

# *how to* PLAN YOUR STUDY ABROAD

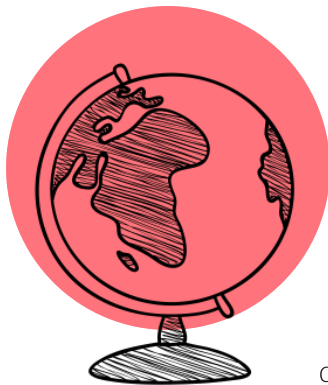


## DID YOU KNOW?

- It is not necessary to speak another language, courses are often instructed in English around the world.
- You can earn your last 30 credits abroad.
- Your World Perspectives General Education requirement will be fulfilled as long as you take at least 3 credits abroad.
- You can easily fulfill your Gen-Ed Issues requirement abroad

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## CHOOSE A PROGRAM

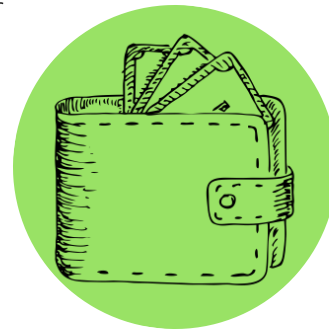


### COUNTRY AND CITY

Once the country is determined, consider if you prefer living in a metropolitan city, college town or rural village.

### TOTAL COST

The total cost of your trip should include program fees, airfare and all other essential costs. Cost can vary depending on program type and location. **Remember, you can use your financial aid to help pay for study abroad!**

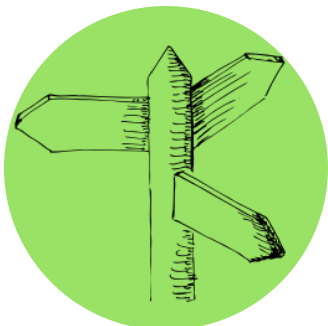


### COURSES

You can fulfill requirements within your major, minor and gen-eds through traditional coursework, internships and service-learning experiences.

### HOUSING OPTIONS

Housing options often consist of a homestay, dormitory or apartments. Meals are often included in homestays.\*

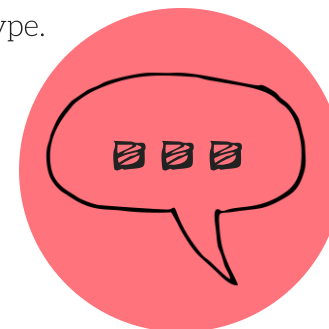


### PROGRAM TYPES

GVSU students can participate in many types of programs: GVSU faculty-led, GVSU partnership, non-GVSU, internships, and more! Levels of organization and structure depend on program type.

### LANGUAGE

You do not need to be fluent in another language in order to study abroad. Many programs offer courses instructed in English, even in countries where English is not the official language.



### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Countless other things will inherently impact your experience abroad. Consider any unique characteristics of your host institution, cultural excursions planned by your program provider, research, volunteering opportunities, personal travel etc.

\*meals may vary depending on program

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## APPLY TO STUDY ABROAD

**OASIS**  
Student Login

1. Visit [www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad](http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad)
2. Click on 'Apply Now' from the main navigation
3. Log in using your GVSU username and password
4. Complete your Profile information
5. Click 'Create New Application'
6. Select the program you wish to apply for



## THE APPLICATION

### Essay Questions

Your essays will be read by PIC staff and in some cases the program faculty director. Be mindful that the website will log you out after 20 minutes, so it might be best to type your essay responses on a Word document, then copy and paste into OASIS.

### Release of Information

You will be asked if you would like to give PIC permission to speak with a parent or other contact person(s). If you provide a contact person, we will be happy to speak with that individual if questions arise. Due to confidentiality laws, there is limited information that can be provided to your family without this written consent.

