STUDY ABROAD 101

START YOUR SEARCH

• Determine your goals & WHY? Find out what you want to get out of an experience abroad through developing goals
• Use your resources: to learn more about all the global learning opportunities via the Center for Global Education (CGE) website, connect with faculty/academic and or CGE advisors, attend the study abroad fair & related events, and/or connect with a Study Abroad Ambassadors.
• Make your 4-Year Academic Plan: Talk with your advisor about how to fit an international experience (or multiple experiences!) into your CSB/SJU experience.
  o What type of international experience might work best for my major/minor?
  o What common/integrations curriculum requirements can I fulfill abroad?
  o Do I have another interest or a complementary subject area that I want to focus on while abroad?

GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

SEMESTER STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS: Faculty led (FL)

• FALL: Austria, (FL), Chile (FL), France (FL), Greece (FL), Italy (FL), Japan (FL), Ireland-Dublin, UK – London
• SPRING: Australia, Germany (year-long available), Ireland-Cork, South Africa (FL), Mexico, Chiapas (FL), Spain (FL), UK – London (FL)

SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS:

• Embedded Courses: Take a 4-credit course as part of your semester that includes an international component after the term ends.
  o Spring 2022: Belgium & Netherlands, Fermentation; Brazil – Gender; Japan, Ethics; Mexico, Chiapas; Tanzania, Serengeti; UK – Children’s Lit. – Other options: E-Scholar, Climate Change, Nursing options
• Summer Study Abroad Programs: These programs take place all over the globe and change every year. They range from 3 to 8 weeks and are co-sponsored through various on-campus departments for academic credit.
  o Summer 2022: Italy; Creative Writing or Spain; Global Language
• Global Fellowship Programs: Gain valuable professional experience in an international context.
  o Summer 2022: Bosnia & Herzegovina Internship, Ireland-Dublin Internship
• Virtual – Study Abroad at Home: Gain professional skills & global learning from your own home.
  o Summer 2022: Ireland or UK Virtual Internship

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE-LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES: These short-term international programs allow you to experience a different country through service, typically sponsored by student clubs/organizations.

EXTERNAL STUDY ABROAD: If you wish to participate on a program not otherwise provided by CSB/SJU, you may apply independently through an external program. To get started, meet with CGE to discuss your program ideas.

CHOOSING A PROGRAM

ACADEMIC:

• What type of credits would I like to earn abroad? – Major/Minor, Common/Integration, General Electives, Upper Division
• Do I want to complete an internship or service learning abroad?
• Would I prefer to take classes with only Bennies and Johnnies, with other international students, or a mix?
• Do I want to study abroad in a university or study center setting?
• Am I able to adapt to different learning styles – i.e. independent, guided learning, lecture based.
• What co-curricular activities are included as part of the study abroad program?
CAREER PATH:
• How do you want your experience abroad to impact your career and professional development?
• What skills do you want to develop while abroad that are important in your intended field?
• Does an internship abroad need to be in English, or do you have the language skills to do an immersed internship?
• What activities abroad will help your graduate school applications or make your resume stand out?

LENGTH & TIMING:
• What year and semester does study abroad fit best in my 4-year plan?
• Am I available during spring break, or could a summer or winter program fit into my 4-year plan?
• Can a southern hemisphere semester work better for me? (the dates are different!)

GEOGRAPHIC INTERESTS:
• Am I interested in a particular region of the world or a specific country?
• Is there something happening in the world today that you want to learn first-hand about?
• Am I looking for an urban or rural setting?
• How would program excursions in this location enhance my learning?
• How far am I willing to step outside of my comfort zone?

LANGUAGE:
• Are there language prerequisites for the program I am looking at? - only 3 semester program have a language pre-req.
• Do I want to be in a country where the primary language spoken is English, or would I like to surround myself with a second (or third) language?
• Can I take some or all of my classes in a second language?
• Can I challenge myself to take one class in a second language and the rest in English?

PERSONAL/OTHER:
• Do you want to explore family roots?
• Do you want to live in your home country?
• Are there historical or current factors in places around the world that may impact your experience there?
• Do you want to study abroad more than once?
• How immersed in the culture do you want to be?

HOUSING & FOOD ARRANGEMENTS:
• What type of housing is available? – Homestay, apartment, residence halls
• Will I live with other Bennies and Johnnies?
• Will I live with other US students (non-CSB/SJU) and other international students?
• Will I be able to cook my own meals, or will meals be provided?
• What other program facilities are available? – Library, fitness center

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:
• What are the expenses included and not included in the program fee – i.e. food, airfare, personal spending
• How does funding differ from semester to short-term options?
• What is the general cost of living on-site & how much do I need to budget for this program?
• What are the scholarships & financial aid options for this program?
• How can I save some money now?

NEXT STEPS
• Ask yourself: What do you want out of your study abroad experience?
• Create your CSB/SJU Global Profile to identify the programs that most fit your needs.
• Develop your academic, personal, & professional goals for study abroad to determine your WHY?
• Talk with a faculty/academic advisor to help build a 4-year plan with study abroad.
• Schedule a meeting in the HIVE with a CGE program manager to discuss your goals & help narrow down your search.
• Connect with XPD – Experience & Professional Development office for more self-exploration tools & strategies
• Think through potential challenges like family, different commitments, & money.
• Go to Study Abroad Fair and related events to learn more about different global learning options.
• Reminder that your GPA & Disciplinary record are considered during the selection process for study abroad.

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