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NEW EXCHANGE PROGRAMS INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDY ABROAD

In the past year, UNH has increased its [exchange program portfolio](#) to seven with the development of three new exchange programs in Japan, China, and Brazil (with one more in the works in Wales).

These often lower-cost study abroad opportunities challenge students with a more independent, highly immersive immersion experience. UNH students enroll directly at our foreign university partner, independently navigating academics, extracurricular life and travel with general support from the partner university's international student office. Participating on an exchange program can be a profound, growth-enhancing undertaking for students, and UNH is proud to have developed new partnerships to make these opportunities available.



Saitama University, just a short train-ride from Tokyo, is one of Japan's most innovative institutions. Unique among Japanese universities, Saitama has thriving liberal arts and interdisciplinary educational programs. With its moderate size (9,000 students), generous scholarship opportunities, dynamic student life, and recreation facilities, Saitama is an ideal fit for UNH students interested in Japanese language and culture. Students live in an international dorm and have a dedicated RA who helps them integrate into campus life and Japanese culture.



Chengdu University (CDU), in Sichuan Province, China, is UNH's partner with the Confucius Institute, a Chinese non-profit educational institution housed in the College of Liberal Arts. Out of this partnership grew an undergraduate exchange program in which students have the opportunity to be immersed in Chinese language and culture at an excellent university in Chengdu—one of China's most livable large cities. Chengdu is home to a Giant Panda breeding research center and sanctuaries, delicious Sichuan cuisine and the gateway to much of the remote cultural treasures of china's southwest region.

With focused studies in all aspects of music and immersion in Portuguese language and Brazilian culture, UNH's exchange with University of São Paulo Ribeirão Preto grew out of collaborations between UNH's and USP-RP's Departments of Music. This program provides lots of small group interaction with professors and Brazilian students, and participation in



extra-curricular activities, including Filarmônica, Jazz Band, Grupuri (percussion group), and several choirs.

“Studying at USP gave me the freedom to reinvent and redefine myself as a university student. The students in the music department are diligent yet social, and I never felt lonely for lack of a friend. During my stay at USP I fell in love with Brazil itself, and I now more fully understand the importance of engaging with diverse cultures, opinions, and experiences.”

~ Melody Alicia Chapin, Music '10

For more information on these new programs, or UNH’s longstanding exchange programs at Lancaster University, England; Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland; and Utrecht University, The Netherlands, please visit the [CIE website](#) or contact Catherine D’Auteuil, the Coordinator of Student Programs at international.exchange@unh.edu.

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