

# Study Abroad at Brandeis



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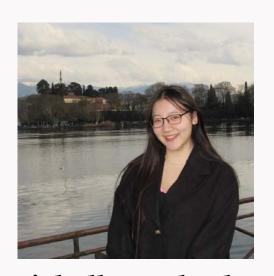


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## Our Mission



Breiðamerkurjökull Glacier, Iceland

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.

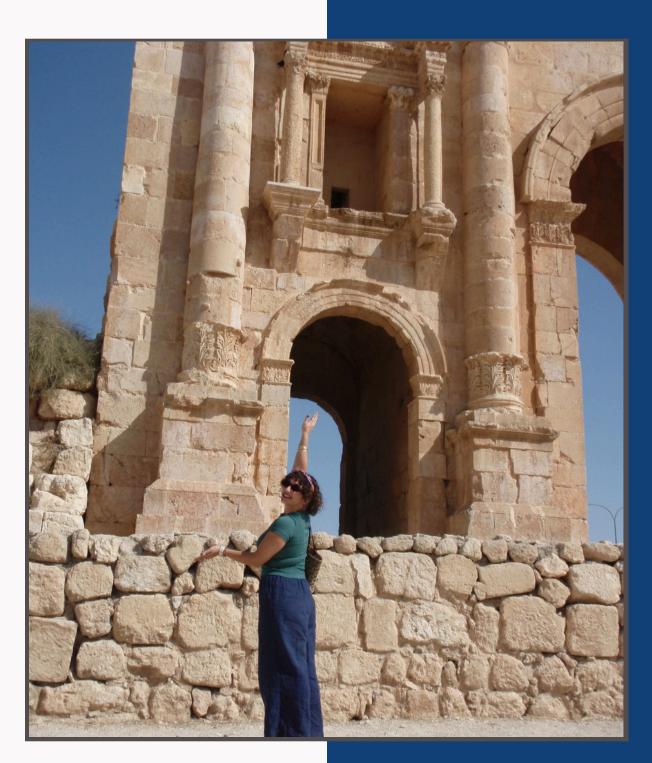
## WHAT IS STUDY ABROAD?

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
- Personal growth

- Complement and expand upon academic studies at Brandeis
- Skill development for future careers



# Developing Skills for the Future

### **Skills Gained:**

- Adaptability
- Flexibility
- Problem Solving
- Global Awareness
- Cultural Competency
- Decision Making
- Communication
- Language Learning
- Internship/Work Experience
- Research Experience
- And more!

Research: Study Shows That Studying
Abroad Has a Direct Impact on Skills
Needed for Career Success

- Believe their study abroad experience contributed to securing their first job
- 75% Discussed their study abroad experience in their interview
- 73% Of employers cited study abroad as important when evaluating resumes
- 11% Of students in the U.S. study abroad

