

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When do most students study abroad?

It is most common to submit an application for study abroad when students are considered sophomores (30-59 credit hours completed), so that they may go as juniors (60-89 hours completed). However, there is a new winter session option, which we encourage first year students to apply for to attend in their sophomore year. This three week winter session can be used as a stepping stone to pursue longer term study abroad options in a student's junior year.

### Planning Guide

**Freshman year (0-30 credit hours)** – Students may begin researching programs for the future. We recommend looking into the winter session program for their sophomore year. Students should attend information sessions and meet with the College of Business Education Abroad Advisor.

**Sophomore year (31-60 credit hours)** – Students can spend winter break or summer session abroad. Students may also consider participating in a faculty-led program for their junior year. Student should attend information sessions and meet with the College of Business Education Abroad Advisor.

**Junior year (61-90 credit hours)** – Students can spend a semester, year, winter, or summer session abroad. Student should attend information sessions and meet with the College of Business Education Abroad Advisor.

**Senior year (90+ credit hours)** – Students may participate in a short-term-faculty-led program or the three-week winter session. Studying abroad in your final semester may be possible however it requires precise planning and may delay graduation.

### Do students studying abroad still graduate on time?

Yes! The College of Business Exchange Programs allow you to earn College of Business credit while progressing toward graduation. The earlier you speak to an Education Abroad advisor about wanting to go abroad, the sooner we can plan out the ideal time in your schedule.

### What courses can I take abroad?

Business Core courses are available at our exchange partner institutions. We recommend that when students study abroad, they have most of these Core courses available. Business Core courses include:

ECON 3020 or 3030 or 3040 or 3110 or 3510

FIN 3000 – Business Finance

MGMT 3000 – Integrated Operations and Supply Chain Management

MGMT 3600 – Organizational Theory and Behavior

MKT 2010 – Introduction to Marketing Management

BA 3800 – Business Analytics V: Prescriptive Analytics

BA 4060 – Global Strategy

Other courses may be available for certain specializations. Please meet with Julie Ash to discuss other course availability.

## **Where can I study abroad?**

**The College of Business has several exchange programs:**

- [Audencia Nantes School of Management – Nantes, France](#)
- [Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore – Milan, Italy](#)
- [Rennes School of Business – Rennes, France](#)
- [Artevelde University College, Ghent – Ghent, Belgium](#)
- [BI Norwegian Business School – Oslo, Norway](#)
- [Universidad Carlos III – Madrid, Spain](#)
- [University of Strasbourg – École de Management Strasbourg – Strasbourg, France](#)
- [University of the West of England – Bristol Business School](#)
- [Radboud University – Nijmegen, Netherlands](#)
- [Hong Kong Baptist University – Hong Kong](#)
- [Incheon National University – Yeonsu-gu, Korea](#)
- [University of Macau – Taipa, Macau](#)

If a student wishes to study at an institution not listed above and receive College of Business course credit, they must meet with International Programs and Partnerships and obtain course syllabi of the host institution's business courses and submit these to Julie Ash.

## **How long can I study abroad for?**

College of Business Exchange Programs are available throughout the fall, spring, academic year, winter, and summer sessions. We also have College of Business faculty-led courses that take place throughout the year.

## **Why study abroad?**

- Earn College of Business credit while progressing toward graduation
- Learn about and immerse yourself in a new culture
- Increase your self-confidence
- Gain independence and maturity
- Grow your global network of friends
- Enhance your resume
- Develop global competencies
- Build cross-cultural communication and analytical skills
- Develop the ability to adapt to new circumstances
- 85% of students that study abroad label it as “the most meaningful experience of my undergraduate education”

## **Is study abroad expensive?**

Through careful planning, studying abroad does not have to be very expensive. With the College of Business Exchange Programs, BGSU students pay the tuition and fees of BGSU. You are eligible to use your scholarships and financial aid. For more information regarding financial aid and scholarships, please visit the [Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage](#).

**Can I use Financial Aid to study abroad?**

Yes. A student who is enrolled in an approved study abroad program for credit can be eligible for federal, state, and some institutional aid. Loans generally require a student to be enrolled for at least half time for their program and/or other hours in addition to. Check out the [Financial Aid FAQ](#) for more information.

**Do I need to speak a foreign language to study abroad?**

No. The College of Business Exchange Programs offer all business courses in English. Semester and academic year programs may allow qualified students with demonstrated language proficiency to choose from regular university course offerings at the overseas institution.

**Do I need to have a certain grade point average to study abroad?**

Our study abroad programs do have GPA requirements. The GPA requirement will vary depending on the program however most of our programs require a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above. GPA requirements are listed on the top of the program brochure page. If you do not meet the minimum GPA, you can talk to the education abroad advisor for more information regarding next steps.

**Can I travel before, after, or during the program?**

Yes, students can chose to travel before or after their program. Many students will take the opportunity to travel during their program as it does not conflict with courses.

**Can I talk to other College of Business students who have studied abroad?**

Absolutely! At any time, feel free to contact the Education Abroad Advisor who can put you in touch with students who have returned from study abroad. If you have a specific program you have in mind, let the education abroad advisor know. The returned students enjoy talking about their experiences with prospective study abroad students and can offer great advice on how to prepare for your own educational experiences abroad. They can also discuss topics such as traveling, living abroad, and what it is like to be immersed in a different culture.

**When are applications due?**

Summer, Fall, and Academic Year – March 1

Winter Session and Spring – October 1

Faculty-led Course - Varies

**How far in advance do I have to plan my study abroad?**

The earlier the better! Planning for study abroad takes time. We recommend to try to plan at least one year in advance for a semester program and 3-6 months in advance for a shorter program.

**How do I make an appointment with an education abroad advisor?**

Call the Office of Undergraduate Student Development at 419-372-2747. The College of Business Education Abroad office is located in The Maurer Center, Room 114.