Why study abroad in Honors

“Live, Learn, Lead” is the philosophy that shapes the Honors College curriculum at GVSU. Study abroad allows students to experience this first hand almost anywhere in the world. Imagine walking through a crowded street filled with the aromas of the food vendors and fish dealers in Costa Rica, or studying development and social change in Nepal.

Honors students who choose to study abroad will *live* in a foreign country, immersed in a culture different from their own. Students will *learn* from a unique perspective and through self-discovery. Students will *lead* in their fields through developing in-demand global skills like cross-cultural communication, international connections, confidence and adaptability.

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Study Abroad and Honors

Honors Curriculum Requirement*
Students may substitute a course they take abroad for an Honors requirement such as a Social Behavioral Science, Life Science, Physical Science, Art, World Perspectives, and more.

Junior Seminar*
Students may complete or work on their Junior Seminar credits abroad. Students aiming to complete their Junior Seminar abroad should look for highly-focused, topic-specific courses with a strong writing component and must have approval from the Honors College Director.

Senior Project*
Students can complete or work toward Honors Senior Project requirements while abroad. For more information, discuss this option with your advisor and/or the Honors College Director.

* To confirm the specific course(s) you take abroad will fulfill this honors requirement, please contact the Honors College directly at gvsuhonors@gvsu.edu with a course description and/or syllabus.

Where can I go?
Students have a wide variety of programs and locations to choose from. The Honors College also facilitates two faculty-led study abroad programs that take place during the spring/summer:

- Ghana: Honors Cultural Exchange & Service Learning
- Haiti: Water, Environmental Issues & Service Learning

PLEASE NOTE: These are not your only options! Honors students can choose to participate in faculty-led, partnership, non-GVSU or internship abroad programs. **We highly encourage you to visit the Padnos International Center for study abroad advising!**

Walk-In Advising Hours: Monday - Friday: 8AM - 4PM
Hours are extended to 7PM on Wednesdays
Location: 130 Lake Ontario Hall

Learn more at: [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad)