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PLAN YOUR STUDY ABROAD



guide to PROGRAM TYPES

GVSU Faculty-led

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

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

To search GVSU options visit www.gvsu.edu/sa

To search for External options visit www.goabroad.com
www.gooverseas.com
www.iiepassport.org

Internship Abroad

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

External

- 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 GVSU Study Abroad website for details.

When do I need to apply?

GVSU Programs: Must apply by the priority deadline.
 External Programs: Must apply by the final deadline.

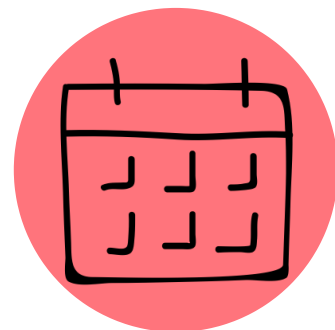
PLEASE NOTE: Regardless of program type, students
MUST APPLY BY THE PRIORITY DEADLINE to be
 considered for a Padnos International Center grant.

*Exceptions

Final External

Program Deadlines

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



Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (fall) : Jan 15, 2020 ● Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (winter): Jul 1, 2019 Germany/ Padagogische (spring/ summer): Nov 1, 2019 ● Ghana Nursing (winter): Sep 18, 2019 ● Japan Center for Michigan Universities (summer, May term, fall & academic year): Jan 15, 2020 ● Japan/ Asia Pacific University (summer): Jan 15, 2019 ● Norway/ University of Oslo (summer): Jan 15, 2019 ● South Africa Teaching Assisting (winter): Nov 30, 2019 ● Spain Teacher Assisting (fall): Jul 19, 2019 ● John Cabot University (fall/academic year/ summer): Mar 1, 2020 ● Independent Study: Application due 6 weeks before departure.

CHOOSE A PROGRAM

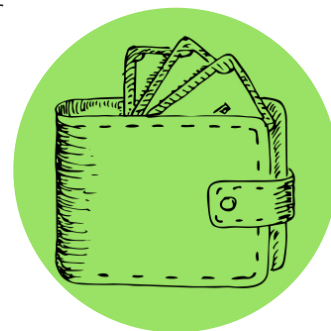


COUNTRY AND CITY

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!**

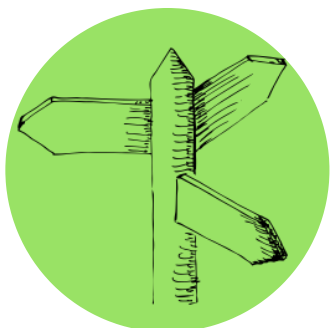


COURSES

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.*

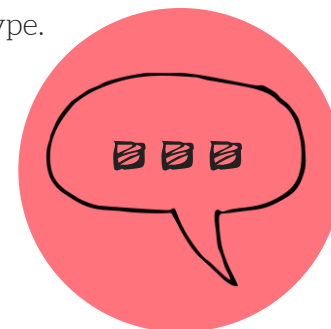


PROGRAM TYPES

GVSU students can participate in many types of programs: GVSU faculty-led, GVSU partnership, external, 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.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM COMPARISON CHART

Program Names:			
Program Type:	☐ Faculty-Led ☐ Partnership ☐ External	☐ Faculty-Led ☐ Partnership ☐ External	☐ Faculty-Led ☐ Partnership ☐ External
Country:			
City:			
Host University:			
Dates:			
Language:	Locals Speak: _____ Courses in: _____ Language Prerequisite? Y / N	Locals Speak: _____ Courses in: _____ Language Prerequisite? Y / N	Locals Speak: _____ Courses in: _____ Language Prerequisite? Y / N
Admission Requirements:	GPA: _____ Competitive? Y / N	GPA: _____ Competitive? Y / N	GPA: _____ Competitive? Y / N
Courses Available:			
Course Style Option:	☐ Other International Students ☐ Only GVSU Students ☐ With Locals	☐ Other International Students ☐ Only GVSU Students ☐ With Locals	☐ Other International Students ☐ Only GVSU Students ☐ With Locals
Housing Options & Features:	☐ Hostel/Hostels ☐ Apartment ☐ Meals ☐ Host Family ☐ Laundry ☐ Dorm ☐ Internet	☐ Hostel/Hostels ☐ Apartment ☐ Meals ☐ Host Family ☐ Laundry ☐ Dorm ☐ Internet	☐ Hostel/Hostels ☐ Apartment ☐ Meals ☐ Host Family ☐ Laundry ☐ Dorm ☐ Internet
Extras:	☐ Internships ☐ Volunteering ☐ Excursions ☐ Other/ Notes:	☐ Internships ☐ Volunteering ☐ Excursions ☐ Other/ Notes:	☐ Internships ☐ Volunteering ☐ Excursions ☐ Other/ Notes:
Total Estimated Cost:	\$	\$	\$
Pros & Cons:	PROS: CONS:	PROS: CONS:	PROS: CONS:
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APPLY TO STUDY ABROAD

THE APPLICATION

Essay Questions

Your essays will be read by PIC staff and in some cases the program faculty director. Please see below for what to expect when answering the essay questions.

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 and submitting 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 QUICK 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, \$100 of this fee will be refunded to you and the other \$5 is a non-refundable processing fee. This deposit is non-refundable if you withdraw after acceptance.

***Non-GVSU applicants *MUST* apply on OASIS as well.**

Sample Essay Questions

- What do you hope to gain through study abroad? How does this program fit with your personal and academic goals? (200-400 words)
- Being a positive representative of GVSU is an important role assumed by all study abroad participants. Describe what characteristics you believe best describe representative? (200-400 words)
- Depending on the program, study abroad often requires students to accept a high degree of independence, flexibility, and acceptance of ambiguity. Describe your readiness to adapt to these expectations. (200-400 words)
- Have you ever traveled abroad before? Please list the countries and the duration of your visit.
- Do you have any foreign language experience?
- What would you consider to be the most significant events of developments taking place in the country in which you plan to study? (200-400 words)

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

Watch Youtube videos to see other people who have studied abroad in the countries you're interested in. See their experience while abroad and get to know what to expect.

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

EXTERNAL

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:

