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WINTERLINE GLOBAL SKILLS GAP YEAR PROGRAM

9 months. 10 countries. 100 skills.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

COUNTRIES VISITED

US, Costa Rica, Panama, Thailand, Cambodia, India, Italy, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic.

PROGRAM DATES

Orientation Sep 11 - Sep 30, 2019

1st Trimester Sep 30 - Nov 23, 2019

Winter Break Nov 23, 2019 - Jan 19, 2020

2nd Trimester Jan 19 - Mar 15, 2020

3rd Trimester Mar 15 - May 5, 2020



100+ REAL SKILLS FOR THE REAL WORLD

Outdoor Skills, Business & Career Skills, Life Skills, Creating & Construction, Media & Communication, Global Society & Leadership Skills, Caregiving, Technical Skills, Independent Living Skills

COLLEGE CREDIT AVAILABLE

Earn college credit while you travel through our partnership with Western State Colorado University.

PARTNERS (PARTIAL LIST)

Rancho Mastatal, Costa Rica, BMW–Driving Experience, Ca'macana, Orsoni, Grasshopper Bicycle Adventures, Monteverde Institute, Costa Rica, ThinkImpact, Innovation Center of Panama, YMCA of the Rockies, Bangkok Vanguard, Hanifl Centre, Phare Circus, Paul Debrule

PROGRAM FEE

\$55,000 (all-inclusive)

Our 9-month Global Skills Gap Year Program is inclusive and includes all skills-training and program fees, international and in-country travel, curricular materials, food, lodging, emergency medical and evacuation insurance, and related expenses during the program days.

The fee does not include: travel to the start of the program and home again, obtaining a passport, personal spending money during the program, required equipment or gear, recommended or required immunizations, or visa fees.



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Sample Itinerary #1



Orientation
USA (Estes Park, CO)
September

Let the Adventure Begin



Partner:
YMCA of the Rockies

The Global Skills Program Orientation lays the foundation for the rest of the year. You'll kick off your adventure in the magnificent Colorado Rocky Mountains, where you'll develop the communication tools, leadership behaviors and camaraderie that will set the stage for the program.

Skills: Team-building, creating a positive and safe culture, program logistics and preparation, risk management training.

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Trimester One
Costa Rica, Panama
October – November

Living in our World

The first trimester is a time to start building your independence and “getting comfortable in your own skin.” You will learn scuba and experience heat, group living and homestays. You will be surrounded by a new language, connect with the earth in a new way, and learn to live in the outdoors.

Partners:

- Pacific Dive Center
- Monteverde Institute
- Rancho Mastatal
- Think Impact
- Centre for Innovation
- EcoStudio, Panama, an MIT Fab Lab
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

INDEPENDENT PROJECT I

While living in homestays in Costa Rica, students will have the opportunity to apprentice with businesses around Monteverde to learn skills such as coffee production, adventure and eco-tourism, water management and ranching, language acquisition, environmental science, and agriculture. To wrap up the experience, students then share their experience with the local community.

Skills: Scuba, safe travel, permaculture design, soil ecology and fertility, natural building, food production, cultural immersion, sustainability, independent travel, hands-on apprenticeship, basic Spanish conversation, presentation skills.

PANAMA

In Panama you'll work with local micro businesses in a rural community setting, hit the water for a kayaking trip, spend time at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, learn design and fabrication at the EcoLab, an MIT Fab lab, and wrap up the trimester at a City of Knowledge startup incubator.

Skills: Kayaking, leadership, research, entrepreneurship, community development.



COSTA RICA

Kick off this trimester by challenging yourself. You'll begin testing your limits, pushing beyond your comfort zone and getting Scuba PADI certified.

You'll work in permaculture and experience a community rooted in environmental sustainability. Learn how to live in balance with the environment. Practice natural building skills and use hand tools that have a real life application.

WINTER BREAK





Trimester Two
Thailand, Cambodia, India
January – March

Connecting Across Cultures

During the second trimester, you'll master conflict resolution and explore human society, culture and commerce. You'll discover how people live together in rural and urban settings. And you'll engage in a trek high in the Himalaya, where you'll learn outdoor skills and engage with the people and beauty of the region along the way.

Partners:
Baipai Thai Cooking School
Bangkok Vanguard
Ecole Paul Dubrule
Grasshopper Bicycle Tours
The Capacity Specialists
Aerie Backcountry Medicine
Phare Circus
Haniff Center
Uday Tours



THAILAND

Navigate the city and coastline of Bangkok using a variety of transportation modes and learn to take care of yourself in an urban setting. Get hands-on experience cooking alongside master Thai chefs.

Skills: Cooking, navigation and urban safety, bargaining, self-care, customer service, cultural assimilation, cultural literacy

CAMBODIA

Acquire and practice conflict resolution, team dynamics and leadership skills. Learn to repair and maintain a bike. Be introduced to the essentials of restaurant etiquette and the intricacies of fine baking. Take a trip to the local, open-air market to shop and negotiate, then plan and prepare a meal. Practice important customer service and hospitality skills. Learn movement and balance at a local circus school!

Skills: Conflict resolution, team dynamics, customer service and hospitality bicycle maintenance and safety, baking, mixology, restaurant etiquette, shopping, meal planning, cultural assimilation.

INDIA

Learn and practice rural and disaster medicine skills. Trek through the high Himalaya. Learn outdoor camping and hiking skills and connect with local communities along the way. Lastly, visit the Taj Mahal and learn the art of marble inlay.

Skills: Disaster medicine, hiking, camping, meditation, marble inlay.

INDEPENDENT PROJECT I I

You choose! You select the area of skills you want to hone while practicing independent travel in small groups. Categories include conflict resolution, public health, movement, or social and environmental issues.

Skills: Self-directed learning, project planning, budgeting, self-care, independent travel, skills of students' choosing.





Trimester Three
Italy, Austria, Germany, Czech Republic, USA
March – May

Choosing The Path to Your Future

You've experienced the natural world, you've witnessed the diversity of human culture. Now you will explore art and design, technology, presentation skills, and personal expression in Europe. Then wrap up with a final Independent Study Project in Europe that you design, plan, complete and present. At the end of the program, we host a graduation for you and your family to mark your accomplishments.

Partners:
 Abatezanetti
 BMW Driving Academy
 Ca'macana
 Orsoni
 Technikum Wien



ITALY

Immerse yourself in the rich traditions of Venetian art and architecture and create your own art, including glass mosaics and mask making. Learn photography, then view the city through a camera lens as you explore it. Sample regional wines at a wine tasting.

Skills: Arts, arts appreciation, photography, wine tasting.

AUSTRIA

Hone your problem-solving skills by designing and building a robot to perform a set of tasks using design thinking and rapid prototyping.

Skills: Robotics, testing hypothesis, coding, design, problem solving, teamwork.

GERMANY

Experience the joy of driving and learn how to control a car in simulations of real life driving, learning skills such as precise steering, braking, understeering and target stops. Complete the experience with an exciting mixture of control and fun during a timed slalom contest.

Skills: Driving safely, handling road hazards under extreme situations.

PRAGUE

Learn animation and videography techniques and then use your new skills to produce your own short animation or video project.

Skills: Animation, videography, storytelling, editing.

VARIOUS LOCATIONS INDEPENDENT PROJECTS III

Spend time on your own in a city of your choosing in Europe to learn a new skill, deepen one you already know or apply one in a practical way. Each student will develop a project proposal that includes goals, a plan, a budget and logistics.

Skills: Self-directed learning, project planning, budgeting, independent travel, risk management, presentation skills.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

A celebration for you and your family. From here, you can go anywhere.

