

FSU - Panama Panama City, Panama

Broad Curriculum Program plus Spanish Language and Latin American Culture

The academic year or semester program, up to 16 credit hours, is offered jointly by Florida State University and Winthrop University. The Panama Campus, located in Panama City, borders the Pacific end of the Panama Canal, with the Bridge of the Americas in view. The campus provides the facilities and services of a small college and is affiliated with Panama's City of Knowledge, an educational/research complex representing universities worldwide. Students enjoy full facilities, including the library (the largest English-language library in Panama), administrative offices, academic counseling (strong mentoring, a hallmark of the program), computer facilities, housing, research site, gymnasium and cafeteria. Sports are popular, as are cookouts, open-air music, and the famous Night of the Arts where faculty and students exhibit/perform their work.

Website link: <http://international.fsu.edu/>

Internships are available in the arts, business, ecology, health care and media. Applicants must have a strong background in both Spanish comprehension and conversation. Total immersion in the language and culture is part of the internship.

Website link: <http://international.fsu.edu/Types/Internships/Panama/Panama.aspx>

Semester Dates

Fall: late August – mid-December
Spring: early January – late April

Application Deadline

Mar 1 for Fall study
Sep 1 for Spring study

Location Facts

The Republic of Panama, Crossroads of the Americas, is known for its intersection of urbanity and pristine jungle, two oceans and bustling multinational life. The Atlantic and the Pacific are an hour apart. Panama City, the capital, lies an hour from tropical forests. Its cosmopolitan atmosphere provides plenty of entertainment, art, theatre, dance, music. The Panamanian environment is perfect for tropical/marine biology and oceanography work. Panama is a natural for business studies with some 125 international banks and many corporations operating in the free trade zone. Panama's natural beauty, unspoiled beaches, historic sites and economic dynamism are available to students and professors, who have created specialized excursions to extend learning beyond the classroom.

For **Panama Map** and other information: <http://geology.com/world/panama-satellite-image.shtml>

Academics: FSU-Panama study tracks that include Spanish Language and Latin American/Caribbean Studies, Social Sciences and International Affairs, Environmental Studies, Science Lecture/Lab Courses, Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Technology, Business, and Tropical Medicine and Health Sciences. Spanish language, or Latin American History, is a requirement, enhanced by being in Panama with Latin American classmates.

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Language of Instruction: English, except for Spanish classes taught in Spanish

Eligibility:

- * Sophomore standing and above (open to graduate students on request)
- * Winthrop students annual enrollment limit of 10 students

- * Minimum 2.5 GPA
- * Language requirement = SPAN 101 recommended

Housing and Meals: Program participants are offered furnished duplex apartments directly across the street from the campus. The La Boca area of Balboa is nicely landscaped, and students will also enjoy the restaurants and small markets within walking distance. Each apartment has three or four bedrooms, living-dining area, fully equipped kitchen, and at least two baths. Some have patios or an extra bedroom. Students may choose single- or double-occupancy bedrooms. There is no meal plan. Students can opt to prepare their own meals or eat at area restaurants.

The location of the housing area next to the university enables the student to enjoy more fully on-campus amenities such as the library, computer laboratories, gymnasium and other sports facilities. The quiet residential neighborhood provides a heaven for studying, yet is a few minutes away from the urban activities of Panama City.

Excursions: Several planned tours and day trips show Panama's historic sites, dynamic business environment and unspoiled terrain to extend learning beyond the classroom. Examples of excursions include the museum of the Panama Canal, multinational banks, sea turtle expeditions, The Gold Road Tour, and the San Blas Islands.

Costs: Amounts in US dollars. Checked (✓) items included in Winthrop tuition and board fees.

200	Study Abroad Application Fee
325	Study Abroad Participation Fee
✓	Tuition
✓	Housing
750	Meals
✓	On-site Orientation Fee
✓	Host institution Student Union Fee
✓	FSU Study Abroad Health Insurance
300	Books/Academic Supplies
1000	Personal Spending Money
750	R/T Transportation to Location
135	Passport
30	Student Visa (apply in Panama)

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