

Ten things to know about Study Abroad at Cornell University

Cornell Abroad invites you to spend a semester or academic year of study abroad in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, or Oceania as an integral part of your Cornell undergraduate degree.

Study abroad can give you an enriching intellectual experience, a deeper understanding of yourself and the world, expanded career potential, and enhanced maturity as you adjust to another system of education, a different culture, and in many cases, another language. These qualities and experiences will help prepare you for citizenship in our interdependent world.

1 Choosing A Program

Cornell Abroad offers a wide variety of academic programs abroad that are intellectually challenging, socially diverse, and culturally enriching. Study may take the form of classes in a foreign university or in a program set up especially for study abroad students, which may include field study or research, an internship, language study and/or a service placement. You can study on programs run by Cornell or by other educational institutions or organizations. Given the range of options, early planning is important.

Start seeking information from Cornell Abroad and your college during the second half of your freshman year or start of your sophomore year. Successful study abroad grows out of what you are studying here in Ithaca - your major, concentration and elective work, and your foreign language preparation. Engineering and Pre-Med students should work with advisors early on. Students in Arts & Sciences must keep in mind language and area study requirements necessary for college approval. Start your own profile at www.cuabroad.Cornell.edu and read your college "Policies and Procedures for Study Abroad" flyer for more details.

2 Who Studies Abroad?

More than 500 students from all seven undergraduate colleges study abroad each year, in about 40 different countries. Because most Cornell colleges require that students complete at least 60 credits on campus, students who transfer to Cornell as juniors may not be able to count study abroad toward their Cornell degree. Students seeking credit for study abroad during the academic year must apply through Cornell Abroad or their college exchange program. Summer study is recorded through the Travel Registry (travelregistry.cornell.edu) and credit awarded through the college registrar.

Most students study abroad as juniors, but second semester sophomores and first semester seniors also participate.

3 Eligibility

Sophomores, juniors, and first semester seniors with a minimum 3.0 GPA are encouraged to apply to study abroad. Programs with a higher GPA requirement include Oxford and Cambridge, the London School of Economics, University College London, King's College, and St. Andrews.

Universities usually require background in the intended area of study. Please consult individual prospectuses, available at Cornell Abroad or online, for details.

4 Length Of Program

Cornell students may study abroad for either one semester or an academic year.

We encourage you to consider a year abroad; it takes time to adjust to a different educational system, language, and culture. Students who spend a semester in study abroad often wish they had stayed longer, while those who go for a year report that the main challenges come in the first semester, the main rewards in the second.

Summer study abroad is an alternative for students who cannot find time for a more in-depth experience.

Note: Financial Aid does not apply in summer; Work with college registrar for credit transfer; register your summer abroad at CUAbroad.

5 Cost, Billing and Financial Aid

The cost of study abroad is set by the Board of Trustees each year. For 2014-15, all students will pay the Cornell International Program Tuition (CIPT) of \$2,500 as well as a program tuition or fee. The CIPT helps cover the direct and indirect costs of study abroad, including the cost of financial aid. Students attending direct enrollment programs in Israel and the UK pay a CIPT of \$3,000 per semester. The additional sum covers the services of on-site coordinators employed by Cornell Abroad. Students attending programs directly administered by Cornell pay a Cornell Abroad Tuition that includes the CIPT, housing, and often meals. Cornell Abroad pays tuition and fees to your program sponsor and bills your bursar account for these charges. Students are responsible for the payment of program deposits.

Costs of study abroad vary greatly. Students eligible for financial aid receive state, federal, and Cornell institutional grant aid to study on any program approved by their faculty advisor and college. Cornell institutional aid may be applied to study abroad for a maximum of two semesters. Aid packages are evaluated based on the total cost of your program and are adjusted accordingly.

There are limited sources of outside financial aid for which we encourage you to apply.

The Finances section of our webpage www.cuabroad.cornell.edu addresses frequently asked questions. Estimated student budgets are available for many programs on CUAbroad's program pages.



6 Information Gathering

- Browse CU Abroad's web site www.cuabroad.cornell.edu to create your own profile and search program options.
- Attend CU Abroad [information meetings](#) at the start of each semester. See the announcements on our web site, in the Daily Sun, and on campus bulletin boards
- Visit [Cornell Abroad's Resource Library](#) in 250 Caldwell Hall for program flyers, brochures, catalogues, scholarship info, and evaluations from returned students
- Bring questions to Cornell Abroad Program Advisors 300 Caldwell Hall, MWRF 9-4, T 10:30-4; Make an appointment on our website! [Peer advising](#) daily, 1:30-3:00pm in 250 Caldwell Hall
- Talk to your [Faculty Advisor](#) and [College Advisor](#) about how you will meet degree requirements
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7 When To Apply

Early application is encouraged! Many programs have rolling admissions and may fill up months before their published deadlines. In general, you should apply at least one full semester in advance. (To go abroad in Fall, apply by the end of the previous Fall; to go abroad in Spring, apply by the end of the previous Spring).

For Oxford & Cambridge, an even earlier application, up to a year in advance, is required.

Cornell Abroad will work with you as long as your program or university is able to accept you. Please allow two - three weeks for internal processing. Note: Human Ecology requires applications one month before the program deadline.

8 Application Process

All students seeking credit at Cornell for a semester or academic year of study abroad must apply either through Cornell Abroad or directly to their college exchange in order to remain a Cornell student, obtain College approval, and receive Cornell credit.

The application through Cornell Abroad is an approval process: Students seek Approval from their Cornell college to attend their chosen program. On www.cuabroad.cornell.edu, find the program's page and click the "Start Applying" button for application forms & requirements.

What will be needed:

- Statement of Purpose and Proposed Course of Study
- CU Approval forms signed by faculty/college
- Completed Program Application / University application

Exchanges are partnerships between a foreign university and a particular college at Cornell. They are administered by the college rather than Cornell Abroad.

Summer study support (advice & guidance) can be found at Cornell Abroad.

Register short term study at travelregistry.cornell.edu.

Transcript

All seven undergraduate colleges regularly award credit for study abroad. Students take a full load of courses, as defined by the university or program abroad, and receive up to 15 credits per semester or 30 per year. The amount of credit for a single semester may vary depending on the courses completed and the duration of study. After you return to Cornell, your college will review academic work done abroad and assign major, concentration, college distributional, and/or elective credit.

Transcripts from study abroad are sent to Cornell Abroad, verified, and forwarded to the college registrar for transfer to the Cornell transcript. Grades are recorded on the Cornell transcript in the format they are received and are not translated into the Cornell letter grade system, nor are they averaged into the Cornell GPA. The Cornell transcript will show the study abroad program or university, course titles, credits, and foreign grades received.

10 Passport

If you don't already have one, apply for a passport as soon as you are seriously interested in study abroad. If you wait until you apply to a program, you may have trouble completing paperwork before departure. U.S. citizens may obtain a passport at the Tompkins County Clerk's Office, 320 N. Tioga Street, (607) 274-5431. For information about how to apply, contact the County Clerk's Office or visit the State Department web page www.state.gov. Citizens of other countries contact their Embassy in the U.S.

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