



EDUCATION ABROAD, INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Beat the Winter Blues: Plan Your Summer Abroad

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Beating the Winter Blues

Start planning your Summer 2018 Education Abroad Experience

Ohio winter got you down? Dreaming of exciting opportunities in far off places? You can start planning your Summer 2018 with Education Abroad today!

Why should I spend my summer with Education Abroad?

For many students, a summer program is a great option! This a [great](#) chance to see the world while fulfilling BGP requirements or taking elective classes that might not fit in your schedule during the academic year. Programs also range from a few weeks to the entire summer, so students can determine what type of program length works best for their summer plans!

What type of programs does Education Abroad offer? Can I only take classes?

There are many credit-bearing course opportunities offered by Education Abroad. Students may complete coursework in language, culture, and many more subjects. Two of our flagship BGSU programs in [Spain](#) and [Austria](#) offer a myriad of summer course options, which often include opportunities to complete internships. Education Abroad also offers the [BGSU Global Internship](#) in Spain! With this program, you can receive academic

credit while simultaneously building your resume!

Additionally, during the Summer Term, many faculty members lead trips throughout the world to explore topics related to their area of research. Some Summer 2018 trips include an exploration of Post-Olympic Beijing, studying geology in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, and cultural tours of the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Finally, Education Abroad affiliate partners such as [Academic Programs International](#) (API), [International Studies Abroad](#) (ISA), [University Studies Abroad Consortium](#) (USAC), [School for International Training Abroad](#) (SIT), and [American Institute for Foreign Study](#) (AIFS) all offer internships, coursework, and service learning programs around the globe!

How can I learn more?

The required first step to apply for any Education Abroad opportunity is to come to an [Information Session](#). You can also visit us on the web to see a [complete list](#) of all Summer Term programs!



Social Media and BGSU News

Like our Facebook and Instagram pages! Stay updated on upcoming events, deadline reminders, and new developments. Also, check out some of the headlines our students are making:



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Scholarship Opportunities

Deadlines are fast approaching—don't forget to apply!



BGSU offers a myriad of different scholarships dedicated to supporting students' Education Abroad aspirations! Check out the following scholarships available for the Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and Winter 2019 terms with **February 15, 2018** application deadlines:

--**Bonnie R. Valiant Scholarship**: Full time BGSU students with a minimum 3.0 GPA may be eligible for this scholarship. Students must be planning to engage in an academic experience in China.

--**Charles & Wanda Rich Scholarship**: Full-time undergraduates in the College of Arts and Science with a minimum 3.0 GPA may be eligible for this scholarship. Students must be studying abroad on a BGSU-approved program of at least one semester in duration. Financial need may be considered.

--**Hoskins Global Scholar Program**: Check out our article about Hoskins on page 2 of our November 2017 Issue [here](#).

--**Ilse Thomas Scholarship for Study Abroad**: Scholarship recognizes a full-time junior or

senior undergraduate student, or a full-time graduate student, whom best demonstrates exceptional talent and professional promise in their particular field of study based on GPA and recommendations by faculty in each department. This award can be applied to travel abroad to any European country, in conjunction with any study abroad program in Europe.

--**Janet M. Shanklin Memorial Scholarship Summer Program**: Scholarships shall be awarded to BGSU students attending the AYA Summer or Semester Program in Spain.

--**Jo Enger Arthur Scholarship for Study Abroad**: The Jo Arthur Scholarship awards up to \$1000 to an undergraduate student who:

Is a rising junior or senior majoring or minoring in History, Integrated Social Studies, International Studies, or a European language, has normally completed at least 12 credit hours of history courses, carries a GPA of 3.2 or higher, has been accepted into a structured study-abroad program in Europe.

(Preference will be given to students bound for the United Kingdom.), and agrees to submit a brief report of his/her study abroad experience

--**Roger C. Anderson Scholarship**: Full-time undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Science with a minimum 3.2 GPA may be eligible for this scholarship. Students must be studying abroad for at least one semester.

Preference will be shown to applicants with financial need, and to those who will be engaging in a first-time international academic experience in Europe or Latin America.

Due March 1, 2018:

International Travel Grant: read more [here](#).

Education Abroad Affiliate Scholarship: read more [here](#).

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

There are also many national scholarships available for education abroad opportunities. For example, the [Gilman Scholarship](#) is \$5000 available to students receiving Pell Grant funding.

You can check out more of these national scholarships on our [scholarship page](#).



Want to find out about more of Education Abroad's events? Check out our events page [here](#)!

Education Abroad Fair

Jump-start your search for the perfect Education Abroad Summer or Winter Session Program!

Ready to plan your Summer Term or Winter Session with Education Abroad but unsure which program is right for you? Come to the Education Abroad Fair to find the perfect program match for your goals!

When and where is the Education Abroad Fair happening?

The fair will be taking place on **Thursday, February 8, 2018** from **11am-1pm**. It will be held in **Room 207** in the **Bowen-Thompson Student Union**.

What is the Education Abroad Fair?

The Education Abroad Fair is chance for prospective students to meet with faculty, staff, and alumni of our many BGSU programs, including Austria, Spain, faculty-

led, and exchanges! You can learn about Summer and Fall 2018 programs, as well as what's on the horizon for Winter Session 2019.

Why should I attend?