### Resources:

Independent Research compiled by NAFSA



## What Can Students Do Abroad?

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Language Study

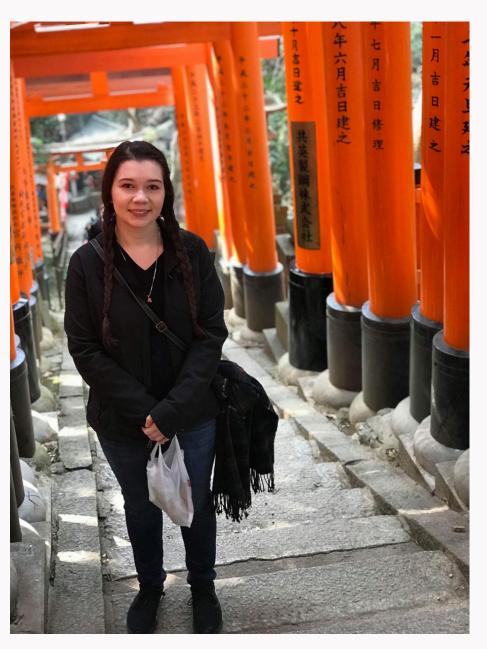
Live with a family

Take courses with local students

Conduct research

Complete an internship

Take courses with study abroad students



# Approved Programs

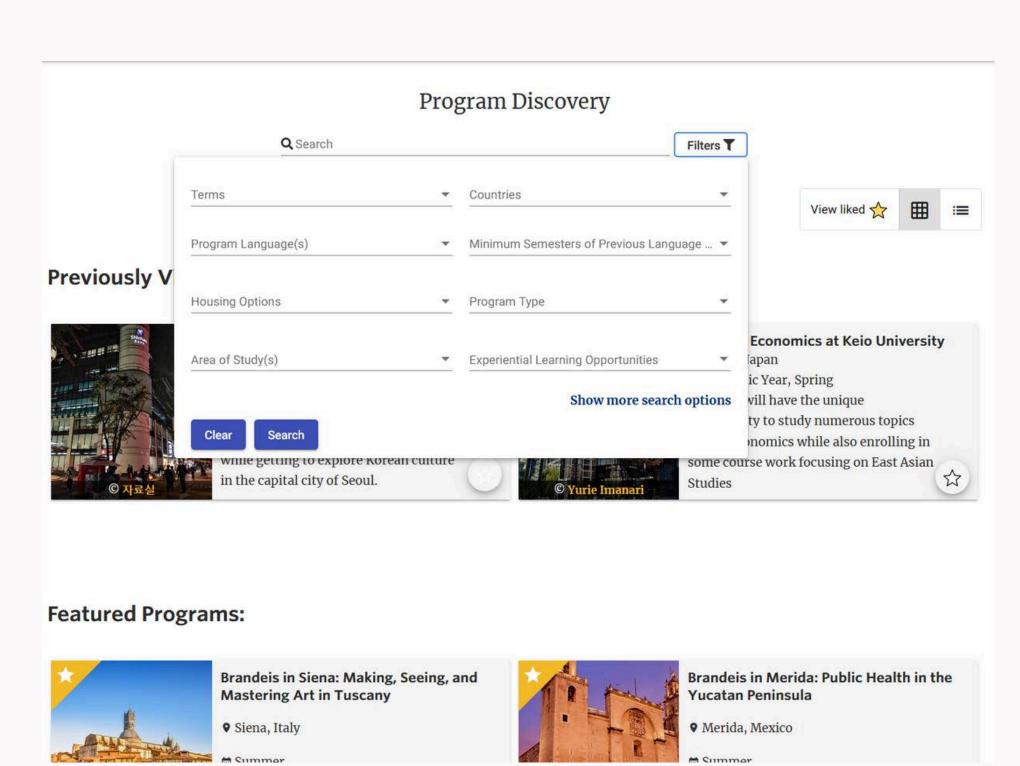
### **Approved Programs**

- •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 Examples

- Decolonizing the Mind: Racial and Environmental Justice in Windhoek, Namibia (Arcadia)
- Development, Gender, and Social Change in the Himalaya, Nepal (SIT)
- European Union Studies in Freiburg (IES)
- Galapagos Academic Institute for the Arts and Sciences (IES)
- Hertford College, Oxford
- Merida Universities Program, Mexico (IFSA)
- National University of Singapore
- Psychology and Neuroscience in Maastricht
- Taiwanese Studies and Internship in Taipai (CET)
- University of Haifa
- University of Otago, New Zealand

