• Short-Term Study Abroad 101
• Program Announcements
  – Study Tour to France & Italy
  – Study Tour to Spain
  – FIN 579: Asian Capital Markets Study Tour to China & Japan
  – IBUS 579: Global Consulting Project: India
• Application & Logistics
• Costs
• Q&A
Faculty-Led Study Tours

- 2 pre-departure sessions – no other on campus classes/lectures*
- 8-14 day, fast-paced academic trips
- Experience business and culture
- At least 10-12 company visits & cultural activities
- Personal meetings with executives, local business leaders
- Always led by Foster faculty members
- Does not have to be taken for credit

*Asian Capital Markets Study Tour to China & Japan is the exception!
Global Consulting Projects

• Travel & a quarter long class, led by Foster faculty
• Travel typically occurs in March
• Hands-on experience solving real-world business problems in a global setting
• Work on a small team with other Foster students
• Create valuable solutions to clients from around the world
• Develop cross-cultural competencies through a unique lens
• Required 4-credit course, usually Spring Quarter
FACULTY-LED STUDY TOUR: FRANCE & ITALY

Paris, France & Rome, Italy

Travel: March 10-21, 2024

Faculty: Dr. Abhinav Gupta

Course: 2-credits (optional)

Price: $3500, not including airfare
Key Details

Dates: March 10-21, 2024 (departure on March 9)

Program includes:

• Socially-focused company visits in Paris and Rome
• Walking tour of Paris, tour and champagne tasting in Reims, tour of Ancient Rome (Colosseum, Roman Forum, etc.), tour of Vatican City
• Optional day trip to Pompeii & Naples (for an additional fee)
• 3-star hotels in Paris & Rome in FANTASTIC locations
• Unlimited public transit passes
• Intercountry flight from Paris to Rome
# France & Italy Program Overview*

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ABOUT ME

Strategy professor at the Foster School since 2015
Expertise in Corporate Social Responsibility
Did a sabbatical at HEC Paris in 2021
Have traveled extensively and given talks at most major business schools in Europe
-Bocconi, INSEAD, Stockholm School of Economics, Aalto U, EM Lyon, HEC Laussane, Copenhagen Business School, ESSEC, Amsterdam Business School, Erasmus/Rotterdam
Have been teaching study abroad program in India since 2018
Why France / Italy?

- Paris and Rome are some of the most iconic cities in Europe
- Represent the best in European history, art, aesthetics, cuisine
- Major economic powerhouses in Europe, particularly in the services sector
- Leading the charge on sustainable business movement
- Rich in cultural immersion opportunities
Goals/Themes of Program

Understand European business culture and outlook
How to organize for sustainability
How organizations incorporate their social-cultural environment in their practices
What social entrepreneurship reveals about the societal context
Click here to hear more about the program from Professor Gupta!
FACULTY-LED STUDY TOUR: SPAIN

Barcelona & Madrid
Travel: September 8-19, 2024
Faculty: Dr. Charlie Donovan
Course: 2-credits (optional)
Price: $3500, not including airfare
Key Details

Dates: September 8-19, 2024 (departure on Sept. 7)

Program includes:
- Sustainability focused company visits in Barcelona & Madrid
- Walking tour of Barcelona, walking tour of Madrid, weekend in Calella de Palafrugell
- 3-star hotels in Barcelona, Calella de Palafrugell, and Madrid
- Unlimited public transit passes

*Program is open to Full-time Class of 2025 (whose internships end before Sept. 7) and Evening Class of 2025. No alumni, sorry!
# Spain Program Overview*

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About Professor Donovan

• Visiting Professor of Sustainable Finance at Foster
• He was previously the Founding Director of the Centre for Climate Finance and Investment at Imperial College London, where he was also a Professor of Practice.
• Professor Donovan worked as a finance executive in the energy sector and was the commercial manager of an international environmental consulting practice. He started his career as a policy analyst in the US government.
• Professor Donovan is currently the Senior Economic Advisor at Impax Asset Management.
…why Spain? And why with Charlie?
FIN 579: ASIAN CAPITAL MARKETS STUDY TOUR TO CHINA & JAPAN

Shanghai, China & Tokyo, Japan

Travel: March 16-24, 2024

Faculty: Dr. Yang Song & Dr. Stephan Siegel

Course: 2 or 4-credits (priority given to FIN 579 during WIN ‘24)

Price: $3200, not including airfare
Key Details

Dates: March 16-24, 2024 (departure on March 15)

Program includes:
• Finance-focused company visits in Shanghai and Tokyo
• Day trip to Nanjing, tour of Shanghai, tour of Tokyo, traditional tea ceremony
• Unlimited public transit passes
• Intercountry flight from Shanghai to Tokyo

