

WANT TO GO AWAY NEXT SPRING?

Here's a check list of what you need to do between now and Oct. 2, 2008

Though we have indicated roughly when you should have each of the following steps completed, please note that study abroad programs work on a rolling admissions basis and therefore the earlier you apply to your chosen program(s) the better. You are also free to turn in your Brandeis Study Abroad Application early.

BEFORE SUMMER BREAK:

- If you have not already done so, attend a Study Abroad Information Session – *A calendar including all information sessions can be found here: <http://www.brandeis.edu/abroad/calendar.shtml>*
- Schedule a meeting with a study abroad staff member to discuss your goals for study abroad and to pick up the Brandeis Application – *Fill out this worksheet before your meeting: <http://www.brandeis.edu/abroad/forms/worksheet.pdf>*
- Begin the process of choosing a Country and a Program - *Use the Study Abroad Resource Library and our website (<http://www.brandeis.edu/abroad>) to research programs. Don't forget to read evaluations from past students.*
- If you have questions regarding which courses abroad might count towards your major(s), talk to the Study Abroad Liaison in your Major (or intended major) Department(s) - *A list of the Liaisons can be found here: <http://www.brandeis.edu/abroad/begin/liaisons.html>*
- Declare at least one Major and claim any AP/ IB credit you wish to count for credit

OVER SUMMER BREAK:

- Talk to your family about studying abroad
- Continue researching programs and narrow down your choices – *you may apply to up to two programs, however, you are not required to list an alternate program. We only recommend applying to two programs if you feel there is a chance you will not be accepted to your first choice program – feel free to contact us if you have questions about this.*
- Gather application forms from your program(s) and look at the Brandeis Study Abroad Application – *read over all of the forms so you know what info you need for each application*
- Write a rough draft of your application essay(s) and decide who you will ask to write your letter(s) of recommendation

IN SEPTEMBER:

- Attend the GO AWAY Study Abroad Fair on Sept. 18, 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Levin Ballroom - *learn more about the programs you have chosen and to ask all your last minute questions*
- Declare all Majors and Minors for which you hope to earn credit abroad.
- Finish filling out your program application(s) and finalize your essay(s)
- Drop off the page(s) of your program application(s) that require a signature from the study abroad office in Usdan 127 - *we require a minimum of 48 hours to process these forms*
- Request Letter(s) of Recommendation and transcripts for your program application(s)
- Submit your program application(s) – *note that you should turn in your application(s) as soon as possible – with rolling admission the earlier you turn in your application the better your chances of getting in*
- Gather the appropriate Study Abroad Liaison signatures on your Brandeis Study Abroad Application and finalize your Personal Statement for this application
- Submit your Brandeis Study Abroad Application to the Study Abroad Office **by noon on Oct. 2**