The Education Abroad fair is a great chance to get a large overview of all the programs that BGSU has to offer. Furthermore, there will be lots of chances to ask questions in person to both Education Abroad staff and alumni. You can learn about the application requirements and process, the type of financial aid available, the course offerings, and even hear about what daily life is like at our various locations. Plus, there is no RSVP needed: you can come by when it's convenient for you!

Student Ambassador Highlight

Caroline Flaesgarten

Which program did you participate in?

I participated in the dual degree program in Strasbourg, France through the College of Business. I studied in Strasbourg from September 2016 to May 2017, an entire school year. At the end of this program, not only did I make some awesome friends and amazing memories but I also obtained a second Bachelor's Degree in European Business Management.

What was one of your favorite experiences during your time abroad?

There are so many experiences I had while abroad, ranging from fall break in Italy, spring break in the UK and Ireland, but I think my favorite experience during my time abroad was getting to know the city of Strasbourg.

A lot of the time when you study abroad, you're in a "go, go, go" mindset and you don't get to appreciate your host city or country. During second semester, I spent more time exploring Strasbourg, learning more about its history and culture. I absolutely fell in love with the Christmas Markets in December, with the little wooden kiosks, with sparkling ornaments, hot spiced wine, and freshly made tarte flambé or spatzels. I would wander around the Christmas markets with my friends just to unwind from a hectic week. It made me feel like a kid again to be super excited about Christmas.

How did Education Abroad help you grow personally/academically/professionally?

Education Abroad helped me grow personally by helping me further discover my independence. I've always been a very independent person, but it's a different type of independence when you're living or traveling alone. When traveling alone, you have to be extra aware of things going on around you to stay safe yet, you get to have a customized adventure based off the things you want to see and experience.

This education abroad experience helped me grow academically because I got to learn about things that interest me. I am an international business major so it was interesting to see different subjects, such as

marketing, with an international twist. I also learned how to be patient, since classes generally lasted three hours. In addition, I learned to study even better and create higher quality group projects. Since homework didn't exist for my classes, presentations and exams were heavily graded. It was imperative to do well on those assignments to get a good grade.

Lastly, education abroad helped me grow professionally, because it helped me build my network and connect with students from all over the world. These connections may help me in the future when I am looking for job opportunities abroad, with my international business degree.

What was one of the challenges you faced while abroad?

One of the challenges I faced while abroad was making friends. Although it was nice to have a fresh start, and remold yourself into a "new" person, it's difficult to make friends, especially when you are already out of your comfort zone being in a foreign country. A lot of cultures tend to stick together and it can be intimidating to enter these cliques, however I have seen it done by my BGSU peers. I took an alternate route and was friends with only a few people. But I learned that it is the quality of friendship not the quantity of friends that truly matters. All it took to find my best friend abroad, Jackie (Mexico), was to talk about how confusing the finance homework was, and that opened the door to other conversation and ultimately friendship. I plan on visiting her after graduation in May, and I am very excited.

What would you like to say to students interested in Education Abroad?

I would say, with 100% honesty, if you have even the slightest interest in Education Abroad, do it! It is a once in a lifetime experience that you will create so many memories and lifelong friendships. You will learn so much about yourself, your host country/culture, your own country and culture and the world. I know if you don't study abroad now—when it is the most financially feasible, and at youthful and energetic age—you will regret missing this amazing opportunity.

CAROLINE'S ADVENTURES



Winter Session 2019

Escape Ohio winter with Education Abroad!

There are some big changes coming to Bowling Green State University's academic calendar! Starting January 2019, BGSU will start offering a Winter Session. Keeping reading to find out what this means for Education Abroad!

What is Winter Session?

Winter Session is a new, optional, three-week academic term will occur from January 2-23, 2019. It is a chance for students to either take additional coursework that might not fit into their degree sequences, pursue internships or professional development opportunities, or pursue an Education Abroad experience. Those who chose not to participate in Winter Session will simply have an extended winter break.

How does Winter Session impact Education Abroad?

Education Abroad has often offered faculty-led trips during the winter break. With the extension of the period between the Fall and Spring semesters, Education Abroad will be able to expand the options available for students.

In addition to faculty-led trips, many of our affiliate partners will have extended internship, study, and service learning options.

Why should I go abroad during Winter Session?

For students who are interested in traveling abroad, but who are worried about being able to fulfill required courses that may be happening in the Fall or Spring semesters, Winter Session is a great option. Coursework during Winter Term won't interrupt degree progress, but allow students to take supplemental courses or fulfill BGPs.

The length of Winter Session programs is also a great advantage for students who want to have an immersive and engaging cross-cultural experience, but don't want to lose on-campus momentum between the Fall and Spring semesters. Finally, Winter Session is a great chance to escape Ohio winter (especially at a time of year when most international flights are at their cheapest)!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekly Information Sessions:

*Tuesday: 2-2:30 - Room 402
University Hall*

*Wednesday: 12-12:30 - Room 402
University Hall*

*Thursday: 12-12:30 - Room 402
University Hall*

*Friday: 10-10:30 - Room 402
University Hall*

1/30—Tuesday Table in
the Bowen-Thompson
Student Union, 11am-
1pm

2/1/2018—Education
Abroad Spring Expo,
207 BTSU, 11am-1pm

2/9/018—Student Re-
entry Workshop, 315
BTSU, 10:30am-12

2/13, 2/27—Tuesday
Table, BTSU, 11am-
11pm