*Preference given to students planning to take FIN 579: Asian Capital Markets during Winter Quarter 2024. Students will indicate this on application. Class will meet on Thursdays and accepted students will be automatically enrolled (placements will be announced before Winter Q bidding starts).
## China & Japan Program Overview*

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Click here to hear more about the program from Professor Song!
IBUS 579: GLOBAL CONSULTING PROJECT INDIA

Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, & Ahmedabad, India
Travel: March 11-23, 2024
Faculty: Dr. Tracey Seslen
Course: 4-credits (requires IBUS 579 during SPR ‘24)
Price: $3200, not including airfare
Key Details

Dates: March 11-23, 2024 (departure on March 9, early AM arrival on March 11)

Program includes:

- Sightseeing in Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur, including stops at the Taj Majal, Amber Fort, and more
- One week in Ahmedabad defining project scope with clients → goal is signed LOE before departure
- Meals included: welcome dinner, farewell dinner, all meals on days 1-3, and all dinners in Ahmedabad
- Intra-country flight from Jaipur to Ahmedabad

Additional Requirements + Class:
Participants will have two required pre-departure sessions and a preliminary call with SEWA during Winter Quarter. Students will then be enrolled in IBUS 579: Global Consulting Project India class for 4-credits during Spring Quarter 2024. The class will meet six times. Final presentations will take place in early May. The pre-departure sessions and class are required components of the program.

All applicants should review the Info Packet before applying: bit.ly/IndiaGCPinfo
# General Program Overview

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- Visit Gurudwara Bangla Sahib
- Welcome Dinner

**Day 2 (Tues)**
- Tour of Delhi
- Transfer to Agra

**Day 3 (Wed)**
- Sunrise visit to Taj Majal
- Tour of Agra
- Transfer to Jaipur

**Day 4 (Thurs)**
- Tour of Jaipur including Amber Fort, City Palace, & Observatory
- Flight to Ahmedabad

**Day 5 (Fri)**
- Orientation & Meeting with SEWA
- Free day

**Day 6 (Sat)**
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**Final Meeting & Group Presentations
Depart for Seattle/further travels**
Overview

A select group of MBA students will travel to India in March 2024 to apply their ingenuity and advanced skills to complex strategy projects.

These are real projects that will challenge MBAs to find creative solutions and build practical global experience that cannot be found in any textbook.

In the process, they will help rural people build the kind of businesses that can lift their families and villages out of poverty.
In 2015-2016, 1 in 4 Indians met the criteria for multidimensional poverty (access to things like healthcare, education, sanitation, cooking fuel).

By 2021, the rate had decreased to 1 in 7 but there is still much work to be done.
The Client

Self-Employed Women’s Association (SEWA)
- Represents over 1.9 million self-employed women
- They do not obtain regular benefits like workers in the organized sector
- Of the female labor force in India, more than 94% are in the unorganized sector

See www.sewa.org
SEWA

Located in Ahmedabad, Gujarat

AA-med-ah-bad or AM-da-vad (Gujarati)
The Projects

4-5 projects per cycle of the class

3-5 students per team

Assignments will be based on student preferences/maximization of happiness
The Projects

In-country work is **scoping**

Post-travel work is data collection and formulating recommendations
Sample Projects (2020)

- **Rachaita New Projects**: What are some new revenue streams for a construction company that has seen a decline in demand for construction workers?
- **SEWA Alternative Capital Sources**: In what (creative) ways can SEWA leverage its assets to raise additional capital?
- **SEWA App**: How can SEWA use technology to set up direct, two-way communication between SEWA and its members?
- **SEWA Ecotourism Growth Strategy**: How can SEWA increase the revenue generating potential of its 10-acre farm in the ecotourism space?
Sample Projects (2019)

- **RUDI Sandesh Vyavhar**: How can SEWA's agricultural coop use its data to forecast sales and plan production?
- **Hansiba**: How can Hansiba artists reach more online customers for the goods produced by their 15,000 artisans?
- **Kamla**: How can Kamla Centers sell more healthy food products?
- **Hariyali**: How should SEWA design a forecasting model to predict income, energy consumption, and production for its solar pumps?
- **SEWA Bazaar**: How should SEWA conduct market research of its one million members for the creation of an online digital directory and marketplace?
Program Leadership

**Tracey** has been with the Foster School as a professor in the Finance department since 2013. She has been leading MBA short-term study abroad programs since 2005. (seslen@uw.edu)

**Angela** has been with the Global Business Center since 2016. She has traveled with both undergraduate and MBA students to England (x2), Australia (x3), the Netherlands, China, Taiwan, Costa Rica, and Israel. (angelajs@uw.edu)

Tracey and Angela together led the MBA study tour to Israel in March of 2023.
Application & Notification

• **Applications** due **Wednesday, October 18** by 11:59 PM
  – Applications are now open!
  – $150 **NONREFUNDABLE** application fee

• **Notification** of placement by **Tuesday, October 24** at 5:00 PM

• **Weighted lottery** used to select participants *if programs are full*
The Lottery

1. Graduating FT & Eve MBA students who need an MBA Short-Term Study Abroad program to fulfill the Global Business Program Certificate (GBPC) requirements. Students must complete the GBPC interest application prior to the Short-Term Study Abroad deadline to be considered for priority placement.