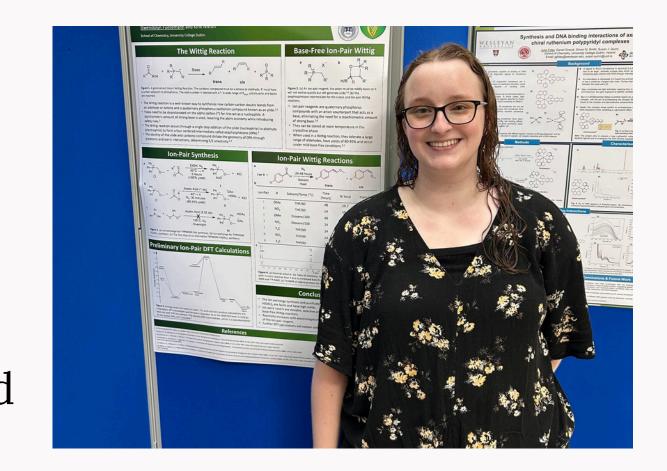
# Why I Studied Abroad

Matthew Norris Yonsei University, South Korea



## Academics Abroad

- All majors and minors study abroad!
- Students can earn credit toward a major, minor, or CORE requirement.
- Most students can fulfill major/minor electives abroad; approval will depend on the course abroad and is up to the department.
- Students earn 16 credits for taking a full load abroad in the semester or up to 8 credits in the summer.





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Course Equivalency

Database



Pick up a program sample sheet by major or access all here!

## Psychology Study Abroad Program Examples

Program	Location	Course Examples*
Advanced Studies of Youth Development and Psychology in Montpellier (UMN)	Montpellier, France	Adolescent Psychology     Cross-Cultural Psychology
American College of Thessaloniki	Thessaloniki, Greece	<ul> <li>Positive Psychology</li> <li>Psychopharmacology</li> </ul>
American University in Cairo	Cairo, Egypt	<ul> <li>Theories of Personality</li> <li>Learning and Behavioral Psychology</li> </ul>
Bond University (Arcadia)	Robina, Australia	<ul> <li>Forensic Psychology</li> <li>Music and Mind</li> </ul>
DIS: Study Abroad in Stockholm	Stockholm, Sweden	<ul> <li>Psychology of Loneliness</li> <li>Psychology of Food: A Biopsychosocial Perspective</li> </ul>
European Society and Culture in Vienna (IES)	Vienna, Austria	<ul> <li>Positive Psychology: The Science of a Good Life</li> <li>Cross-Cultural Psychology</li> </ul>
Psychology and Neuroscience in Buenos Aires (IFSA)	Buenos Aires, Argentina	<ul> <li>Intervention Strategies in Mental Health</li> <li>Brain, Drugs, and Addiction</li> </ul>
Psychology & Research Program at the University of Haifa	Haifa, Israel	<ul> <li>Psychology Research Project</li> <li>Refugee's Mental Health: Global and Local Perspectives</li> </ul>
Psychology and Neuroscience in Maastricht	Maastricht, Netherlands	<ul> <li>Positive Psychology</li> <li>Human Reasoning and Complex Cognition</li> </ul>
Universidad del Sagrado Corazón (SSA)	San Juan, Puerto Rico	<ul> <li>Psychopathology</li> <li>Theories of Personality</li> </ul>

\*Offered courses may vary. Your Study Abroad Liaison will need to approve courses for major/minor credit.



# Experiential Learning Abroad



- Internship, research, and service learning tied to credit
- 40% of programs include or offer an optional internship; 30% of programs include or offer an optional research project
- Many programs offer volunteer opportunities
- Students can immerse themselves in other languages
- Many programs offer academic excursions as part of courses and the program, using the city and country as their classroom.



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# Experiential Learning Abroad Examples

