Study Abroad 101 for Students & Families

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Our Mission

The Office of Study Abroad helps students live and learn in a new and different cultural context as part of their Brandeis education. The staff of the Office of Study Abroad assist students in accessing educational experiences that foster their development as global citizens through cultural, academic, and linguistic immersion. Aligned with the core Brandeis mission to center social justice, we strive to provide students with opportunities to learn about global inequality and structural social injustices in order to engage as active citizens in our multicultural world. We are committed to assisting any student with a desire to go abroad in finding an opportunity that aligns with their personal, professional, and academic goals. We believe and actively promote the notion that a student’s identity, financial background, and/or academic discipline should not be a barrier to an educational experience abroad.
Study abroad is the opportunity to earn academic credit toward a student’s degree off-campus for a semester, year, or summer.

WHAT IS STUDY ABROAD?

WHY STUDY ABROAD?

• Gain exposure to cultures or languages that are different than their own
• Career benefits

• Complement and expand upon academic studies at Brandeis
• Personal growth
More than 150 study abroad programs are approved by Brandeis in 58 countries!
Types of Programs

Approved Programs

• Programs vetted and assessed by Brandeis for:
  • Academic quality
  • Health and safety support
  • On-site support and engagement

Program types:

• Direct enrollment
• Study center
• Internship
• Field study

Find a link to the database at:
http://www.brandeis.edu/abroad/yearsemester/index.html
Why I Studied Abroad

Rynn Parrack '23

*Cultural Identity, Social Justice, and Community Development in Valparaiso (SIT)*

Valparaiso, Chile
Year & Semester Abroad: Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- Good Academic/Judicial Standing
- Junior or First-Semester Senior Class Standing
- Foreign language requirements
  - FISH

Rabat, Morocco
16 general elective credits
Students can earn elective credit, fulfill Core requirements, and/or fulfill Major/Minor requirements
Earning Major/Minor credit
  • Decision of Study Abroad Faculty Liaison in department
  • Approved once students return from abroad

Year & Semester Abroad: Earning Credit Abroad
Copenhagen, Denmark
Year & Semester Abroad: Four Points to Know about Finances

1. Students continue to pay Brandeis tuition and required fees while abroad.
2. Nearly all financial aid & grants are transferable to a study abroad semester or year.
3. Non-tuition costs (room, board, etc.) will be billed to the student directly by their program and this cost may vary. Students should also budget for costs their program doesn't include like meals, flights, visa fees, etc.
4. Scholarships are available!
Summer Study Abroad

Why Study abroad in the Summer?

- Jump ahead academically and earn Brandeis credit
- Fulfill Core and major/minor requirements
- Start a new language or continue previous language study
- Gain valuable experience in an internship or through research
- Learn something new!

Brandeis-Run Programs  |  Approved Affiliate Programs
Brandeis in Copenhagen: Business and Economics in Denmark

Brandeis in Mérida: Public Health in the Yucatán Peninsula

Brandeis in Siena: Making, Seeing, and Mastering Art in Tuscany
Summer Study Abroad: Approved Affiliate Programs

- Programs last 5-12 weeks; students usually earn 4-8 credits
- Students pay a $400 off-campus study fee to Brandeis and all other charges directly to the program

Students can study abroad over the summer any time after their first year!
Why I Studied Abroad

Aileen Cahill '23
Brandeis in Siena: Making, Seeing, & Mastering Art in Tuscany
Intensive Spanish Immersion in Toledo (UMN)

Ian Smith '22
Brandeis in Copenhagen: Business & Economics in Denmark
APPLICATION PROCESS

Most students will have two applications to complete:

Brandeis Application
  • Essays
  • Course Proposal

Program Application
  • Varies depending on the program

DEADLINES

March 1, 2023

For all programs in Summer 2023, Fall 2023, or Spring 2024
Resources & Support Provided

- Advising appointments
- Study Abroad Ambassadors
- Abroad101.com evaluations
- Study Abroad events
- www.brandeis.edu/abroad
- Program support
- Support while abroad including emergency management alongside program staff
- General updates to family members (with student permission)
- Conversations and resources for students to support various identities abroad
POSTCARDS FROM ABROAD:

Stories & Treats from Around the World

Date: Tuesday, Nov. 1
Time: 6-8pm
Location: International Lounge, Usdan
Health, Wellness, & Safety

- Family portal on our website
- Pre-Departure Workshop
- Re-Orientation Workshop
- Monitoring of global activity related to safety daily
- Program supports: orientation, 24/7 on-site support, international insurance
- COVID-19
Family Portal

Office of Study Abroad

Information for Families

Brandeis student Amanda Nguyen (left) lived with a local roommate while studying abroad in Beijing.
Next Steps

### How to Help Your Student

#### Plan for Study Abroad

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<td>☐ Start reviewing the family portal.</td>
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<td>☐ Browse program options by major.</td>
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<td>☐ Consider summer study abroad, including Brandeis-led programs.</td>
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<td>☐ Encourage your students to schedule an appointment with study abroad staff.</td>
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<td>☐ Speak as a family more specifically about study abroad plans. Thanksgiving break and Winter break is a great times to discuss.</td>
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<td>☐ Review finances together. Encourage your student to seek out scholarships.</td>
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<td>☐ Applications deadlines for the following fall, spring, and year are in February. The summer deadline is in March.</td>
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<td>☐ Walk through finances with your student.</td>
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<td>☐ Encourage self-sufficiency for your student while arranging logistics—they’ll use it while abroad.</td>
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<td>☐ Plan how and when you and your student will communicate with each other while abroad.</td>
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Amman, Jordan
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