

# AUM Study Abroad Fall 2016 e-Journal

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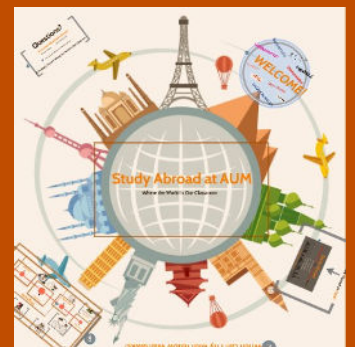


*Warhawks in China, 2016*

In support of AUM's mission and vision, the AUM Study Abroad program has exceeded the national average of campus population participation in study abroad. The national average is 1.5 percent, and AUM has achieved a 2.2 percent involvement. With new Study Abroad programs every year, 2017 will be the first year for AUM to offer credit-bearing programs exclusively. Over the last three years, we have expanded participation in our programs by students and faculty by 209 percent.

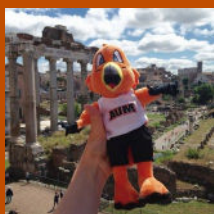
Additionally, AUM Study Abroad has greatly enhanced the level of international programming and opportunities on our home campus, hosting various events throughout the year to globalize students' perspectives.

Come see what we have to offer you!



[Study Abroad Program Information](#)

**AUM Study Abroad: Where the World Is Our Classroom**



# 2016 AUM Study Abroad Annual Report

We are # 3 in the State of Alabama and above the national average!

Way to go AUM!!

AUM Study Abroad participant numbers already exceed those of our peer institutions; however, universities that, only a decade ago, offered very few study abroad options are expanding their offerings and becoming competitors. In support of AUM's mission and strategic plan, Study Abroad's approach outlines a series of goals and initiatives to advance campus globalization by building on our steadily increasing participation in study abroad.

University	Total # of students	# Participants Study Abroad	%
Alabama A&M University	5,814	0	0
University of North Alabama	6,841	118	1.72
University of Montevallo	3,100	7	0.22
University of West Alabama	2,261	2	0.08
University of Alabama–Huntsville	7,348	42	0.57
<b>AUM</b>	<b>4,919</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>2.20</b>

In addition, AUM has surpassed the participation rates found at far larger universities in our state:

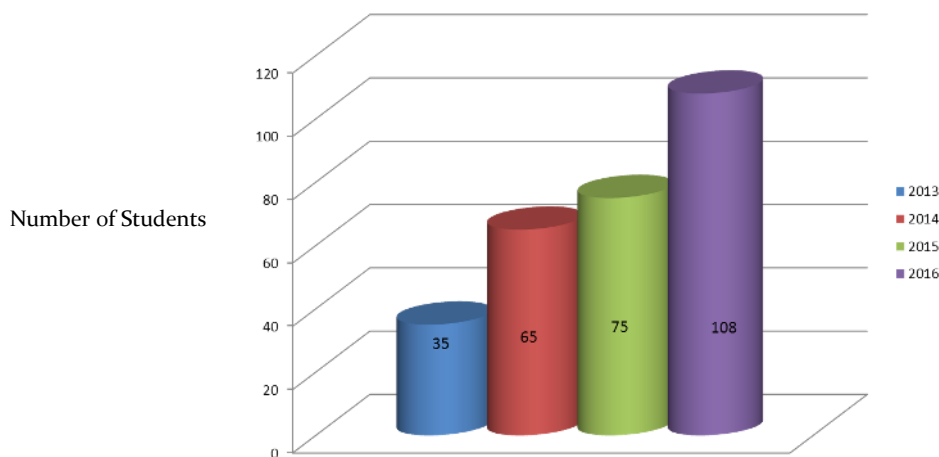
Troy University: 19,041 total enrollment and 0.78 percent participation in study abroad

University of Alabama—Birmingham: 18,698 total enrollment and 1.00 percent participation in study abroad

