



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.



Breiðamerkurjökull Glacier, Iceland

WHAT IS STUDY ABROAD?

Study abroad is the opportunity to earn academic credit toward a student's degree off-campus for a semester, year, or summer.

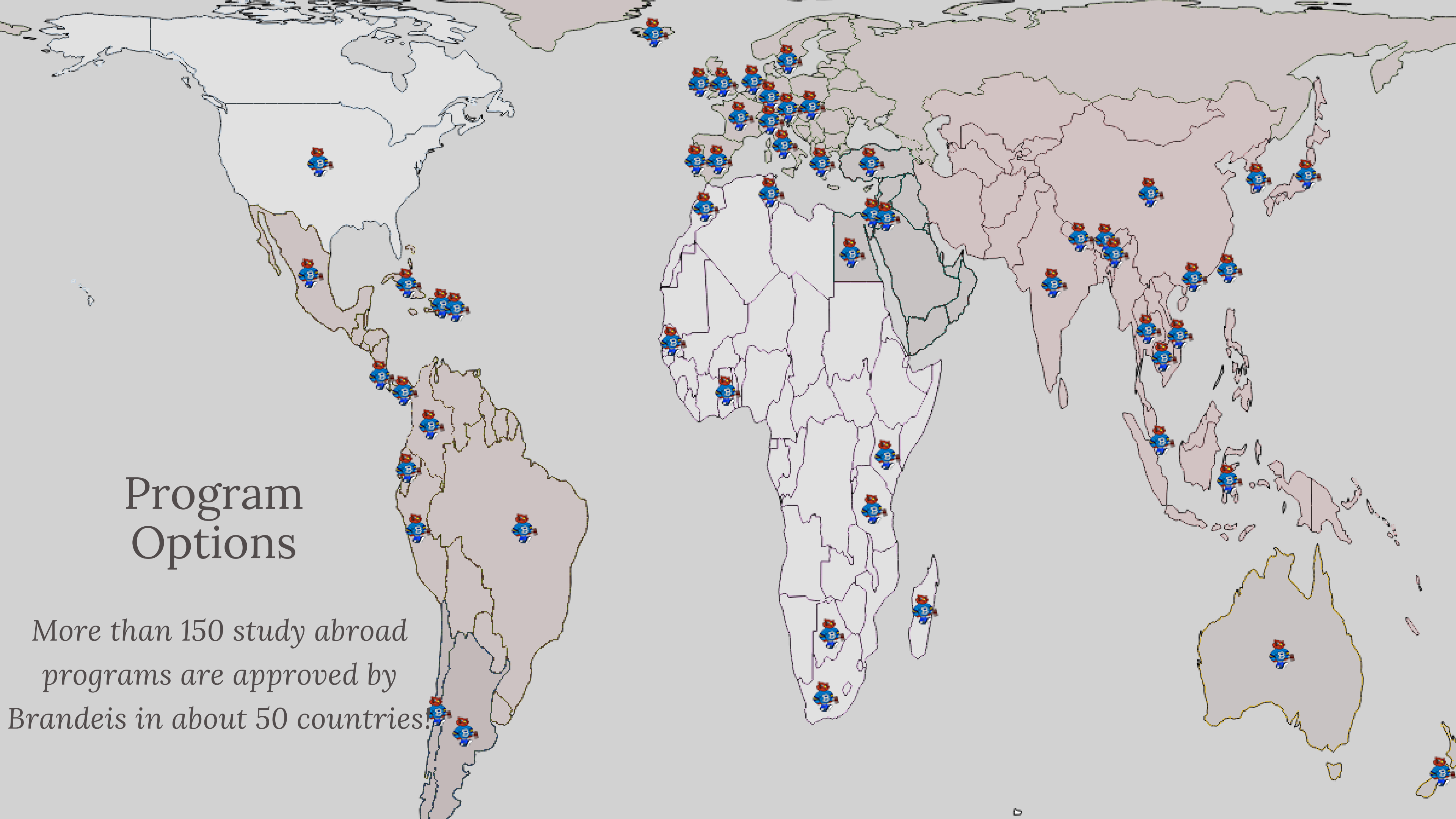
WHY STUDY ABROAD?

