

STUDY ABROAD

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should I study abroad?

Regardless of the length of your time abroad, studies have shown that study abroad students grow in openness to experience, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and neuroticism, referred to as OCEAN or the Big Five Personality Traits. The University of California has found that study abroad alumni are twice as likely to get a job right after graduation and on average receive a 25% higher starting salary. In addition, 90% of study abroad alumni get into their first or second choice graduate school.

Is study abroad expensive?

Depending on the program you choose, studying abroad is not necessarily more expensive than a typical semester. There are many ways to financially prepare for your study abroad program. When you meet with your financial aid counselor, be sure to ask them how you may apply your financial aid, loans, and scholarships towards your study abroad.

What costs are involved in a study abroad and how do I make a payment?

- Three Separate Costs
 - Tuition: If a student is within the 12-17 credit hour package in the spring, their tuition will be at the same cost. If the course is in the summer, then they may take advantage of the 40% tuition rate that is offered for summer traditional courses.
 - Program Cost - This includes airfare, hotels, museum entries, some meals, etc.
 - Study Abroad Fee - \$250 fee is charged to the student account while abroad.
- Three Payment Methods
 - Transfer student funds onto study abroad account line with SFS counselor.
 - Make cash or check payment at the cashier's desk in the Business Office.
 - Online payment on <http://www.seu.edu/academics/study-abroad/>.

Can I receive academic credit for my study abroad?

Yes, all study abroad programs have the option of being used for academic credit.

Do I need to be a traditional student to study abroad?

No, you do not need to be a traditional student to study abroad. Online and extension site students may also study abroad and work with professors to complete assignments online and skype/facetime in for meetings leading up to the programs.

Who do I contact about studying abroad?

To learn about how you may study abroad, you may either fill out an interest form at <http://www.seu.edu/academics/study-abroad/>, email us at studyabroad@seu.edu, or give us a phone call at [863-667-5512](tel:863-667-5512).

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Will studying abroad impact my connections to SEU?

Studying abroad actually increases graduation rates and helps students build a stronger connection to SEU.

How can studying abroad impact my GPA?

The majority of students end up with higher GPAs after they return from their study abroad experience.

Can study abroad help if I am undecided about my major?

Yes! Students who are undeclared or who are deciding between certain majors come back with a more directional purpose and/or more confidence in their chosen path.

Do I have to be gone for a whole semester?

Not necessarily. While some programs are designed to be fully immersive (such as the semester-long social work internship program in Uganda), still others are highly impactful in a span of just one week (such as the MBA course in El Salvador).

Can I attend a study abroad program as a graduate student?

Yes. There are programs designed specifically for graduate students, which provide applicable course credit.

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