### Faculty Recommendations

You will list (2) GVSU faculty member's names and email addresses. After finalizing your application, an email will be sent to each faculty member with a link to an online recommendation form. PLEASE NOTE: FACULTY ARE NOT ASKED TO SUBMIT A FORMAL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, BUT INSTEAD TO FILL OUT A SMALL ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE.

### \$105 Deposit

All study abroad applicants pay a \$105 deposit at the time of application. If you follow through with your plans for study abroad, this \$100 will be refunded to you. This deposit is non-refundable if you withdraw after acceptance.

***\*To withdraw from a program, follow the steps on OASIS***

# guide to PROGRAM TYPES

**Regardless of program type, students may apply their GVSU financial aid to program costs and will earn credit towards their GV degree**

## GVSU Faculty-led

- Typically 2 - 8 weeks abroad (short-term)
- Travel with GVSU faculty & students
- Take GVSU courses
- Excursions included

## Internship Abroad

- Gain international professional experience
- Internships are offered in destinations all over the world for many different fields
- Credit-bearing

## GVSU Partnership

- Summer, semester or year abroad
- Study with local and/or international students
- Wide variety of classes available
- Full immersion in a host university

## Non-GVSU

- Summer, semester or year abroad
- Excursions included
- Includes destination options not offered by GVSU programs
- Wide variety of classes available

# guide to APPLICATION DEADLINES

## PRIORITY DEADLINE

Winter.....	September 10
Spring/Summer.....	February 1
Fall .....	February 1
Academic Year .....	February 1

**\*Some exceptions apply.** Visit the <http://www.gvsu.edu/studyabroad/application-deadlines-523.htm> website for details.

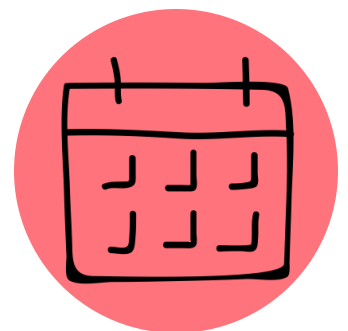
### When do I need to apply?

GVSU Programs: Must apply by the priority deadline.  
Non-GVSU Programs: Must apply by the final deadline.

PLEASE NOTE: Regardless of program type, students **MUST APPLY BY THE PRIORITY DEADLINE** to be considered for a Padnos International Center grant.

### Final Non-GVSU Program Deadlines

Winter.....	October 15
Spring/Summer.....	March 1
Fall .....	June 1
Academic Year .....	June 1



# STUDY ABROAD CHECKLIST

**Learn the Basics** by attending a First Step Meeting and/or visiting the Padnos International Center to meet with a Study Abroad Peer Adviser.

**Browse Programs** while considering your academic, personal, and professional goals

- Meet with an academic adviser to discuss your academic goals
- Use the GVSU Program Search to browse GVSU programs
- Visit Padnos International Center for program selection advising

**Research Funding** to determine how you'll pay for study abroad.

- Attend a Study Abroad Funding 101 Workshop
- Talk with the Financial Aid office to discuss your financial aid package
- Research scholarship and grant opportunities (Note: many scholarship applications are due 6-18 months prior to departure) *Start early!*



**Meet with a Study Abroad Peer Adviser** to discuss the logistics of your program. Walk-ins are welcome – no appointment necessary!

**APPLY** for study abroad through GVSU's OASIS application (regardless of program type)

## Next step determined by program type:

### GVSU FACULTY-LED

Wait for communication from your program director regarding your next steps

### GVSU PARTNERSHIP

You will be contacted via OASIS with specific partnership application instructions

### NON-GVSU

Complete your program sponsor application

### INDEPENDENT STUDY

Keep in contact with your GVSU faculty supervisor and meet with Elena Selezneva for further instructions

## Additional Steps:

- Attend a required Pre-departure Study Abroad Orientation Meeting (s)
- Obtain the Study Abroad Pre-departure checklist from Padnos International Center for detailed pre-departure steps.

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# NOTES

Program:

Semester/Year:

PRIORITY Deadline:

FINAL Deadline:

