## Study Abroad Program Comparison Chart

My Rating	****	****	****	****	****
Pros & Cons					
Total Estimated Cost	\$ Pros Cons	\$ <u>Pros</u> <u>Cons</u>	\$ Pros Cons	\$ Pros Cons	\$ Pros Cons
Extras	<ul><li>□ Volunteering</li><li>□ Excursions</li><li>□ Other/Notes:</li></ul>	<ul><li>□ Volunteering</li><li>□ Excursions</li><li>□ Other/Notes:</li></ul>	□ Volunteering □ Excursions □ Other/Notes:	<ul><li>□ Volunteering</li><li>□ Excursions</li><li>□ Other/Notes:</li></ul>	<ul><li>□ Volunteering</li><li>□ Excursions</li><li>□ Other/Notes:</li></ul>
Features	 ☐ Meals ☐ Laundry ☐ Internet ☐ Internships	 □ Meals □ Laundry □ Internet □ Internships		 □ Meals □ Laundry □ Internet □ Internships	 ☐ Meals ☐ Laundry ☐ Internet ☐ Internships
Housing Options	<ul><li>□ Dorm</li><li>□ Apartment</li><li>□ Host Family</li><li>□ Hotels/Hostels</li></ul>	□ Apartment	<ul><li>□ Dorm</li><li>□ Apartment</li><li>□ Host Family</li><li>□ Hotels/Hostels</li></ul>	<ul><li>□ Dorm</li><li>□ Apartment</li><li>□ Host Family</li><li>□ Hotels/Hostels</li></ul>	<ul><li>□ Dorm</li><li>□ Apartment</li><li>□ Host Family</li><li>□ Hotels/Hostels</li></ul>
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Courses Available					
Admission Requirements	GPA: Competitive?: Y/ N				
Language	Locals Speak: Courses in: Language Prerequisite?: Y / N				
Dates					
Host University					
City					
Country					
Program Type	□ Faculty-Led □ Partnership □ Provider	□ Faculty-Led □ Partnership □ Provider			
Program Names:					

Program Names:	List the name of the program being compared			
Program Type	The kind of program you choose is important because it allows you to decide how your experience will be structured. The following are the most common GVSU types of programs:  1. Faculty-Led - A professor from GVSU accompanies a group of other GVSU students. You take GVSU courses related to the study abroad site and live and travel with GVSU students.  2. Partnership - A type of study abroad program where you trade places, attending anothers institution. These programs often demand a high level of independence. Most partnership programs are semester or academic year long. These programs are developed and administered by GVSU.  3. Providers - These programs are adminstered by either institutions/organizations. Students will recieve support and services from PIC, but will also work directly with the program provider. On-site support and staff are from the providers, not GVSU.			
Country	What country, or countries, will your program take place in?			
City	What city is the program based in?			
Host University	What university will you be studying at? Maybe use this as an opportunity to research the school - check out their website online or Google photos. Keep in mind, some programs may not have a host university.			
Dates	When does this program begin and end?			
Language	Pay close attention to language requirements. Keep in mind that many programs offer classes taught in English even in non-English speaking countries.			
Admission Requirements	Be sure to check if there is a GPA requirement or language prerequisite to apply!			
Courses Available	List what classes that you might want to take in each program. Seeing all the classes might help to decide which GVSU degree requirements you could fulfill.			
Course Style Option	Partnerships: More often than not, courses are with locals but there may be select courses only for international students Faculty-Led: Typically only with GVSU students Provider: Typically with U.S. students, but some programs offer the opportunity to take courses with locals and/or other internationals			
Housing Options & Features	Homestay, dormitories, and apartment options vary from program to program. You should think about how and where you want to live while abroad. What's included in your housing options? Varies by housing option and program design			
Extras	Be sure to check for any additional features from the program. If there are many, utilize a seperate page to compare the details.			
Total Estimated Cost	The total projected cost of your trip should include the program fees as well as airfare, spending money and all other costs essential to your study abroad (See Study Abroad Funding Packet for complete budget breakdown and planning). GVSU Partnerships and faculty-led programs list the total projected cost on the program flyer. For Non-GVSU, you can find most budget breakdowns on the providers website.			
Pros & Cons	Be sure to weigh both Pros and Cons of each program to ensure it is a right fit for you.			
My Rating	Overall, how would you rate each option after comparing and seeing all the details.			