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STUDY ABROAD FRESHMAN YEAR AND BEYOND





A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Imagining your student traveling to a new country in another part of the world is often very emotional. Study Abroad staff help prepare each student for every step of the journey, so you can feel more comfortable with the new globetrotter in your family. Everyone on our staff has traveled and/or lived overseas. We understand that pre-departure anxiety can often seem overwhelming.

We encourage you to let your student maintain responsibility for his or her experience — from gathering information and reporting back to you, to building a budget and purchasing a flight. Resist getting too involved. These steps, as mundane as they sound, require students to network, think critically, problem-solve and take ownership of their choice to travel abroad. This process helps students acquire the necessary tools to navigate the new and unusual environment they'll encounter when they step off the airplane. By negotiating the ups and downs of travel, students gain a new level of independence. Study abroad will likely be one of your student's greatest personal learning experiences.

If you're considering traveling overseas to visit your student, please be aware that it is our standard policy that guests are not allowed during a program. It is best to meet your student after the program ends so as not to interrupt the learning process.

To share in the excitement of your student's pre-departure preparation, we encourage you to do an Internet search for "What's Up With Culture?" to learn more about culture shock, reverse culture shock, concepts of culture, and the cultural adjustment process individuals often experience when studying abroad.

WHAT IS STUDY ABROAD?

Study abroad is an opportunity to fulfill graduation requirements while living, traveling and taking courses in a country outside the United States.

Why Study Abroad?

Professional Development:

New settings test your assumptions and place you in unfamiliar situations that broaden your ability to set goals in new and challenging environments. Interacting with individuals and cultures holding different points of view develops your flexibility, interpersonal communication and intercultural competencies. Employers value these skills.

Personal Adventure:

Mundane activities such as taking public transportation, asking for directions and ordering food become new, exciting and even challenging. Adapting to these challenges while also accomplishing larger program goals helps you become more self-reliant, creative, confident and capable of succeeding in difficult situations. You build a satisfying sense of accomplishment and a can-do feeling.

Academic Relevance:

Study abroad is designed to give you a greater depth and breadth of knowledge. Through lectures, industry visits and cultural excursions, our programs offer academic and experiential learning that delivers theory and practice in an exciting international setting. All of our study abroad programs fulfill graduation requirements and have the input, approval and support of JWU's academic schools and colleges.

LET'S GET STARTED



First-year students can study abroad too! Students in all majors, regardless of their year, have access to study abroad programs. With a wide range of durations and cost, we can find an option that works for you. You might be able to study abroad two or three times during your academic career.

1. Visit studyabroad.jwu.edu.
2. Read the online program brochures, which provide program-specific details such as dates, partner names, academic focus, eligibility requirements and cost.
3. Review the credits delivered on the program. It is best to have a copy of your degree audit from the Grad Planning System with you to help identify where study abroad fits in your personal academic career.

You are invited to meet with a study abroad advisor in person or over the phone to discuss program options. Study Abroad staff members are available to answer questions during every phase of your journey. We can help you find the best program to meet your academic needs, explain where it fits into your academic career and guide you through pre-departure logistics. If a problem arises at any point during your journey, call us first to help you solve it.

EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENT PARTICIPANTS

As you prepare to study abroad in a different country, your responsibility to manage your experience starts now. Be your own travel agent. Learn more about the program and country that interests you and practice your networking skills:

- Attend Study Abroad 101 information sessions and Study Abroad Fairs to get an overview of how study abroad works at Johnson & Wales University.
- Build a strong relationship with your Study Abroad advisor. Meet student Study Abroad ambassadors to learn about specific programs.
- Meet with Student Academic Services to discuss how the credits earned abroad can be applied towards your degree.
- Meet with Student Financial Services to begin financial planning for this unique experience.

When it comes time to put the logistics in place:

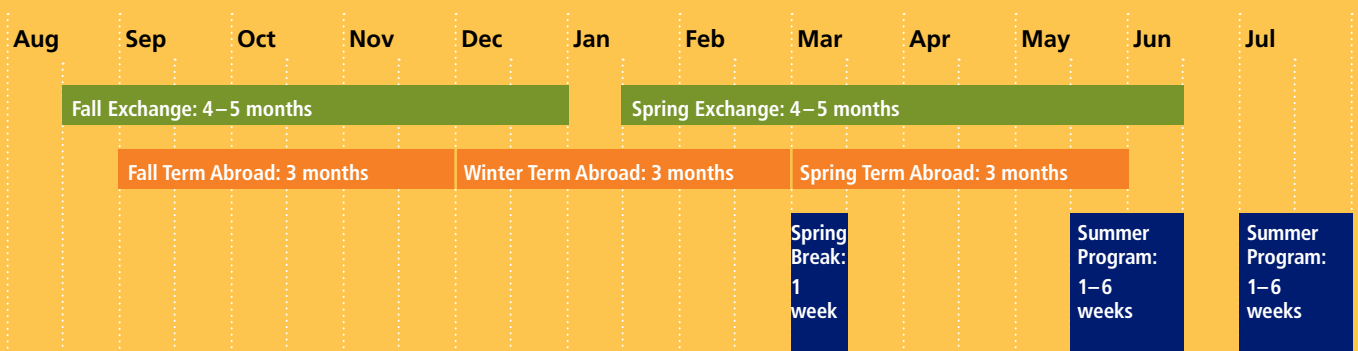
- Follow program flight parameters when booking your travel plans.
- Work out your own daily budget.
- Learn how to say hello in the target language.

