

Frequently Asked Questions

Global Education & Study Abroad

WHAT TYPES OF STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE?

- **Semester or Full Year** (primarily juniors)
Over 100 Endorsed Programs in 30 countries. Usually done during junior year.
- **Summer break** (any matriculated student)
 - a. H-SC faculty-led programs (May Term Abroad, May Term Away)
 - b. Virginia Program at Oxford (VPO)
 - c. Programs run by other providers that are approved by the Office of Global Ed

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

- 2.0 GPA for H-SC faculty-led programs and VPO; 2.5 GPA for all other programs
- Disciplinary status approval by the Dean of Students & the Director of Global Ed
- Good standing with the H-SC business office
- Specific programs may have additional requirements

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STUDY ABROAD?

- **Semester programs:** Students studying abroad for one semester pay H-SC abroad fees which are very similar to the total amount of fees paid by on-campus students who have the full room and board plan. All financial aid, including Federal, State, and H-SC-administered aid/scholarships, may apply to the cost of tuition, housing, and food expense for these programs.
- **Summer programs:** Summer fees vary greatly depending on the program's location, length, included activities, and number of courses taken. A typical range is \$5800-8000. Please see the Global Ed webpages for more information.
- **It is more economical to study abroad during a semester than the summer, in terms of fees.**

IS FUNDING AVAILABLE?

- Absolutely! H-SC has a variety of study abroad funding opportunities, which include support for passport applications, program fees, and on-site payments for student bloggers. In addition, H-SC students have received funding from external organizations as well, such as the Gilman, Fulbright, and Boren scholarships. Please see the Global Ed funding webpage for more information.

- Please be aware that funding applications are due earlier than program applications and funds are limited.

HOW SOON SHOULD STUDENTS START PLANNING?

- It is never too early! Discussing with your academic advisor in August about how and when to take advantage of an abroad opportunity is ideal. As is meeting with the Global Ed director your first semester.
- Typically, I work with students a 6-10 months in advance for semester programs or 3-6 months in advance for a summer program that is not run by H-SC.
- Know exactly which program you want to do? It's ok to just apply by our deadlines.

WHERE DO I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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