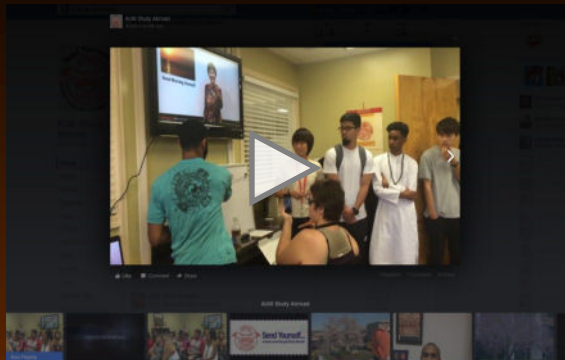
University of South Alabama : 15,805 total enrollment and 1.47 percent participation in study abroad

***Only the two state flagship universities, University of Alabama and Auburn University, have a higher percentage of participation than AUM.***

The 2015-2016 study abroad numbers for AAMU, University of North Alabama, University of Montevallo, University of West Alabama, University of Alabama-Huntsville are taken from Diane Sherman, Director of Research Service's report, publication pending.



**AUM Study Abroad Data from 2013–present**



Are you interested in learning Japanese for free? We offer free Japanese lessons every Monday from 12-1pm at the Global Education Center. Deirvin Davis is one of our teachers. Would you like to know how he got involved in this class?

At the end of his first semester, Deirvin saw a Study Abroad flyer and decided to sign up. His first trip abroad was to South Korea in 2015 during the summer. The same year, in the fall semester,

Deirvin decided to study in Japan on a long-term basis. When he returned from Japan, he was selected to be an intern at Disney World, and he believes that knowing

Japanese was an advantage for him to land the Disney job.

This year, Deirvin has decided to study abroad in Japan again during the summer. A native of Montgomery, Deirvin has traveled to four different countries in three years. He praises AUM for offering scholarships for their students to study abroad and help them to see the world from a different perspective.

Deirvin will soon be graduating in 2017 and will be looking for graduate school scholarships, and he believes that his Study Abroad experience is going to be beneficial in that process.

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## Recipe of the Semester

### *Chicken Tori Age* by Aya Takahashi and Hiroki Namakawa (exchange students from Japan)

#### Ingredients

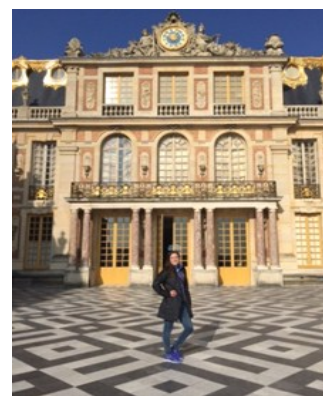
1/4 cup soy sauce (2 oz.)  
 1 1/2 Tbsp. grated peeled fresh ginger (about .75 oz.)  
 1 3/4 lb. boneless chicken with skin, cut into 1 1/2' cubes  
 1 cup all-purpose flour (about 5 oz.)  
 1 cup flour (about 5 oz.)  
 1 Tbsp. garlic powder  
 Vegetable oil (for frying)  
 Lemon wedges



#### Method

- Combine soy sauce, and ginger in a large bowl. Add chicken; toss to coat. Cover and chill for 4 hours.
- Whisk flour and next ingredients in a large bowl.
- Pour oil into a pot to a depth of 2". Heat oil to medium heat
- Drain chicken. Working in batches, dredge chicken pieces in flour mixture, shaking off excess. Working in batches, fry chicken, turning occasionally, until golden brown and cooked through, 8-9 minutes per batch.. Transfer chicken to a paper towel-lined plate. Serve with lemon wedges.

"I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to be a part of the study abroad trip to Germany, France, and England with the economics department this past March. The overall experience was a whirlwind of marvelous countryside, astounding cities rich with history, and an amazing educational experience. We spent time learning at the Frankfurt and London Stock Exchanges and the London School of Economics. Besides just learning and seeing economics in real-world applications, we were able to sightsee as well. While in Paris, we visited the Eiffel Tower, the Palace of Versailles, and the Louvre just to name a few of the sites. My favorite educational experience on the trip was when we were able to visit the London Stock Exchange. There we met with officials from the Exchange for a few hours and were able to learn more about the London Stock Exchange and how it compares to other stock exchanges. My favorite site to see was the Eiffel Tower. It absolutely beats any expectation that you might have of it. It left me completely awestruck as I stared up at its magnificent beauty. Professor Bates and the students that were on the trip made it wonderful and an experience of a lifetime." **Patricia Ward, Europe 2016**



