

Center for GLOBAL EDUCATION

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.
 - What type of international experience might work best for my major/minor?
 - What common/integrations curriculum requirements can I fulfill abroad?
 - 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.
 - **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.
 - **Summer 2022:** Italy; Creative Writing or Spain; Global Language
- **Global Fellowship Programs:** Gain valuable professional experience in an international context.
 - **Summer 2022:** Bosnia & Herzegovina Internship, Ireland-Dublin Internship
- **Virtual – Study Abroad at Home:** Gain professional skills & global learning from your own home.
 - **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