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1. 'Study' may encompass comic books or snowboarding.
2. 'Abroad' may include Utah, Miami or Hawaii.

Colleges are pitching a new kind of semester away—in the U.S. Hannah Karp on dog-sled class, strapped parents and culture shock in L.A.

TWO WEEKS into his exchange program, Ross Schatz says he feels "haggard." Economics major Ryan Pergola has a headache. And Michael Nord says his brain hurts.

"I fell on my head real bad," says Mr. Nord, a University of Minnesota senior who had been attempting a "heel grab" in the snowboard park. As for Mr. Pergola's head: "I had six beers on the mountain," says the 21-year-old from Tampa Bay, Fla.

Forget Paris: They are spending the semester in Utah on a new "study abroad alternative" program offered by Westminster College in

Salt Lake City. The liberal arts school requires students to take a full load of classes, but promises no class on Fridays and provides students with season passes to two resorts, Nordic jumping clinics and Sundance Film Festival screenings.

The year-old program is one of many new domestic opportunities for college students, mostly juniors, who want a break from their own campuses but are hesitant, for a variety of reasons, to leave the U.S. Many of the programs are hosted by universities that can pair classwork (jazz in New Orleans, entertainment law in Los Angeles) with easy access to activities like surfing, snowboarding,

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Above: In Utah, a student from Westminster College's "study abroad alternative."