

## LAEP Travel Requirement

### Educational Objective

One of the major LAEP departmental goals is to give students perspective and insight in the way they evaluate and analyze physical environments. Travel is a way for students to test these very specialized skills and to add to their body of experience by seeing new and different ways of applying planning and design principles as they relate to cultural influences.

Students should review the requirements presented in the USU General Catalog.

### Travel Requirement

Both the undergraduate and graduate curricula include a requirement for a minimum of 1 credit of travel and study outside of the bioregion. This travel requirement can be satisfied by one or both of the following courses, depending upon the specific content of the course at the time of offering. (Check with the department for specific information).

LAEP 4350 / 6550 Travel Course (F,Sp,Su) .....	1-3 cr
LAEP 4900 / 6900 Special Problems (F,Sp,Su) .....	1-5 cr

### Study Abroad

The department currently has a cooperative agreement with the Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia and the international Master of Landscape Architecture at Anhalt University of Applied Sciences, where students can study for a semester. Approved courses of study in design and planning programs offered by other institutions may count toward the travel requirement; however, course substitutions are subject to faculty approval.

### University of Ljubljana

The Department of Landscape Architecture at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia is an exchange for students in the LAEP program. The University of Ljubljana was founded in 1919 on the basis of centuries of educational tradition, remaining the only Slovenian university for half a century. The University is based in Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, a relatively large Central-European city with over 300,000 inhabitants. More than 63,000 graduate and postgraduate students of 22 faculties, 3 academies and 1 university college account for more than one-seventh of the population, giving the city a youthful and lively character. Ljubljana is a city of

cyclists, and there are bike lanes and special traffic lights everywhere. For further information regarding this study abroad experience contact Caroline Lavoie at [caroline.lavoie@usu.edu](mailto:caroline.lavoie@usu.edu).

### **Anhalt University of Applied Sciences**

The international Master of Landscape Architecture at Anhalt University of Applied Sciences is an exchange for both graduate and undergraduate students in the LAEP program, and the curriculum emphasizes design and the European context with current and innovative landscape and urban design of landscape architecture. This program is taught in English to an international student body. Studio projects focus on urban design and landscape planning issues facing German cities and regional governments. Course work is supplemented with excursions to historic parks and cities as well as tours of current urban design projects in German and European cities.

Anhalt University offers a campus leaning environment near the historic town of Bernburg on the Saale River. The campus is set in an agricultural landscape with close proximity to Berlin and Leipzig as well as the Harz Mountains. Easy access to public transportation and bicycle networks provide students with the ability to explore the cities of Germany and neighboring countries in their free time. For further information regarding this study abroad experience contact Barty Warren-Kretzschmar at [barty.warren@usu.edu](mailto:barty.warren@usu.edu).

### **Faculty-Sponsored Field Study Travel**

The department has a long tradition of a professionally oriented field study trip outside of our bioregion, which is offered for students as LAEP 4350/6550. The annual trip alternates between domestic and international destinations. Recent domestic trips have included New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles/San Diego, Portland/Seattle, Boston, and Chicago, and last from seven to ten days either over Spring Break or immediately after spring commencement. Recent international field study experiences, which typically occur for two weeks immediately after spring commencement, have included Mexico (2010), Italy (2011), China (2013), Germany (2015), and Spain and Portugal (planned for 2017)

### **Individual Travel**

The Department recognizes that some students may encounter unique opportunities to travel to exceptional landscapes across the globe, and thus may seek to propose their own Individual Travel plans. Students desiring to count Individual Travel toward their degree will need to enroll for LAEP 4350/6550 (Travel Course). Prior to enrollment, however, students must submit a detailed proposal for individual travel/study to the LAEP Travel Coordinator for review and approval. The content, objectives, and outcomes of the proposal will be evaluated for consistency with the educational objectives of the travel program.

Individual Travel is a special exception offered for instances of unusually valuable travel experiences. As with Faculty sponsored travel, it is focused on the learning experience above anything else, including costs and convenience. An Individual Travel Proposal should focus in establishing and explaining the unique learning opportunities the student will find with the individual trip. Learning experiences of an individual trip need to rise to the level of faculty led trips in content, scope, and depth.

Further information regarding Individual Travel may be found here [\[link\]](#)