- Gain exposure to cultures or languages that are different than their own
- Career benefits
- Complement and expand upon academic studies at Brandeis
- Personal growth



Program Options

More than 150 study abroad programs are approved by Brandeis in about 50 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



Program Discovery

Search Filters

Terms Countries

Program Language(s) Minimum Semesters of Previous Language ...

Housing Options Program Type

Area of Study(s) Experiential Learning Opportunities

Show more search options

Clear Search

Previously Viewed

Economics at Keio University
Japan
Academic Year, Spring
You will have the unique opportunity to study numerous topics in Economics while also enrolling in some course work focusing on East Asian Studies

Featured Programs:

Brandeis in Siena: Making, Seeing, and Mastering Art in Tuscany
Siena, Italy
Summer

Brandeis in Merida: Public Health in the Yucatan Peninsula
Merida, Mexico
Summer

Why I Studied Abroad

Hannah Lustig

*MSID: Development Studies and
Internship in Chiang Mai, Thailand*



Year & Semester Abroad: Eligibility Requirements

- 3.0 GPA
- *Good Academic/Conduct Standing*
- *Junior or First-Semester Senior Class Standing*
- *Foreign language requirements*
 - FISH
- *Meet any program requirements.*



Rabat, Morocco

Year & Semester Abroad: Earning Credit Abroad

- 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



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!



Why I Studied Abroad

Dani Kohorn

DIS: Study Abroad in Copenhagen



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-Run Summer Study Abroad Programs



*Brandeis in Copenhagen:
Business and Economics in
Denmark*



*Brandeis in Siena:
Making, Seeing, and
Mastering Art in Tuscany*



*Brandeis in Mérida:
Public Health in the Yucatán
Peninsula*



*Brandeis in Puerto Rico:
Environmental Studies in
the Caribbean*

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



Accra, Ghana

Students can study abroad over the summer any time after their first year!

APPLICATION PROCESS

Most students will have two applications to complete:

Brandeis Application

- Essays
- Course Proposal
- Budget Worksheet

Program Application

- *Varies depending on the program*
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DEADLINE

February 13, 2025

*For all programs in
Summer 2025, Fall 2025,
or Spring 2026*



Oxford, United Kingdom

Why I Studied Abroad

Laurel Davidoff

*Advanced Studies in England & American
College of Thessaloniki Summer Programs*





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



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

Family Portal

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Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns. Our staff and contact information can be found on the [Contact page](#).

In case of an emergency after normal

Information for Families



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

VISIT NOW:



Next Steps

How to Help Your Student Plan for Study Abroad

Your student's first year at Brandeis

- ☐ Chat about study abroad as a family.
- ☐ Visit the Brandeis Study Abroad website: www.brandeis.edu/abroad
- ☐ Start reviewing the family portal.
- ☐ Browse program options by major.
- ☐ Consider summer study abroad, including Brandeis-led programs.

Your student's second year at Brandeis

- ☐ Encourage your students to schedule an appointment with study abroad staff.
- ☐ Speak as a family more specifically about study abroad plans. Thanksgiving break and Winter break is a great times to discuss.
- ☐ Review finances together. Encourage your student to seek out scholarships.
- ☐ Applications deadlines for the following fall, spring, and year are in February. The summer deadline is in March.

Post-acceptance & Pre-departure

- ☐ Contact student's program for logistical questions.
- ☐ Walk through finances with your student.
- ☐ Encourage self-sufficiency for your student while arranging logistics-they'll use it while abroad!
- ☐ Plan how and when you and your student will communicate with each other while abroad.



Rome, Italy



Amman, Jordan

Questions?

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