I had the pleasure of spending three weeks in Tokyo, Japan under the guidance of Professor Donald Amoroso. As an MBA student and full-time employee at Sikorsky Aircraft, it was important to me to have another opportunity to study abroad. I was also excited about this program because it was short term, so I did not have to take off long from work and the tuition was covered by my company. In my undergraduate studies, I had the opportunity to travel to Rome, Italy and fell in love with traveling and different cultures. Even though this was not my first time traveling abroad or traveling to Japan, I had an amazing time and really experienced the culture firsthand during our university visits. I whole-heartedly recommend study abroad programs because it gives you the chance to experience how another culture/society lives. It forces you to appreciate differences and celebrate diversity of people and thought. **Briana Brown, Tokyo, Japan 2016**



"Life here is great and humbling. It's made me realize so many things I took for granted in America. The food is amazing, and okonomiyaki is my favorite food since I've been here so far!"

**Christopher Parker, Japan 2016**

### Child Advocacy Studies in Belize

College of Public Policy and Justice associate professor, Dr. Denise Davis-Maye and five of her students will be leaving for Belize this month on a Study Abroad and civic engagement project. This program is designed to provide comprehensive learning, including field experiences, scholarly inquiry, lectures, and interactions with the citizens of Belize. This opportunity is offered for students to enhance global perspectives and to participate in in-depth, examinations of issues which impact social, economic and educational development of girls and



**AUM Student working at  
Gulisi School, Belize**

women. Additionally, students will explore prominent philosophies and the patterns of responses used to address hunger, health, medical care, education, and other issues impacting people of developing and emerging economies. This project also offers an opportunity for students to implement a civic engagement project working with primary, secondary and college aged girls around issues of reproductive health and economic development. AUM students will earn 3 credit hours in SOCI 4440 Child Advocacy Studies.



**AUM Kinesiology students in  
Trinidad and Tobago, Summer 2016**





"I never imagined that I would be able to journey to such an historic and ancient world like China! Although not an international study-related student at AUM, I was thrilled to take advantage of this opportunity to apply towards my love and passion for history. Visiting such a location that is literally across the world from my home was at first intimidating; after all, I didn't know the language or much about the culture. But after readjusting from the jet lag, I found it easy to fall in

comfortably as a learning and intrigued foreigner. The greatest challenge was being looked upon as an outsider, but it also enhanced my appreciation for the diversity within the United States. Looking back on it now, I can proudly say I've accomplished what most put on their bucket lists: I visited the Forbidden City, ate unique foods, even made new friends among our host students and AUM family as well. Perhaps one of my favorite memories involves climbing down the Great Wall and hearing a passerby shout out: "War Eagle!" Imagine that! On an international scale, the SEC fever is present! I will also cherish my stay in such a distant and foreign land." **Madison Clark, China 2016**

"The amount of support I got from Study Abroad was just unbelievable; I wasn't expecting anything like that. Study Abroad itself, this club, these opportunities provided made this university feel more like home... It gives us a perfect opportunity to better ourselves in the future. When I got back from Mexico it changed everything. All these opportunities I got back offered from various big groups — it is amazing! I learned a new language, I got to see a whole new culture, I'm able to connect with a whole new group of people and nothing gets better than that. [My favorite memory is] and all the love I got there, and all the places I got to see in Mexico, new teachers I met, important contacts I made there. The program designed the trip so well there weren't any complications for us — our stay, and everything, was designed really well for the students, so the students didn't have to struggle, I didn't have to struggle. I was thinking about transferring to University of Texas. When I went to Mexico there were students from UT and when I spoke to them, none of them had this opportunity: this scholarship. The way AUM takes care of their students, UT wasn't doing that. So this love



and this support AUM Study Abroad gives to the students made me stay. And I can see that in the future trips, and being with Study Abroad, I have a lot more to learn from them than I would learn from UT. It is definitely worth it... I would say if you come back you will be a whole new version of yourself, a new and improved version. You will have a way better perspective about the world and you will just see everything in an even better way, just go." **Sizan Muhammad, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico 2016**

