Quarter/trimester programs provide calendar options

ACM now has three quarter/trimester programs — in Chicago, Costa Rica, and Florence — tailored for students at colleges that are not on a semester schedule. All offer the excellent curricula, faculty, and facilities that students enjoy on ACM’s semester programs at those sites.

Credit for all ACM quarter/trimester programs is equivalent to a quarter/trimester on the home campus. Contact ACM and/or your college’s Registrar regarding the amount and distribution of quarter/trimester credit.

So many of the most valuable experiences I took away from my experience [on the ACM Florence program] happened outside the classroom. I didn’t realize how deeply my sense of what I ‘have’ to do with my life would be challenged, and how eternally grateful I am for that.”

Mariko Conner, Carleton College
Florence, Winter quarter/trimester 2010

“I don’t know of any other study abroad program that my school offers where you can do hands-on research under the close supervision of an advisor and receive help from so many other people. Not to mention the invaluable Spanish skills I gained from my class and from the prolonged conversations with my host family members and my ‘Tico’ friends.

The paper I wrote was already accepted for a presentation at an international conference and has high chances of being published in a scientific journal, which I believe is a great early beginning for my career as a researcher. I am really glad I decided to join this ACM program in this heavenly country!”

Raluca Oprinca, Knox College
Costa Rica, Spring quarter/trimester 2010

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Chicago Program: 
Arts, Entrepreneurship, 
& Urban Studies
Offered in the Spring quarter/trimester
A dynamic city built on innovation and creativity, Chicago boasts a lively and accessible arts scene, a long tradition of community-based leadership and activism, and businesses ranging from small start-ups to major corporations.
Students can focus on one of the Chicago Program’s areas of emphasis — Arts, Entrepreneurship, Urban Studies — or participate in classwork and projects across all three.
The program’s experiential, interdisciplinary approach enables students to examine the big issues facing cities today and relate those issues to their own lives, education, and career aspirations.

Florence: Arts in Context
Offered in the Winter quarter/trimester
There is no better place to study medieval and Renaissance art, history, and literature than in the city where the Renaissance comes alive — Florence. Nearly every day, field trips and on-site classes take students to museums, galleries, palaces, and churches.
At the same time, students experience the beauty and excitement of contemporary Italian culture by living in an Italian household, studying Italian language, and taking excursions in and around Florence and to Rome.
The term begins with three weeks of intensive Italian language instruction prior to the start of the other courses, which are taught in English.

Costa Rica
Field Research in the Environment, Social Sciences, & Humanities
Offered in the Spring quarter/trimester
The spring program in Costa Rica offers independent field research and cultural immersion in a country known for its friendly people, open and democratic government, and ecological diversity.
Students begin the spring quarter/trimester in the capital city of San José, polishing their Spanish and planning their research projects, before spending a month in the field conducting research. They return to San José for the last three weeks of the program to analyze their data and write their final papers.
Prominent research specialists and scholars serve as advisors, assisting students in all aspects of the research process.
Throughout the program, students live with Costa Rican families and participate in a variety of field trips.

For course descriptions, research opportunities, and a list of research advisors, visit
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