

STUDY ABROAD

Invest in your future - dream big and travel often



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WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- Learn a foreign language
- Boost your academic & professional resume
- Broaden your horizons
- Network, Network, Network!
- Build self-confidence & communication skills
- Experience of a lifetime
- Form lasting friendships



WHY STUDY ABROAD?

FACT #1

- When American college graduates are surveyed, their #1 regret is not studying abroad.
 - Don't graduate with regrets!!

FACT #2

- You came to MSUB to expand your credentials. Studying abroad will give you...
 - Enhanced communication
 - Cultural and self awareness
 - Improved problem solving skills
 - Global perspective



WHY STUDY ABROAD?

FACT #3

- **Studying abroad improves job prospects**
 - **97% of American students who studied abroad secured a job within 12 months of graduation, compared to 49% of American graduates who did not study abroad**
 - **2016 ICEF survey**
- **Spending time overseas indicates you are:**
 - **Adventurous**
 - **Resourceful**
 - **Independent**
 - **Able to handle ambiguity**
 - **Open to different viewpoints**



MYTHS ABOUT STUDY ABROAD

MYTH #1

- Study abroad is only for students in certain majors

MYTH #2

- I need to know a foreign language in order to study abroad

MYTH #3

- Studying overseas costs too much; I can't afford it

MYTH #4

- If I study overseas I will fall behind and graduate late



WHAT DOES IT COST?

STUDYING ABROAD IS AFFORDABLE!

- Pay regular MSUB tuition for MSUB direct exchanges. For non-exchange programs, pay the full program fee (*varies*)
- Keep ALL financial aid, including scholarships, loans, and grants
- Study abroad scholarships are available
 - OIS Global Ambassador Scholarship
- Many outside scholarships are available
 - Boren, Fulbright, Gilman, etc...
- Living expenses in many countries are MUCH cheaper than in the U.S.
- Exchange rates are favorable for the U.S. dollar



WHERE CAN I GO?

MSUB DIRECT EXCHANGES

- MSUB partner universities, pay MSUB tuition

MSUB STUDY ABROAD AFFILIATES

- Affiliated academic programs, pay program fees

MSU – BOZEMAN

- Take advantage of Bozeman's numerous exchange partners

OUTSIDE PROGRAMS

- Hundreds are available; consult with Study Abroad Coordinator



PLANNING FOR STUDY ABROAD

ALLOW YOURSELF TIME TO PLAN

- Look ahead at your academic plan and discuss study abroad with your advisor as early as possible
- Determine the best program for you
 - Language
 - Price
 - Curriculum
 - Course availability
 - Program duration
 - Housing options
 - Field trips
 - Size of university or city
 - Alone or with a group



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR STUDY ABROAD?

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required. Some programs require a higher GPA
- Strong letters of recommendation from MSUB faculty members are highly encouraged
- Students should demonstrate maturity and openness
- OIS will work with students on a case-by-case basis to help students meet their goals and become eligible for study abroad



HOW DO I GET CREDIT?

YOU GET ACADEMIC CREDIT!

- Enroll in a minimum of 15 credit hours (*generally 4-5 courses*)
 - Credit hours vary from program to program
- You may elect to take courses for a letter grade or on a pass/fail grade
 - Courses taken for a major must receive a letter grade
- Courses and grades will post once a final transcript is received.
- Be sure to save all your coursework!



IMPORTANT DATES

FALL STUDY ABROAD

- Applications due March 1st

SPRING STUDY ABROAD

- Applications are due October 1st

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

- Applications are due December 1st



INTERNATIONALIZE AT MSUB

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

- Join the International Club at their meetings, 4pm Wednesdays in the Upper SUB Atrium (lobby)
- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/msubclub/#>
- International Food Fair
- Regular events with international students

BILLINGS BESTIES

- Become a local mentor and friend to new international students at MSUB

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

- Stay updated with current events on Facebook, Follow
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