



# UVM STUDY ABROAD

## Frequently Asked Questions



### WHERE CAN I STUDY ABROAD?

GoAbroad ([goabroad.uvm.edu](https://goabroad.uvm.edu)) serves as UVM's approved study abroad program database. It houses over 700+ programs in 50+ countries. Within GoAbroad you will be able to search for programs according to academic interests, locations, type of experience/program, and other parameters.

### HOW LONG CAN I STUDY ABROAD ?

You can choose to study abroad for a full academic year, fall or spring semester, or participate on a short-term program during winter, spring, or summer breaks. Most students tend to study abroad for one semester.

### WHEN DO STUDENTS TYPICALLY STUDY ABROAD?

Most UVM students study abroad during their junior year, but you may find it easier to study abroad your spring semester sophomore year or fall semester senior year, depending on the academic plan you discuss with your academic advisor. You are required to have sophomore standing at the time of application to semester or year-long study abroad programs.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO STUDY ABROAD?

The costs associated with studying abroad depend on different factors, including the type of program you participate in and the country that you will be living in. The cost of many programs is less than or equal to a semester at UVM.

### CAN I USE FINANCIAL AID?

Yes, federal financial aid can be applied to approved study abroad programs! UVM financial aid applicability varies based on program type. Visit [uvm.edu/oie/finances](https://uvm.edu/oie/finances) for more details.

### ARE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE?

Yes! The Office of International Education (OIE) has compiled a list of study abroad scholarships and grants. This list, available on our finances web page ([uvm.edu/oie/finances](https://uvm.edu/oie/finances)), is meant to be a starting point for you and is not comprehensive.

### WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS DOES UVM APPROVE?

UVM approves several different types of programs:

- **UVM Semester:** UVM Semester programs incorporate teaching from UVM faculty while students are abroad. *Federal financial aid, UVM scholarships, grants, and loans may be eligible to travel with students on these programs.*
- **UVM/ISEP Exchange:** Exchange programs allow for you to study at an international university and for an international student to attend UVM for a semester or year. *Federal aid, including UVM grants and scholarships, can apply to exchange programs. UVM grants and scholarships are reduced for out-of-state students to account for any reduction in tuition.*
- **External:** External programs include programs run by other institutions, third party program providers, or direct-enroll options. Students do not pay UVM tuition when participating on External programs. *Federal and state financial aid is eligible to travel with students on these programs. UVM scholarships and grants are not available to students on these programs.*
- **Travel Study:** Travel study programs are led by UVM professors and are offered during winter break, spring break, and summer break. *Federal financial aid, UVM scholarships, grants, and loans may be eligible to travel with students on these programs*

For more details about each program type visit [uvm.edu/oie/programs](https://uvm.edu/oie/programs).



# UVM STUDY ABROAD

## Frequently Asked Questions



### **WHAT SUBJECTS CAN I STUDY ABROAD?**

Courses can be found to complement nearly every major offered at UVM. Many students study abroad to fulfill their major or minor requirements, and students often fulfill general education requirements abroad too.

### **I'VE HEARD I CAN'T STUDY ABROAD BECAUSE MY MAJOR IS \_\_\_\_\_. IS THIS TRUE?**

All majors can have a study abroad experience. We encourage you to consult your academic advisor. For some, sophomore year or senior year might work better academically. Travel-study programs are also available during winter, spring, and summer breaks and are a great option for those with more structured academic plans. Many programs offer STEM classes, and some STEM students choose to schedule electives so that they can take them abroad.

### **IS IT STILL POSSIBLE TO GRADUATE ON TIME IF I STUDY ABROAD?**

With proper planning and thoughtful program selection, nearly all students can fit a study abroad experience into their four years at UVM. Be sure to talk with your academic advisor.

### **HOW WILL MY CREDITS TRANSFER?**

Earning academic credit while studying abroad for a semester is not only possible at UVM, it is expected. Students participating in UVM-approved study abroad programs will be eligible to receive transfer credit for coursework successfully completed overseas provided that they meet UVM transfer credit guidelines. Please see our Academics and Study Abroad web page for more information: [uvm.edu/oie/study-abroad-academics](http://uvm.edu/oie/study-abroad-academics)

UVM courses taught by UVM faculty receive direct UVM credit, and no transfer process is required.

### **DO I NEED TO SPEAK ANOTHER LANGUAGE TO STUDY ABROAD?**

No, many programs in non-English speaking countries offer courses taught in English. There are also many programs that offer language learning courses for students who want to take their courses in a language other than English.

### **WHERE WILL I LIVE WHILE STUDY ABROAD?**

Housing accommodations vary from site to site. On some programs students are housed with other students on the program, some live in university housing, some live in city apartments, and some in homestays. Not all housing options are available for every program.

### **WHAT WILL I EAT WHILE STUDYING ABROAD?**

As with housing, different programs and countries offer different choices for meals. Dining halls may be available, but in some countries dining halls are not as common, in which case you will probably purchase groceries and cook for yourself at home. If you are living in a homestay, some or all of your meals may be provided by your homestay host. When researching different program options, we advise you to keep in mind any dietary preferences/needs.

### **WHEN AND HOW SHOULD I START PLANNING FOR STUDY ABROAD?**

We encourage you to start planning your study abroad experience at least one year prior to departure. This allows ample time for program exploration and important conversations with your academic advisor about course requirements that you want/need to complete abroad. Check out our Getting Started web page for more details: [uvm.edu/oie/getting\\_started](http://uvm.edu/oie/getting_started)