

Furman University Study Away Program: Academic, Environmental, Physical & Health Expectations

**Program:** Art and Observation in New York City  
**Dates:** May 13-June 3, 2020

Request accommodations through the Student Office for Accessibility Resources (SOAR)

**Course Description:** This course studies the techniques of visual analysis, based on art history practices. By observing depictions of the human body, students will learn to look closely, better organize their visual experiences, and effectively communicate this information. May Experience ONLY. 2 credits.

**Program Description:** Working among the art collections of New York City, students will learn how to look more deeply and accurately. Given our highly visual world, visual literacy is often assumed, but rarely developed. Using art historical techniques, we will focus on learning to see, as well as how to communicate your observations more effectively. Students are pushed beyond their comfort zone by looking at different kinds of art and learn to analyze materials firsthand, building conclusions through their own interrogative process. Three sessions will be held in the special collections library of the New York Academy of Medicine, where students will have the opportunity to study their rare prints and images, and contribute a post to the Academy’s blog. We will also work with the Carter Center for Aging, where students will meet with staff members to discuss the role of art and design during the care and rehabilitation of their patients.

	Frequency						
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Optional	Recommended	Required
Course work in a foreign language	X						
Course work in English				X			X
Use of laptop				X			X
Use of smart device			X			X	
Traditional Classroom		X					
Indoor Course Work				X			X
Outdoor Course Work		X					
Group Work				X			X
Presentations			X				X
Interactions with local residents			X				X
Field Work	X						
Internship	X						
Research			X				X
Comments:							

	Frequency				
STUDY AWAY ENVIRONMENT	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Foreign Language Environment	X				
Mountainous	X				
Tropical	X				
Desert	X				
Urban					X
Rural	X				
High Elevation	X				
Dusty	X				
Air Pollution			X		
Recent Terrorism		X			
Mosquito Borne Risk of Illness	X				
Earthquakes	X				
Other Natural Disaster	X				
Comments:					

	Frequency				
PHYSICAL EXPECTATIONS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Daily
Lifting luggage		X			
Carrying luggage up stairs		X			
Carrying equipment	X				
Carrying groceries			X		
Standing 30+ minutes					X
Walking 1+ miles				X	
Hiking (easy)	X				
Hiking (strenuous)	X				
Sitting 5+ hours	X				
Use of public transportation					X
Flat terrain	X				
Hilly terrain	X				
Stairs			X		
Comments: New York is an urban environment. We do lots of city walking, take public transportation, & be on our feet in museums.					

	Frequency				
HEALTH & DIET	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
Vegetarian Options				X	
Vegan Options				X	
Food Allergy Accommodations					X
Group Meals			X		
Cooking for oneself			X		
Host family prepares meals	X				
Healthcare easily accessible					X
Comments:					

	Frequency				
LIVING ARRANGEMENTS	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always
Host Family	X				
Roommate	X				
Shared Apartment	X				
Dormitory					X
Camping	X				
Hotel	X				
Cell phone signal available					X
Internet signal available					X
Comments: Students are usually housed in the equivalent of a youth hostel or YMCA and typically share a room with another Furman student.					

Frequency					
WATER ACTIVITIES	Never	Seldom	Often	Optional	Required
Swimming	X				
Snorkeling	X				
SCUBA	X				
Boating (speed boat)	X				
Rowing	X				
Comments:					
<b>Center for Disease Control Recommendations:</b> travelers to be up to date and routine vaccinations. Avoid mosquito bites.					