Business Study Abroad

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.

"The people you connect with abroad and the experiences you had together will prove beneficial to your future career."

– Jensen Fernandez, 2019
School of Business

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 UW-approved programs, 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:** Summer or semester programs organized by non-UW organizations

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

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

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.

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?

What degree requirements can study abroad fulfill?

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Business Programs of Interest

Please note that the programs listed are just a sample of what the UW offers

**Corporate Social Responsibility in Southeast Asia**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Thailand & Cambodia*
This three-week study tour will explore the concepts, practices and impacts of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs in Southeast Asia. Some of the trends and issues examined include urban poverty, literacy, public health, environmental stress, workplace health and safety issues, and migration.

**Business Australia: Business, Government & Society**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Australia*
Through this Exploration Seminar, students will use a “Business, Government & Society” paradigm to study and assess how and why Australia has been so successful, socially and economically. The program will travel up the East Coast of Australia, from Melbourne to Cairns. Along the way students will have the opportunity to discover the Land Down Under through company visits focused on highly successful businesses and through experiences that highlight Australia’s unique culture and landscape.

**Business Ireland: Ireland Globalization and Business**
*The Celtic Phoenix Takes Flight*
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Ireland*
This program allows students to meet with business executives to learn about the similarities as well as differences of conducting business in a global environment. There is also an opportunity for students to learn about Irish history, culture and understand why so many multinationals have located their European headquarters in Dublin, Ireland.

**Business India: Society and Organizations in the 21st Century**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | India*
This is a cohort style study abroad program where UW undergraduates and the Foster Program Directors will travel throughout India over the course of 3 weeks. Students will learn about Indian society, business and cultural through company and cultural visits in a truly hands on learning experience.

**Business Spain: Foster Barcelona Program with ALBA**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Summer Quarter | Spain*
Study through the Foster School in the heart of Barcelona, Spain at the ALBA Study Abroad Center for one quarter while taking required business classes. All classes incorporate exciting field studies and host local and international guest speakers. On this program, you’ll find local expert professors who teach in English and think in Spanish.

**Business Britain: Exploring Britain’s Post-Brexit Economy**
*UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | United Kingdom*
Based in London, this seminar will explore the theme of international business and innovation in Britain’s post-Brexit economy. Students will visit globally focused companies in a variety of industries, from manufacturing to financial services. After completing the seminar, students will have a greater understanding of the ways that global companies are evolving after Brexit and how innovation is driving change and contributing to global competitiveness.

**IES Berlin Program: Business, Sustainability and Innovation**
*Partner Program | Winter Quarter | Germany*
This Foster Partner Program has been designed to offer business, political science and communications credit through a lens of sustainability and innovation in the heart of this entrepreneurial capital city of Germany. Students will choose 3-4 courses out of 9 offered, all taught by IES Abroad Faculty.

**IES Open Campus Block Programs**
*Partner Program | Customizable Terms | Various Locations*
CIEE’s Open Campus Block programs allow you to design your 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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