Study Abroad Information

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 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 CIEE, IES, and more.

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?

“Studying abroad...has molded me to be closer to the woman I see myself being in the future.” Tulauoneone Tupolo, Greece, 2019

www.uwb.edu/globalinitiatives/abroad
General Programs of Interest
Please note that the programs listed are just a sample of what the UW offers

The Politics of Soccer in Spain, France, and Beyond
_UW Faculty-Led Program | Summer Term A | Spain, France_
Students approach soccer as a political and cultural phenomenon examining the ways in which the sport functions as a site for political contestation on regional, national, and international scales. This program also explores the politics of soccer elsewhere, including human rights violations, corruption surrounding recent and future world cups, and the exploitation of athletes from across the globe.

UW Bothell IAS Japan: "Glocal" Studies - Ehime Prefecture in National and Global Contexts
_UW Faculty-Led Program | Spring Break | Japan_
Students will study key historical, social, and cultural features of the Ehime Prefecture in Japan. The Ehime Prefecture exemplifies a mid-sized metropolitan region with global connections that compare and contrast with the Puget Sound region. This program will explore how regions with unique local culture also exemplify a global economy and culture in partnership with the Ehime University.

Rome in Residence
_UW Faculty-Led Program | Autumn, Winter, & Spring | Italy_
This program gives students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the experience of Rome creatively and adventurously. You have the opportunity to study in Rome while completing general education requirements in a full 15-credit quarter you can choose from five 5-credit courses within English Composition (C), Individuals & Societies (I&S), and Visual, Literary & Performing Arts (VLPA). Open to all years, and all majors.

LSJ Geneva: Gender, disability, and age inclusion in human rights & development
_UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Switzerland_
Geneva offers the perfect site for understanding human rights and the international organizations that promote them around the world. Students will visit the headquarters of some of the most significant actors on the global stage to more fully understand these international institutions and will take a critical approach by focusing on the intersection of gender, disability, and age in recognition people often face significant barriers to human rights and development.

SEFS Costa Rica: Natural and Cultural History of Costa Rica
_UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Costa Rica_
This program engages students with the natural and cultural history of Costa Rica through exploration, observation, and living with local Costa Ricans in a 5 credit Natural World Individuals and Society course. In this program it is not expected that you have any previous Spanish knowledge but does have the aspect of building your ability to speak and understand Spanish. You will explore ecotourism while expanding your writing competency and natural history.

CHID Prague: History, Memory, and Human Rights
_UW Faculty-Led Program | Fall/Spring Quarter | Czech Rep_
Immersing yourself in Prague and the other great Central European cities – Vienna, Krakow, Budapest, and Berlin – in order to develop a complex understanding of the dynamic historical, cultural and political life of Central Europe.

CIEE Global Internship Program in Berlin, Germany
_CIEE Internship | Semester | Germany_
This program incorporates an intensive academic internship that offers opportunity for professional and skills development, and a real-world work experience in a local or multi-national organization.

SIT Study Abroad Indonesia: Arts, Religion, and Social Change
_Partner Program | Semester | Indonesia_
This program tours Indonesia’s astounding dynamics of a highly pluralistic society in one of the most visually arresting, culturally rich and biodiverse parts of the planet. This semester long incursion explores the vast variety of Indonesian arts, including processions to the river, the making of tall and beautiful rice ornaments, and dance performances lasting late into the night. Discover the program base, Bali, as it is known for its beautiful rice terraces, beaches, mountains, and diverse religious sites and performances.

The Critical Language Scholarship Program (CLS)
The CLS Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, offers fully-funded summer language institutes to study one of these foreign languages critical to U.S. national security interests: Arabic, Azerbaijani, Bangla, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Swahili, Turkish, Urdu. Apply in November. More information at: www.clscholarship.org

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