

PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

University of Oxford

Regent's Park College
St. Anne's College
St. Catherine's College

Oxford, England

Edge Hill University

Ormskirk, England

Kingston University

Kingston upon Thames, England

Bangor University

Bangor, Wales

Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

Galway, Ireland

Waterford Institute of Technology

Waterford Ireland

Heilbronn University

Heilbronn, Germany

Universitatea Babeș-Bolyai

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Kansai Gaidai University

Hirakata, Japan

Teikyo University

Tokyo, Japan

Beijing Institute of Petrochemical Technology

Beijing, China

Pukyong National University

Busan, South Korea

British School of Quito-Student Teaching

Quito, Ecuador

ISEP (International Student Exchange Program)

STUDY ABROAD

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PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

Study abroad extends learning beyond the classroom and campus by adding a global focus to your academic studies through cross-cultural immersion. All study abroad programs at Columbus State University are designed to offer academic course credit that satisfy students' graduation requirements.

Types of programs:

- Short Term Programs, also called Faculty-Led, in which students travel as a group with a professor(s). These typically occur during Spring Break, Maymester or Summer terms, and are one to eight weeks in length.
- Semester Programs allow students to spend a semester or full academic year at an overseas partner institution. Participants are fully immersed into their host culture & institution, and receive a full load of course credit at CSU.



WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- Increase your understanding of other cultures and gain new insights into your own culture
- Improve your proficiency in another language and learn cross-cultural communication skills
- Meet new people and create lifelong friendships
- Enhance your resume and stand out to employers in a competitive job market
- Broaden your academic curriculum by earning core or major course credit, or taking courses not typically offered at CSU
- Increase your sense of independence and ability to adapt to new circumstances
- Earn course credit towards the International Studies Certificate

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All participants must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements and attend all pre-departure orientation sessions led by program staff. Students must also adhere to CSU Student Handbook policies. Additional requirements vary based on the program.

Short Term Programs:

- 2.0 GPA or above
- Good academic standing
- No credit hour requirement. Students may participate as early as their freshman year.

Semester Programs:

- 2.75 GPA or above; some programs may have a higher minimum GPA requirement
- Completion of 40-45 credit hours; Students typically become eligible as sophomores.

HOW TO APPLY

Center for International Education (CIE) staff will help you research your options and select the right program for you. Students must submit an application to CIE, and deposits are typically required. CIE recommends submitting your application at least six months in advance to guarantee availability.

FINANCIAL AID

Students may use their federal financial aid to help cover costs of CSU study abroad programs. HOPE Scholarship, Pell Grant, and Stafford Loans can be applied towards study abroad tuition and fees. Plan ahead by speaking with a Financial Aid Counselor about how to use aid towards study abroad costs.

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

CSU offers scholarships and grants to all CSU students participating in study abroad programs. The study abroad grant is awarded on a first come, first served basis to all students. CSU scholarships are merit-based competitive awards open to degree seeking students. The Center for International Education also advises students on national and regional scholarships. Columbus State strives to give every student the necessary support to be able to participate in study abroad programs.