## Student Internship Examples Abroad 2024-2025

Internship	Details
Control Biological Autoclave Madrid, Spain	Student Major(s): Computer Science Helped create a chatbot for company website and researched different strategies for company growth.
Drama Queens Accra, Ghana	Student Major(s): Psychology Assisted with administrative duties for the organization. Helped with the planning of their biennial film festival.
Health Information and Quality Authority Dublin, Ireland	Student Major(s): Health: Science, Society, and Policy Worked with a team whose mission is to improve the quality of health and social care services in Ireland as part of the National Care Experience Program.
KN Link Boxing Tokyo, Japan	Student Major(s): History Assisted in teaching boxing to students aged 6-12.
La Libre Buenos Aires, Argentina	Student Major(s): Anthropology and Journalism  Worked at a publishing house. Was responsible for posting content across various media platforms. Shadowed different departments within the publishing business, including editorial, design, and distribution.
Stepping Stones Shanghai Shanghai, China	Student Major(s): Computer Science and East Asian Studies Worked on Python curriculum for elementary aged students.
Wildflower Home Foundation Chiang Mai, Thailand	Student Major(s): Sociology and Environmental Studies  Worked at a women's shelter. Supervised children in the daycare. Taught mothers English.  Supported preparation for the Christmas event. Completed a case study for the program.
Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for Holocaust Studies Vienna, Austria	Student Major(s): Studio Art and Art History Archival and research intern. Organized, processed, and cataloged hundreds of VWI documents and books using online collections software. Wrote and published several conference reports.
Vithas Granada, Spain	Student Major(s): Health: Science, Society, and Policy  Observed clinical care in a private hospital setting including ECG interpretation, pulmonary assessments, and learning diagnostic procedures under physician supervision.

## Student Research Examples Abroad 2024-2025

Location	Details
Bocas del Toro, Panama	Student Major(s): Environmental Studies and Biology Performed research in the field (local coral reefs). Analyzed collected data and synthesized findings into a research paper. Presented findings to panel of experts and to local community.
Copenhagen, Denmark	Student Major(s): Anthropology and Health: Science, Society, and Policy Assisted on research project exploring the experience of living with HIV as a woman in Scandinavia, as well as the experience of seeking fertility care as an HIV+ woman in Denmark.
Dublin, Ireland	Student Major(s): Computer Science  Worked on literature review and final report for research project, where the task was to implement a facial recognition software, researched how to implement it in VR, and use poisoning attacks against it.
Kerambitan, Indonesia	Student Major(s): History and English Conducted independent research on relationship between COVID-19 and "wayang kulit" in Java and Bali.
Monteverde, Costa Rica	Student Major(s): Environmental Studies  Explored the relationship between size characteristics of tropical milkweed flowers and the number of visitors to the flowers of the tropical milkweed individuals.
Panama City, Panama	Student Major(s): Environmental Studies Investigated the diversity and abundance of riparian herpetofauna near the Paso Ancho dam in Chiriqui, Panama. Performed eighteen visual encounter surveys along the bank of Chiriqu
Paro, Bhutan	Student Major(s): Philosophy  Collected and analyzed species data for large mammals in a specific region of Paro district. Hiked to cameras to collect and replace SD cards in camera traps, which allowed us to look at images of animals that walked by the cameras in the past few months and triggered their sensors. Used R to create occupancy models of all of the species in relation to different variables, such as aspect, altitude, and distance from water sources.
Stockholm, Sweden	Student Major(s): Neuroscience and Psychology  Worked on a project involving the serotonin receptor and how its activity can be altered by different levels of serotonin, applications of drugs, and mutations.



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# Why I Studied Abroad

## Mia Levine

Environmental Justice and Mekong Ecologies in Siem Reap (SFS)



