

Study Abroad: Expand your world

Study abroad is a unique opportunity to enrich your academic experiences, broaden your horizons, and gain an important competitive advantage in the global marketplace. Be ready to open yourself up to a journey that is going to take you beyond the comforts of home. While abroad, you will not find a place like America, so be ready for an amazing cultural voyage.

When should I begin planning for Study Abroad?

- Tell your Academic Advisor as soon as you start considering studying abroad.
- The application process begins the semester before you want to leave.

Where do I begin?

- At a Study Abroad Information Session. We will walk you through the study abroad process step-by-step.
- There are a certain number of allotted spaces for each of our program types every year. Waiting until last minute to begin the process is never recommended.

Is there a GPA requirement?

- For semester programs, you need at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA (apply and departing).
- Summer or winter programs may have a different GPA requirement.

What if I don't meet the GPA requirement?

- Consider participating in a winter or summer study abroad program if your GPA is less than a 3.0.

How do I receive credits for my Study Abroad work?

- Meet with your **academic advisor** to determine what requirements best fit into your program.
- Meet with your **country specific advisor** to select courses and get them approved.
- Courses taken overseas will not impact your GPA, but the grades will appear on your transcript.
- You will receive credit for any course you complete with a "C" or better.

Can I use my financial aid for Study Abroad?

- If you are going on an approved Bryant semester program, then most of your financial aid should travel with you.
- For semester programs, you are not eligible to apply for provider offered scholarships.
- Bryant financial aid is not available for summer or winter programs.
- If you have specific questions regarding your financial aid, consult the Financial Aid Office.

How do I apply?

- Depending on your program, the Study Abroad Office will advise you on how to apply.
- You will complete a program application for Study Abroad (via partner)
- You will also complete Bryant's Online Enrollment Form.
- Application Deadlines are October 15 for spring and May 1 for fall semesters (unless the program's application due date is earlier).
- **Priority Application Deadlines are Oct. 1 and April 15, which provide you the best chance of getting your first choice program.**
- If the available spaces have filled, you will be informed about alternative study abroad opportunities.

Are there other pre-departure tasks to attend to?

- You must attend our pre-departure session.
- Complete course contract.
- Ensure you have a valid **Passport**. Passports must be valid for 6 months after you return.
- You must work with your provider to obtain your **Visa** (each country has different requirements, so verify what you need for your Visa application).

How do I Register for my upcoming semester while abroad?

- Your registration time ticket date does not change because you are studying abroad.
- In fact, you receive a 6 hours head start to register for the upcoming semester to compensate for the time difference.
- The Study Abroad Office will notify you (to check on Banner) when registration dates are available.
- Overall, you will register for courses as you normally would if you were on campus.
- If you have questions, contact the Registrar's Office.

What should I do when I return to Bryant?

- Attend the re-orientation session.
- Submit photos from your time abroad to our photo contest!
- Become involved with the international events on campus!
- Tell others to study abroad by becoming a Past Participant for our website!

BRYANT UNIVERSITY



Study Abroad Office	Undergraduate Advising	Program Provider
<p>Step 1: Attend a Study Abroad Information Session. These sessions are held weekly. The schedule is listed on our website.</p>		
	<p>Step 2: Meet with your academic advisor to obtain your degree evaluation. You outline your course requirement options & get access to the Blackboard site.</p>	
<p>Step 3a: Meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss your program options, course selections, country specific advisor, and provider application process.</p>	<p>Step 3b: Work with a country specific advisor to get additional courses approved (if needed) and to complete your course contract.</p>	<p>Step 3c: Begin the program provider application on-line. You may be required to bring forms to the Study Abroad Office. You will also complete Bryant's Online Enrollment Form (link sent to you)</p>
<p>Step 4: Finalize provider application and Bryant's Online Enrollment Form. (Provider contact for application materials: Cindi Lewis, clewis4@bryant.edu)</p> <p><i>You will be required to attend our pre-departure session.</i></p>		<p>Step 5: Consult with your selected program for housing, meals, transportation and your <u>visa</u>.</p> <p><i>Be sure <u>you</u> understand what you need to do to apply for a visa.</i></p>
	<p>Step 6: Once abroad, you <i>must</i> contact your country specific advisor to confirm the courses you are enrolled in.</p>	
<p>Step 7: Welcome Home! You are required to attend a re-entry session</p>		

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