## STUDY ABROAD

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Invest in your future - dream big and travel often





## 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**

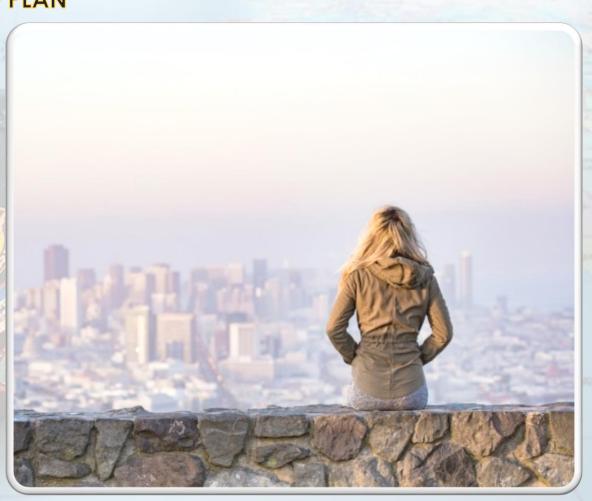
 Hundreds are available; consult with Study Abroad Coordinator



# PLANNING FOR STUDY ABROAD

#### ALLOW YOURSELF TIME TO PLAN

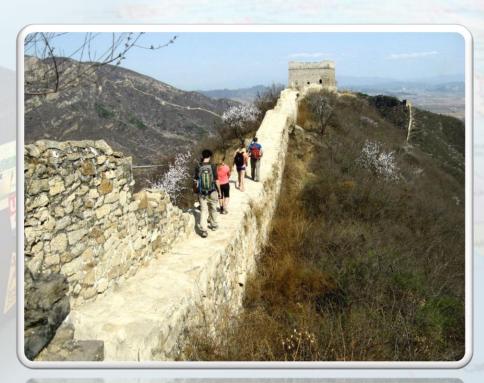
- Look ahead at your academic plan and discuss study abroad with your advisor as early as possible
- Determine the best program for you
  - Language
  - Price
  - Curriculum
  - Course availability
  - Program duration
  - Housing options
  - Field trips
  - Size of university or city
  - Alone or with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

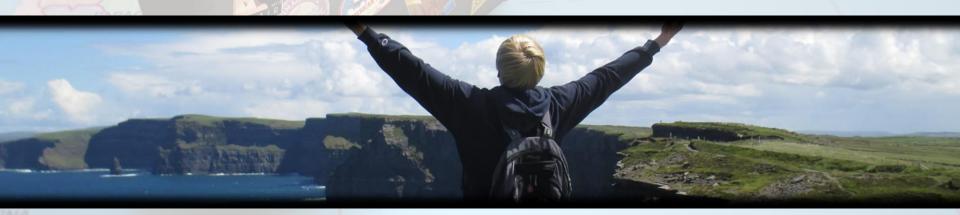
Applications are due October 1st

### SUMMER STUDY ABROAD

Applications are due December 1st







### INTERNATIONALIZE AT MSUB

### INTERNATIONAL CLUB

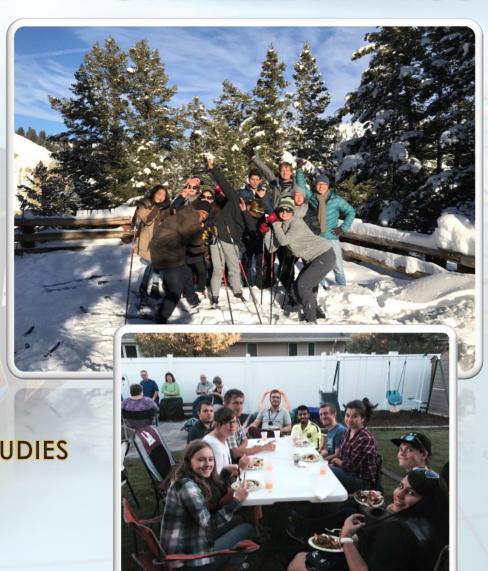
- Join the International Club at their meetings, 4pm Wednesdays in the Upper SUB Atrium (lobby)
- Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/msubclub/#">https://www.facebook.com/msubclub/#</a>
- International Food Fair
- Regular events with international students

### **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 <a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a> /oismsubillings/



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