Switzerland: Computing & Information Systems
Open to: CS or IS students

TELL ME ABOUT THIS PROGRAM
Zurich, Switzerland — This program is a two-way exchange of a cohort group of students from both GVSU and the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW). A group of 10-12 students from GVSU travel for an intense two-week course in Data Warehouse. In that course GVSU students are joined by 10-12 students from ZHAW. Both groups of students then return to Allendale for a two-week course in Data Visualization. In addition to lectures and lab time, there will be field trips to the unique features of the country. In addition to geographic and cultural experiences, the students will have the opportunity to visit unique sites related to the discipline. For example, while touring the Swiss Alps, students visit a secure cloud data center. So while they learn how to build cloud-based infrastructure in the course, the get to actually see one of the world’s most secure cloud data center, 1,000 feet deep in the Alps, in a former Swiss military command center designed to withstand a nuclear attack.

Cultural Information

WHEN CAN I GO?
June 28 - July 14, 2018
(2 weeks in Switzerland)

July 15 - 27, 2018
(2 weeks in Michigan)

WHERE WILL I LIVE?
Students will live in apartments near campus.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?
Open to all majors. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required. GVSU is happy to extend this opportunity to non-GVSU students.

HOW DO I APPLY?
To apply for this program, log on to www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad to begin your online application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE (2018 Program): February 1, 2018

Non-GVSU Students are welcome to apply. Please view Non-GVSU Student Information.

WHAT CREDITS WILL I RECEIVE?
Students will register for a total of six (6) credits:
CIS 380-01: Big Data Analytics (3 credits) two weeks in Zurich AND
CIS 380-02: Data Mining/Visual Analytics (3 credits) two weeks in Allendale

Language of instruction: English

HOW MUCH DOES THE PROGRAM COST?
The approximate fee for this program is Program Fee: $3,808.

Includes
- Airfare
- Housing in Switzerland
- Meals
- Field trips

Other Expenses
- GVSU Tuition - 6 credits ($3,150)
- Passport ($140)
- Additional meals ($100)
- Personal expenses ($200)
- ISIC card - optional ($28)

Total Estimated Cost: TOTAL PROJECTED COST (Program Fee + Other Expenses) = $7,426

FINANCIAL AID
To contact the Financial Aid office, email finaid@gvsu.edu with “Study Abroad” in the Subject line. Include your G Number and Total Projected Cost of the program in the e-mail.

Non-GVSU Students: Non-GVSU students admitted for study abroad are not eligible for Financial Aid from GVSU. Check with your home school’s study abroad and financial aid offices for details on applying for financial aid from your home school toward study abroad program costs.

Financial Aid FAQs

GRANTS
FACULTY-LED PROGRAM GRANT (up to $1,500): All degree-seeking students who apply to their faculty-led program by the priority deadline are automatically considered for a grant of up to $1,500 from the Padnos International Center. Students must have a current FAFSA on file to be eligible. No application required.

COMPUTER SCIENCE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP ($1,000 average): Scholarships are available to CS and IS majors who study abroad at an institution of higher learning in another country. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide students with greater opportunities in their study of computer science or information systems. APPLY NOW

James F. and Virginia L. Goode Global Programs Scholarship: The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial pressure on students and their families and make a Grand Valley education accessible to students from all backgrounds. This need-based scholarship will ensure that financial need does not become a barrier to intellectual and personal growth for students planning to study abroad. MyScholarships: https://gvsu.academicworks.com/opportunities/10186

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