2. Other graduating Foster FT & Eve MBA students who have not yet been on a program and non-graduating Foster FT & Eve MBAs who have applied to the Global Business Program Certificate.

3. All non-graduating Foster FT & Eve MBA applicants who have not participated on an MBA Short-Term Study Abroad program.

4. All Foster FT & Eve MBAs pursuing the GBPC who have participated previously.

5. Other Foster FT & Eve MBAs who have participated previously.

6. All other Foster School graduate students (not in the FT & Eve MBA program) who have not participated previously.

7. All UW graduate students (non-Foster School) who have not participated previously.

8. All UW graduate students (non-Foster School) who have participated previously.
If you apply for both a Spring Break program & Spain...

- If needed, we will run the lottery for Spring Break programs first. If you are placed in a Spring Break program, you will be lower in the lottery for Spain.
There are TWO applications, one for Spring Break programs and one for the September program.

uwfoster.force.com/Centers/s/GBC
Fee Schedule - Spring Break Programs

• **By Oct 18**, application and NONREFUNDABLE $150 application fee due
• **By Oct 24**, placements announced
• **By Nov 15**, NONREFUNDABLE $500 deposit due
• **By Dec 3**, program balance due
Cancellation & Withdrawal Policies – Spring Break

- $150 application fee – non-refundable, under any circumstance

- If the program is cancelled in its entirety by the UWSA or GBC before December 3, the program fee ($500 deposit and final balance) will be fully refunded. After December 3, we will do our best to secure refunds for any expenses incurred but cannot guarantee a 100% refund, as payment will have been made to vendors and may not be recoverable.

- If a student withdraws prior to December 3, they will be refunded any fees, less the non-refundable $500 deposit & application fee. Notice of withdrawal from the program must be made in writing to the Global Business Center to passport@uw.edu. No refunds will be given for withdrawals made after December 3.
Fee Schedule – Spain

• **By Oct 18**, application and NONREFUNDABLE $150 application fee due
• **By Oct 24**, placements announced
• **By Nov 15**, NONREFUNDABLE $500 deposit due
• **By Feb 11**, program balance due
Cancellation & Withdrawal Policies - Spain

- $150 application fee – non-refundable, under any circumstance

- If the program is cancelled in its entirety by the UWSA or GBC before February 11, the program fee ($500 deposit and final balance) will be fully refunded. After February 11, we will do our best to secure refunds for any expenses incurred but cannot guarantee a 100% refund, as payment will have been made to vendors and may not be recoverable.

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Cost Breakdown

**Included:** Lodging, all breakfasts and some dinners, ground transportation (including public transit passes), in-country flights, local guides, trip coordination, and other services

**Flights:** Seattle flights not included

**Credits:** Credits are not included in the price; depending on your program, you may have to pay an additional fee to earn credit

**Note:** Costs for faculty/staff are not included in student fees; they are paid for by annual fundraising and subsidies from the Global Business Center
Financial Aid & Scholarships

• **UW Financial Aid**
  • Must be taking course for credit
  • Complete a revision request

• **GBC Scholarships**
  • Open now!
  • Credit not required
  • Deadline to apply is **November 1**
  • Funds reserved for MBAs – APPLY!
Other things to keep in mind...

• UW Student Abroad Insurance is required
  • Does not include Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR)

• Passports & Visas
  • All participants going to China, India, and the EU will require a visa - more information will be provided after programs are confirmed
    • The GBC is not responsible for determining immigration status.
  • Check your passport expiration dates – renew now!
  • All students, regardless of citizenship: Be aware of geo-political situations which may impact your ability to receive a visa or enter a particular country
Pre-Departure Sessions

• Two sessions during Winter Quarter 2024
  – January 27, 9am-1pm (tentative)
  – February 10 or 24, 9am-1pm (tentative)

• Sessions for Study Tour to Spain held during Spring Quarter 2024

• Sessions include country and cultural context, health and safety preparation, community building activities, and more!

• These are mandatory – unexcused absences may result in removal from the program
Applications close October 18!
Learn more!

Check out the Global Business Center website for:
- Recordings of this presentation
- Application and scholarship links
- Administrative details and FAQs

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foster.mba/gbc-short-term