Office/Department:  Center for Global Engagement – Fall, Spring, and Summer

Director:  Taryn Roberts

Mission Statement: The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) at James Madison University is committed to the principle that international experiences and perspectives are essential to any undergraduate and graduate education.

The mission of the CGE is to broaden worldviews and promote global understanding for the JMU community by cultivating, facilitating, and supporting global engagement at home and abroad.

Functional areas included in this office/department:  Study Abroad Programs

1. Students who participate in this experience will gain understanding of student affairs as a profession and the influence student affairs has on contemporary higher education through the following tasks and activities:
   - Knowledge and understanding of study, internship, work and volunteer abroad opportunities
   - Policies and regulations that govern international education and opportunities
   - Research and data about the benefits of study abroad
   - Promote and market international education and opportunities

Major Projects may include:

- **Study Abroad Ambassadors** – Practicum students will provide leadership with our study abroad ambassador program. They will organize and lead our weekly Global Dukes, our monthly Global Ambassador meetings, and the specific strategies of each committee (marketing, alumni, design, etc.).

- **Info Sessions and Advising** – Students visit our office throughout the academic year for drop-in advising. We hold walk-in and appointment-based advising. Practicum students will be able to observe and lead advising session for students interested in studying abroad. They will also have the opportunity to create and deliver presentations related to study abroad around campus. There is a higher volume of advising during the fall semester.

- **Study Abroad Events and Programming** – The Study Abroad Office holds various events and programming in both the fall and spring semester for students, parents, and faculty. The practicum students will participate in the planning and implementation of these events.

- **Alumni** – Practicum students will have responsibility for overseeing our communication and event planning for recent study abroad alumni, especially those who participated in the previous academic year. This responsibility can include regular email updates, organizing social events, planning and marketing events geared towards alumni interested
in international careers and managing our social media handles/groups for study abroad alumni.

- **Research** – Practicum students will oversee a project that involves researching the benefits of study abroad. This information will be used to update our marketing materials.

- **Marketing and Design** – Practicum students have the ability to get involved with our social media, website, and advertising/promotion. Specific needs can include design of our advertisements for the Breeze (student newspaper), overseeing our study abroad posts on Instagram/Facebook/Twitter, and editing our website.

2. **Students who participate in this experience will be exposed to the purposeful application of the following student development, career development, counseling and/or organizational theories:**

   - Perry’s Theory of Intellectual and Ethical Development
   - Chickering’s theory of Identity Development
   - Kolb’s Theory of Experiential Learning
   - Crisis intervention
   - Counseling Theories/Techniques

3. **Students assigned to this site will be able to participate in the following assessment and/or evaluation projects:**

   - Beliefs, Events, and Values Inventory (BEVI)
   - Study Abroad Semester program evaluations
   - Study Abroad Short Term program evaluations

4. **Students who participate in this experience will be evaluated and provided on-going feedback in the following ways:**

   - One on one weekly meetings with director and/or assistant director
   - Weekly staff meetings
   - Practicum evaluation

5. **Specific expectations of students assigned to this site include:**

   - Cultural Awareness
   - Maintaining confidentiality
   - Ability to work some nights and weekends
   - Complete work in a timely manner
   - Work independently when needed

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