Julie & Billy Levine

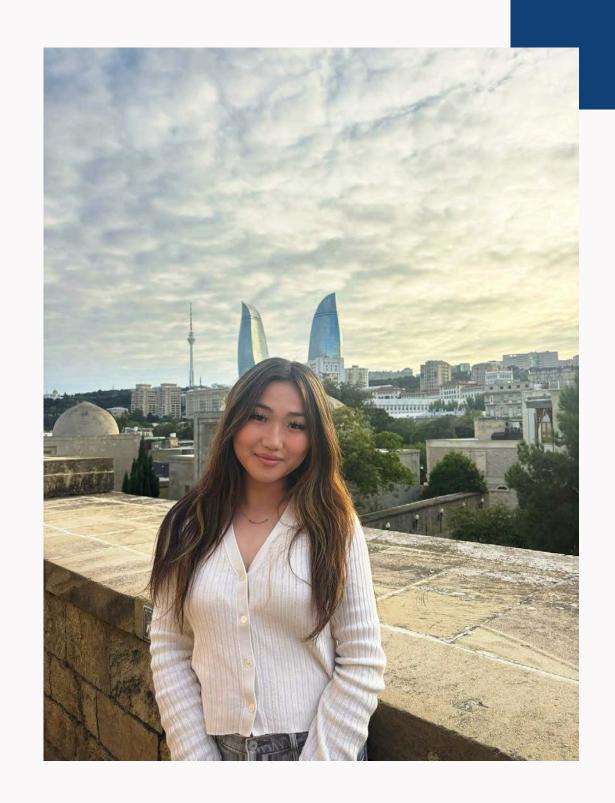
Parents of Mia Levine



# Summer Study Abroad

- Jump ahead academically and earn 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 Mérida:
Public Health in the Yucatán
Peninsula



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



Brandeis in Heredia: Environmental Studies in Costa Rica

## \*\* NEW for Summer 2026 \*\*



Brandeis in San Juan: STEM Lab Research at the University of Puerto Rico



Brandeis in Heredia:
Ecology and Sustainable
Development in
Costa Rica

# 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
- 50 program options to choose from, many with internships!



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

# Why I Studied Abroad

Anina Ghosal

Brandeis in Copenhagen: Business

and Economics in Denmark



# Eligibility Requirements

### Semester

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

### Summer

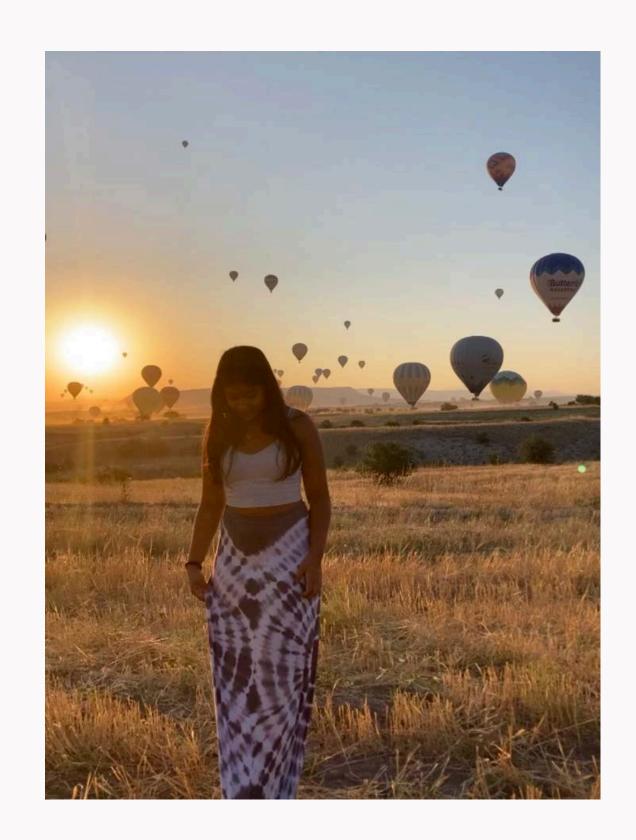
- Good conduct standing
- Meet any program requirements.