Travel is as much about the process as it is the destination. Being your own travel agent and taking care of your own travel logistics prior to departure will help you visualize your journey. Enjoy planning where you will visit during your free time.

And don't forget your family! It is your responsibility to share program information, financial planning and all related details with them.

Your problem-solving skills are going to get a real workout once you get off the plane in Singapore, Cape Town, Bruges or Lima. Now is the time to start building your foundation of confidence and understanding. Study Abroad staff members are available to answer your questions and assist you every step of the way.

PROGRAM TERM LENGTHS



*Travel dates vary.

SAFETY AND SECURITY



Safety and security are of paramount concern. Study Abroad monitors the U.S. Department of State travel advisory and consults with partner institutions, teaching staff abroad and university officials to help university personnel make informed and prudent program decisions. For students already abroad, Study Abroad, Campus Safety & Security and university administration have developed a crisis management plan to coordinate crisis response efforts among students, faculty advisors, parents and JWU administrators, as well as police, healthcare providers and insurance providers. In addition, students need to make safe travel decisions regarding what they pack, how they dress, what activities they choose to participate in, and how they conduct themselves in a foreign country with different cultural norms and laws.

STEPS JWU TAKES

- Requires that each student attend a pre-departure orientation and program-specific meetings.
- Registers U.S. citizen participants at U.S. Embassies in the host country(ies).
- Enrolls all study abroad students in comprehensive insurance with access to global emergency medical assistance and evacuation.
- Distributes emergency phone numbers on the program itinerary and emergency wallet cards.
- Distributes the final program details to participants two weeks prior to departure.

STEPS STUDENTS TAKE

- Read about where you are going starting with the government assessment of safety, the Center for Disease Control about health issues, and basic cultural summaries. For a fun twist, read a novel set in the country you will visit.
- Pack lightly, modestly, and leave valuables at home.
- Carry photocopies of passports, credit cards and important documents.
- Carry emergency phone numbers at all times.
- Make wise social/entertainment decisions.

STEPS PARENTS CAN TAKE

- Have your own passport up to date in case of emergency.
- Make a plan for when and how your student will contact you throughout the program. Include an emergency plan with back-up phone numbers for your student to contact back home.
- Keep copies of the itinerary, passport, JWU emergency numbers and health insurance information together in a safe place.
- Contact JWU Study Abroad at 401-598-1406 with any questions.



FINANCES AND PAYMENT



PROGRAM COST

Each program has a unique cost explained on the program brochures found at studyabroad.jwu.edu. The cost range varies depending on the type of program and credits earned.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR STUDENTS

You are responsible for contacting Student Financial Services for financial advising. Schedule the first meeting with your planner at least six months prior to program departure. Don't make assumptions about financial eligibility.

Study Abroad scholarships are available. Look for information sessions and ask your Study Abroad advisor for information.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

JWU Application Fee: \$25 nonrefundable application fee is required before your application is reviewed. Some program partners require their own application fee as well.

Program Payment: When you schedule for study abroad courses, Student Financial Services will generate an invoice for the upcoming term.

Final payment of the invoice is paid directly to Student Financial Services on any of the four JWU campuses. The final payment is due in accordance with normal university Term Start requirements for the term you are studying abroad. If you do not meeting this date, you will have a hold placed on your account and will not be permitted to participate in study abroad until all holds are cleared.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

On the date listed below for the term in which your Study Abroad program starts you are held financially responsible for your commitment status to the study abroad program. Any withdrawal from the university or Study Abroad after that date will result in Study Abroad late withdrawal penalties posted to your JWU financial account.

Dates on which commitment status carries financial responsibility:

- **June 1** for programs starting in fall term
- **October 1** for programs starting in winter term
- **December 15** for programs starting in the spring term
- **March 15** for programs starting in the summer term

Withdrawal Fee Chart

If you withdraw after the commitment date above and	The late withdrawal penalty is
76 or more days before program start date	\$500
60 or more days before program start date	\$1,000
30–59 days before program start date	\$1,500
15–29 days before program start date	\$3,000
1–14 days before program start date	\$4,000
After program start date	Deposit + Balance of full program

Please note: In addition, financial aid may need to be adjusted.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Program-specific application deadlines are listed at the bottom of each individual program brochure. Study Abroad reviews applications five times per year. Once a program is open for applications, apply at any time. During each review cycle all applications will be reviewed regardless of program to allow for priority placement into a program. Students are encouraged not to wait for the application deadline. It is best to apply early to assist in their personal academic and financial planning for the study abroad experience.

Application Review Cycle

Apply by:	Sept 1	Nov 15	Feb 1	March 15	May 1
Acceptance letters will be sent by:	Sept 15	Dec 1	Feb 15	April 1	May 15
After acceptance, you must confirm your intent to participate by:	Oct 1	Dec 15	March 5	April 15	June 1

THE WORLD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!

STUDY ABROAD RESOURCES

Visit studyabroad.jwu.edu for all program information and application information.

Study Abroad 101 presentations are offered regularly throughout the week by Study Abroad staff.

Study Abroad advisors are available for individualized discussions.

VISITING ADDRESSES

PROVIDENCE:

274 Pine Street, Student Services Center 401-598-1406

NORTH MIAMI:

1701 NE 127th Street, International Student Center 305-892-7554

DENVER:

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