

STUDY ABROAD PLANNING GUIDE



STUDENT INFO:

Name: _____

Expected Graduation: _____

Email: _____

Major: _____

Phone: _____

Minor: _____



TERM

- ☐ Spring 2020
- ☐ Spring Break 2020
- ☐ Summer 2020
- ☐ Fall 2020
- ☐ Spring 2021
- ☐ _____



PROGRAM TYPE

- ☐ JMU Program
- ☐ Exchange Program
- ☐ External Program
- ☐ Internship Program
- ☐ Research Abroad
- ☐ Study At Program

Visit our website for descriptions of each program type.



LOCATION

- ☐ Africa
- ☐ Americas
- ☐ Asia
- ☐ Europe
- ☐ Oceania
- ☐ _____



COURSES

- ☐ General Education
- ☐ Major
- ☐ Minor
- ☐ Foreign Language
- ☐ Degree Requirement
- ☐ Internship/Practicum

STUDY ABROAD GOALS:

Please list your specific goals for study abroad:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

PLANNING QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

Please answer the questions below to help the advisor gain an understanding of the student's needs and the appropriate resources to share:

- Have you attended a study abroad info session? Y/N
- Have discussed study abroad with your academic advisor? Y/N
- Is this your first time traveling abroad? Y/N
- Do you use any form of financial aid or scholarship? Y/N
- Do you own a passport? Y/N

NOTES:

PLANNING TIPS



FINDING A PROGRAM

Questions to consider:

- ☐ How will this study abroad program fit into your degree plan?
- ☐ Are you looking to take courses, intern, or both?
- ☐ Are you looking to study a language?
- ☐ Are you looking for more of an independent or group experience?

Search Features: Our website offers various search features to assist you in finding a study abroad program. You can search programs by course, major, and location.

Program Type: There are various types of program that are offered through JMU as well as our affiliations. Learn about the various types by visiting the Advising tab on our website.



FINANCES

Cost: When paying for study abroad, you will pay tuition and a program fee. The tuition will cover your academic credits and the program fee will cover lodging, most or all meals, and other aspects of your program experience. For semester programs, students will also pay for room and board. All program fees can be found on each program's webpage.

Financial Aid: Financial Aid can be applied to most study abroad programs. For semester programs, you are able to use your typical financial aid package. You are able to apply aid for summer programs offering at least 6 credits.

Scholarships: YES! There are many scholarships available for studying abroad! Have you applied to any of the scholarships on our website?
www.jmu.edu/global/abroad



ACADEMICS

Selecting Courses: Please know that it is not a requirement to only fulfill courses towards your major when studying abroad. Many of our programs will offer courses in various disciplines that may fulfill GenEd, minor, or major requirements.

Academic Advisor: It is highly recommend that you meet with your academic advisor while planning your study abroad experience. Your advisor will be able to better inform you on how study abroad will fit into your degree plan.

Credit Transfer: If you are interested in completing a Exchange or External program, you will need to complete a transfer credit form. This will allow your credits to be transferred

NEXT STEPS



STUDY ABROAD ADVISING

Have general questions about study abroad or need help finding a program? Stop by our office for Walk-in Advising! Our advisors will be glad to assist you:

<i>Mondays</i>	<i>10am - 12pm</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>10am - 12pm, 2pm - 4pm</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>10am - 12pm, 2pm - 4pm</i>
<i>Thursdays</i>	<i>10am - 12pm</i>



CONTACT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Do you have specific questions regarding a program's experience or logistics? We recommend contacting that program's director. They will be happy to connect with you and answer any questions you may have. Each program's webpage will provide the contact information for the director.



APPLY NOW!

Found the perfect program? Now its time to apply! You can apply by clicking on the purple "Apply Now" button on the program's webpage. This will direct you to our online application portal, Terra Dotta. Please remember to complete your application before the deadline on November 1st!