



VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES

virtual solutions for embedded faculty-led study abroad programs



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This Virtual Study Abroad Program is designed and operated by the CEPA Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization.



Virtual Study Abroad Solutions



CEPA's traditional study abroad proposal is converted to a virtual mode, offering innovative solutions for study abroad programs by bringing Europe to your classroom. Our customization signature and traditional highlights are preserved in our virtual offers.

The European key destinations and activities, as well as the content, format and agenda of the virtual program, remain tailored to the faculty needs.

CEPA's local coordinators undertake new tasks as Cultural Ambassadors, virtually available to enhance the group's cultural experience in the chosen destination(s).

Organized by modules containing specific synchronous and asynchronous activities, the CEPA virtual platform is easy to access and user friendly.

CEPA's virtual solutions are a new asset to study abroad. More accessible in many ways, they give students the opportunity of an international experience while staying in their home country. Virtual solutions can also be part of a blended-program, strengthening students' knowledge and preparing them virtually for the in-person part of the program.

We look forward to continue providing our partner universities with engaging and meaningful study abroad opportunities in Europe and beyond through CEPA's virtual study abroad solutions.



Students and faculty are now able to pursue their study abroad experiences in a virtual format.



Customized components will virtually transport faculty and students to Europe.



Online activities are designed to fit the syllabus and contribute to the curriculum's internationalization.



“Connect & Exchange” live sessions offer a unique moment to interact with European experts, lecturers and local actors.



The Cultural Ambassador’s personal touch facilitates a special cultural connection with the destination.



A CEPA Program Manager facilitates institutional connections, content support and coordination.



A CEPA dedicated easy-to-use web platform serves as a virtual classroom hosting the virtual solution.



VIRTUAL STUDY ABROAD SOLUTIONS

DESIGN

CEPA, in collaboration with the university and the faculty leader will design and produce a customized virtual study abroad solution. A CEPA dedicated easy-to-use web platform will serve as a virtual classroom containing the chosen modules, activities and resources offered in CEPAs virtual study abroad solution.



MATERIAL, ACTIVITIES & FORMAT

WHAT?

- connect & exchange sessions
- Q&A & interview sessions
- expert presentations
- guest lectures
- guided tours
- institutional visits
- discussion forums
- roundtables
- symposium
- workshops
- audio-visuals
- infographics
- group activities
- self-assessments
- projects
- surveys
- PDFs

HOW?

- virtual or blended
- CEPA virtual learning platform
- virtual modules
- synchronous & asynchronous
- self-paced & guided

The faculty leader indicates the theme for the CEPA virtual study abroad offer and can choose the type of activities for each module. The virtual modules can be customized based on the faculty's needs and preferences. The study abroad program can also be blended (virtual and in-person).

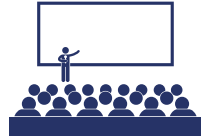
EVALUATION

Virtual modules will have a brief online survey at the end for students and faculty to provide constructive feedback on the modules, based on their experience. CEPA will analyze the feedback to evaluate the quality of its virtual offer for quality assurance purposes.

Roles

The University and Faculty Leader

The faculty leader and/or study abroad officer chooses the CEPA virtual study abroad solution. They monitor and guide the students' learning progress through the virtual activities. CEPA's virtual study abroad solution can be integrated into the course syllabus and contribute to the internationalization of the curriculum.



CEPA Program Manager

A dedicated program manager will be the main contact throughout the program development, delivery and closing, and will facilitate institutional connections, content support and coordination. They oversee the effective and timely set up of the virtual offer, help coordinate with the institutions and experts, and schedule live activity sessions. The program manager also provides overall technical assistance, supporting the work of the faculty, students and experts.



Cultural Ambassador

A cultural ambassador at the destination will bring a personal touch and connection with the city and country in various virtual formats (live and pre-recorded). They will carry out creative activities virtually with the students and the faculty.



Customized Virtual Modules

VIRTUAL MODULES

CONTENT

ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCTION

Introduction to the CEPA program manager, the virtual learning platform and the virtual study abroad program.

Connect & Exchange
Audio-visual material
Documentation
Technical Support Forum

MODULE LIFE & CULTURE

Introduction to the Cultural Ambassador. First impressions of the study abroad destination and shared experience of life and culture through the eyes of your Ambassador: food, leisure, art and culture, touristic sites and monuments, markets, history, economy, education, etc.

Connect & Exchange
Guided tours
Presentations
Discussion forum
Self-assessments
Audio-visual material
Documentation
Module survey

MODULE DESTINATION

MODULE LECTURES

Overview of the guest lecturers and topics. Thematic lectures based on the expertise of the guest lecturer. Introduction to the institutions and virtual visits to organizations, companies, monuments or other, which can include interviews, presentations and/or talks with guest experts. These sessions can be done live or be pre-recorded based on the availability of the experts and institutions and time differences.

Connect & Exchange
Presentations
Interviews
Q&As
Workshops
Roundtables
Symposium
Self-assessments
Audio-visual material
Documentation
Module survey

MODULE VISITS

MODULE TALKS & INTERVIEWS

FINAL PROJECT

Wrapping-up and project presentations.

Final projects
Presentations
Final survey

Virtual Components Glossary

Connect and Exchange

Live sessions will provide a unique interaction with experts, lecturers and local actors.

Expert Lectures, Presentations, Q&A, Interviews

CEPA will coordinate with guest experts to hold sessions on selected themes based on their expertise. These sessions can be live or be pre-recorded based on the availability of the experts and time difference.

Institutional Visits

Visits can be carried out virtually to European institutions and international organizations. A CEPA guide will visit these places and record the visit, which can include exchanges with staff that work in the institutions. The visits can be done live or can be pre-recorded based on the availability of the institutions and time difference.



Roundtables

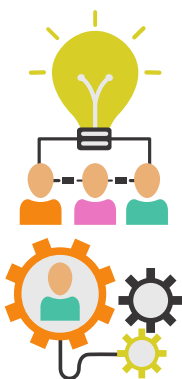
Live roundtables are a great opportunity for students to discuss in an informal setting to examine key issues, challenges and opportunities related to a specific topic. Guest experts can also join the discussion.

Symposium

The symposium features a variety of virtual presentations from keynote speakers, dynamic panel discussions, and active dialogues with other students, scholars, politicians, and business leaders from Europe.

Workshops

A hands-on guided activity that can be done live and/or offline in student groups with the guiding support of the faculty leader and a guest expert.





Discussion Forums

This thematic non-moderated discussion forum allows faculty and students to interact with each other regarding the course content and/or specific topics depending on the module. Students could also start related topic discussions.

Technical Support Forum

In this forum faculty and students can address their questions to CEPA about technical issues related to the program's virtual learning platform

Module Surveys

Virtual modules will have a brief online survey at the end for students to provide constructive feedback on that module based on their experience. CEPA will analyze the feedback to evaluate the quality of its virtual offer for quality assurance purposes.



Virtual learning platform

CEPA offers a dedicated easy-to-use web platform that serves as a virtual classroom with all modules, material, activities and resources related to the virtual study abroad solution. CEPA's virtual offer will further enhance the faculty's course syllabus and the group's unique international virtual experience.