“Thanks to AUM Study Abroad and the OGI office, I had the great pleasure of studying in the beautiful Mexican state of Chiapas during the month of July 2016. During the weekdays, we



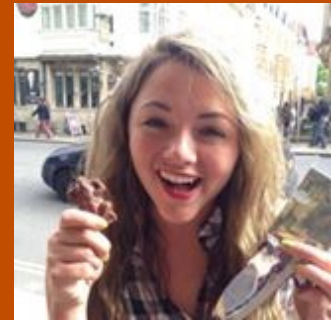
took Spanish classes at a private language school named Instituto Jovel in the city of San Cristóbal de Las Casas, and we took excursions to local Mayan towns on the weekends to learn about some of the indigenous cultures of Mexico.

My first study abroad experience in San Cristóbal during the summer of 2014 sparked a period of immense growth in my understanding and speaking of the Spanish language, and both trips have profoundly impacted my worldview and my understanding of the ‘other.’ Before these trips, I had never understood what it meant to be the ‘other’—the foreigner, the outsider, the one with the funny accent. Living the experience of the foreigner firsthand has allowed my compassion for others to grow and my desire to incorporate the marginalized to flourish. I wish that I knew how to accurately express my gratitude to the faculty and staff of Auburn University at Montgomery for extending to me these life changing experiences. ¡Viva México! Y ¡Viva AUM!”

**Rebecca May, Chiapas - Mexico, Summer 2016**



**Seven AUM students travelled through England, Germany, and France, 2016**



**"Going through Addison's Walk was like touring a part of the country that was isolated from the entire world."**

**Sara “Nikki” Headley, Oxford 2016**



**AUM students in Costa Rica, 2016**



**AUM Students in Japan, Summer 2016**

# AUM Fourth Annual Study Abroad Fair

AUM's Fourth Annual Study Abroad Fair was held on 21 September at the Taylor Center, with more than 500 people attended. Significantly, a few local community college faculty members and students also attended our fair, planning to join AUM study abroad trips next year.



**Faculty and Students at the fair**



**Alabama Community College Students visiting our admissions table at the Study Abroad Fair**

During the event, we showcased the 2017 Study Abroad programs to prospective students. Also, students learned skills from other cultures, such as how to roll sushi and make rice balls. Additionally, students had

the opportunity of tasting Korean noodles, Sri Lankan chickpea curry, applying henna tattoos, learning Origami, primping at the photo booth with international props, and participating in many other cultural activities. The Peace Corps also attended our fair, and one of our staff members, Pat Kicker, who will be retiring next year, said she and her husband may consider participating in a Peace Corps project in the future. There are so many opportunities at AUM! You need to come and explore them with Study Abroad!



“During my time as an AUM Study Abroad student, I journeyed to Ulsan, South Korea, for the month of July in the summer of 2016. This was my first time ever leaving the country without my family. I was initially happy, yet scared because of my lack of experience in an Asian country; however, those feelings turned into excitement when I was there. . . . That whole experience was worth it! During my time, I was learning the culture by going to



different places like Onggi Village, Whale Museum, and Lotte Water Park. Weeknights were spent hanging out with native Koreans and foreigners alike, practicing my Korean — especially when I had to order my own food. This experience helped me grow and taught me not to take life so seriously. I can say without a doubt that this is one of the best first steps I have taken so far!”

**Jwan Boddie, Ulsan - South Korea, Summer 2016**

## 2017 Plans

We are expecting to have Alabama community college students be part of AUM's Study Abroad programs, and this will help to build closer connections with local institutions and serve as the basis for a consortium forged with all the community colleges in Alabama for study abroad trips.

**Come join us.**

**AUM  
Study Abroad**



**AUM Honors Students in Rome, 2016**

### **2017 faculty-led (scholarships available)**

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### **2017 Exchange Programs (scholarships available)**

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