Why study abroad?
Studying abroad expands your understanding of the world and helps you develop usable skills, such as adaptability and intercultural communication, that are in high demand by employers and graduate programs.

Can I afford it?
Absolutely! Program fees vary greatly depending on the program, but with good planning an affordable study abroad experience is possible. Most types of financial aid can be applied to the programs offered through the UW, and there is a list of scholarships available to students studying abroad on our website. Be sure to plan ahead! Make an appointment with us and we can help you start your scholarship search, both Study Abroad Advising and the UWB Writing and Communication Center can help polish up application essays.

What kinds of programs are there?
With over 500 programs approved for UW students you are bound to find something that fits your needs.

**UW Faculty-Led Programs:**
- Short-term (2 weeks)
- Early Fall Exploration Seminars (3-4 weeks)
- Summer Term A or B (4-5 weeks)
- Quarter-long

**Partner Programs:** Semester long programs organized by other groups or companies

**University Exchanges:** Semester / year long programs at UW partnering universities

**Internships Abroad:** Quarter long professional placements through Omprakash, CIEE, IES, etc.

Though not necessarily run through the UW, REU undergraduate research abroad is another fully funded opportunity students may pursue.

When can I study abroad?
You can study abroad any time during your college career and we have programs ranging from a couple weeks to a full year, all of which guarantee UW credits. We encourage students to consider studying abroad early in their college career so the opportunity is available to study abroad again if they desire. There may be more flexibility in course scheduling during a student’s first couple of years while they complete the general area of knowledge requirements. It is important to meet with your academic advisor to make sure your study abroad credits will fit well with your academic schedule. If you love it the first time, you may want to consider an internship or even REU undergraduate research abroad.

Do I need to know a foreign language?
Not necessarily. While many exchanges and partner programs may have a foreign language requirement, there are plenty of programs primarily in English. Study abroad does provide a fantastic chance to start learning a new language as you will practice the native language when speaking with locals. A lot of programs also incorporate introductory language lessons into their curriculum.

How do I start?
Explore! Follow the link at the bottom of this page to review the tips and resources, search for programs, or set up an appointment to meet with a Study Abroad Advisor. Questions to consider when looking for a program:
- What do I want to study?
- How long do I want to go?
- Do I prefer to go with a UW group or have an independent experience?
Biological and Physical Science Programs of Interest
Please note that the programs listed are just a sample of what the UW offers

**Biological and Physical Science Programs of Interest**

**Biology Rome: Ecology in the Mediterranean Sea**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Quarter | Italy*

The program will focus on the ecology of the Mediterranean Sea, including basic concepts in ecology and oceanography, and how these concepts are illustrated by the Mediterranean and its biota. The goal of understanding changes in the Mediterranean ecosystems over historical time.

**Bioengineering Nepal: Technology Development for Global Health**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Nepal*

This 3-week program, developed in conjunction with Kathmandu University and Dhalikhel Hospital, provides UW students an opportunity to explore the engineering solutions to problems in global health. UW students will observe different medical settings in Nepal and interact with medical professionals to identify and clarify their technological needs to improve health care delivery.

**The School for Field Studies - Biodiversity and Development in the Amazon**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Ecuador*

The Galápagos Islands and Quito will be your classroom. Witness the famous land iguanas and giant tortoises as you study the evolution of these unique species. Visit indigenous and traditional Andean communities to better understand the relationship between humans and their environment. Dive into the Pacific to get close to the marine life you will be learning about.

**Sustainable Energy in Japan**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Japan*

This program explores advanced topics in thermodynamics related to efficient and sustainable energy conversion systems. Topics cover in the program include fuels and combustion, wind and solar power, fuel cells, and storage. Student will learn about how power plants work, alternative and renewable energy technologies, and the role of regulation and energy markets.

**CHID Umbria: History and Human Ecologies in Central Italy**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Italy*

This program aims at providing the students with the possibility to critically explore a series of topics of interdisciplinary relevance through a direct and in-depth experience of the specificity of the territory and of the cultural history of the region of Umbria. Special emphasis will be given to the analysis of complex system of relations of this region binding ecosystems, cultural and societal dynamics within a historical perspective.

**SIT Study Abroad Nepal: Geoscience in the Himalaya -- Summer**
*Partner Program | Semester | Nepal*

This 4-week program offers the opportunity to explore the rich culture, biodiversity, and mountain views of the Bhutanese Himalayas surveying forests – which cover more than 70% of the landscape, visiting ancient shrines, and studying issues of conservation and ecological development in one of the most fascinating countries in the world.

**SIT Study Abroad Panama: Tropical Ecology, Marine Ecosystems, and Biodiversity Conservation**
*Partner Program | Semester | Panama*

Panama has some of the world’s most biodiverse and complex ecosystems, from highland cloud forests to Caribbean coral reefs. You will conduct seven weeks of field studies in five unique settings in Panama and Costa Rica. Learn how to estimate forest biodiversity, evaluate coral reef health, calculate mangrove carbon, identify tropical fish species, and quantify Neotropical mammal abundance among other skills.

**University College Dublin**
*Exchange Program | Semester or Year | Ireland*

UW has more than 70 student exchanges with universities around the world. University College Dublin, is acknowledged as a center of excellence for research, and its degrees are respected worldwide.

**CIEE Summer Tropical Ecology and Conservation In Monteverde**
*Partner Program | Summer Quarter | Costa Rica*

Spend the summer exploring Costa Rica’s diverse and imitable ecosystems and gain comprehensive insight into their conservation through theory, hands-on exposure, and direct experimentation.

**CIEE Open Campus Block Programs**
*Partner Program | Customizable Terms | Various Locations*

CIEE’s Open Campus Block programs allow you to design your very own study abroad - customize your courses, term length, and destinations! Earn credits in up to three amazing CIEE Global Institute locations around the world.

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