Rabat, Morocco

## Semester Abroad 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!



## Semester Abroad Finances



Program Cost
Comparison

Step 2: Study Abroad C	ost Calculator	•
To complete this form: Fill in the relevant yellow sections and the financial aid information below. All costs are estimates; please check program's website for more information.		Primary Program Abroad:  Environmental Justice and Mekong  Find cost information at:  Environmental Justice and Mekong Ecologies in Siem Reap (SFS): Spring
Brandeis Costs	Average Brandeis Expenses	Program Program: Expenses Abroad
Tuition	\$34,987.00	\$34,967.00
Brandeis Fees	\$299.00	\$299.00
Housing/Room and Board	\$10,477.00	N/A
Q-Ship insurance (U.S. Health Insurance through Brandeis)		
CISI Insurance, \$44.29/month, duration of program	N/A	\$221.48
subtotal	\$45,743.00	\$35,487.46
Program CostsBilled by the Program	Average Brandeis Expenses	Program Program: Expenses Abroad
Room and Board	N/A	\$5,125.00
Program Insurance	N/A	
Other	N/A	
subtotal	\$0.00	\$5,125.00
Additional Out-of-Pocket Expenses	Average Brandeis Expenses	Program Program: Expenses Abroad
Airfare	Enter any airfare to Boston from your home here	82 500.00
Meals and incidentals (not charged by program)	N/A	Included in room and board
Passport / Visas	N/A	\$320.00
Local transportation	N/A	
Academic supplies (books, etc.)	147	
Communication (phone, etc.)	N/A	
Personal Expenses		\$800.00
Medical Expenses (RX, other)	N/A	\$800.00
Other	N/A	\$400.00

subtotal

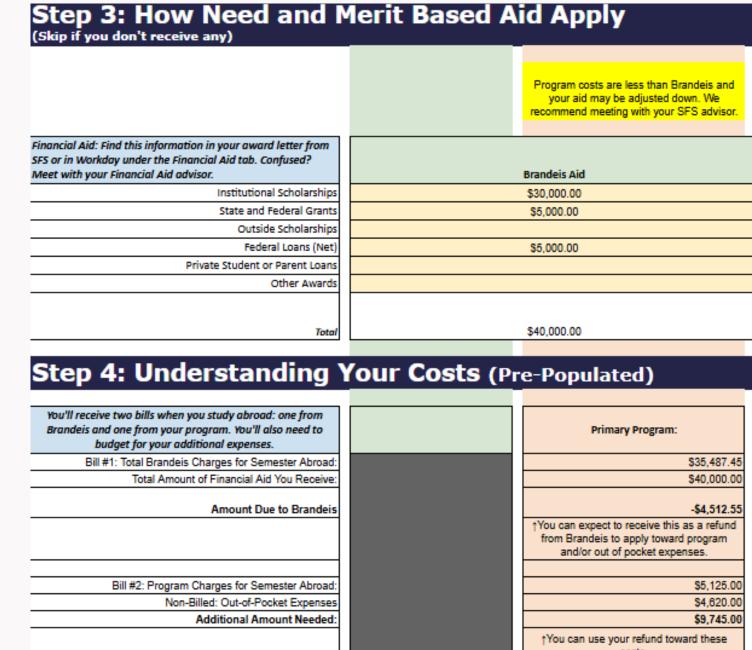
Total Expenses:

\$0.00

\$45,743.00

\$4,620.00

\$45,232.45



\$5,743.00

Comparison: †What you pay out of pocket at Brandeis. \$5,232.45

Comparison: †What you will pay out of

pocket abroad.

Out of Pocket Expenses After Any Aid:

# 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



- Student Check-Ins
- Working with program partners pre-abroad and while abroad
- Monitoring of global activity related to safety daily
- Program supports: orientation, 24/7 on-site support, international insurance
- Pre-Departure Workshop

# Why I Studied Abroad

Cate Huynh
Brandeis in Siena:
Making, Seeing, and Mastering Art in
Tuscany



# Family Portal

### Office of Study Abroad

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First Steps

**Brandeis-Run Programs** 

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**Returning to Brandeis** 

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Timelines and Deadlines

Supporting Your Student

Family Stories

Frequently Asked Questions

For Faculty

**About Us** 

#### Contact Us/After Hours Emergency

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



# Next Steps



Rome, Italy

### How to Help Your Student Plan for Study Abroad

Tour students list year at branders				
☐ 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 logisitcal 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.				

## Application Deadlines

Term Proposal
Deadline:
December 12, 2025

for Academic Year 2026-2027, Fall 2026, & Spring 2027 Study Abroad
Application Deadline:
February 12, 2026

for Academic Year 2026-2027, Fall 2026, Spring 2027, and Summer 2026

Term Proposals and Applications are open now!

# Questions?

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