

EDUCATION ABROAD

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To help students develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for informed citizenship in today's world, studying abroad offers a wide range of opportunities that reflect the fundamental educational goals and objectives of the University. Study abroad is a continuous and complementary experience with study on campus, enabling students to make regular progress toward their degree path.

To earn credit for study abroad during the fall and/or spring semester(s), students must apply through Education Abroad in the Office of Global Learning (OGL), whose staff members advise students on options and assist with all aspects of the study abroad process. College Programs (Cornell in Rome, Levinson Program, and ILR exchanges) require students to apply through the college. In addition to semester and academic year, Education Abroad manages a select portfolio of short-term Cornell faculty-led study abroad programs (summer/winter/spring break) and non-credit global internship opportunities. Differences in semester and short-term policies and procedures are highlighted in the following sections as appropriate. Education Abroad also manages incoming exchange and visiting student programs.

For the most up-to-date policies for study abroad, please visit the Education Abroad Academic Policies page (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/get-started/academics/policies/>).

Study Abroad

Education Abroad (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/>) administers a diverse outbound student portfolio of academic year, semester, short-term study abroad, and global internships available to undergraduate students in all colleges and schools.

Cornell's Global Hubs opportunities cut across the Education Abroad portfolio. Global Hubs partners are located in strategic locations around the world and provide students with opportunities for semester-long and short-term study abroad, field experience, participation in faculty-led research, curricular pathways through majors, internships, and more.

Study Abroad Program Options

Semester and Academic Year Programs

The semester and academic year portfolio include Global Hubs, University and College Exchange Programs, and other Approved Programs.:

- Global Hubs Exchanges (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/discover-programs/global-hubs/>) are university-level reciprocal-based programs offering students an opportunity to study and engage for a semester or year at a strategic international peer institution. In exchange, Cornell hosts their students.
- University and College Exchange Programs are reciprocal partnerships with select international universities and schools that provide an avenue for Cornell students to study for a semester or

year at those partner schools, and in exchange, Cornell hosts their students. The ILR School manages its own exchange programs. OGL manages Dyson, CALS, Human Ecology, and Engineering exchanges on behalf of those colleges.

- Approved Programs include advanced language and specialized consortium programs designed for Cornell students and students from peer institutions, direct enrollment at select universities, and external provider programs with a special language, topic, (global health, business, sustainability) or applied focus..

Short-Term Programs and Global Internships

Education Abroad manages a select number of winter, spring break and summer Short-term programs, and summer Global Internships:

- Short-term Programs (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/discover-programs/short-term/>) offer a study abroad experience that is organized and led by Cornell faculty with travel during winter, spring break, or summer. Generally speaking, a faculty-led program is an academic course that combines traditional classroom learning with experiential learning abroad. The experience abroad can be as short as one week or span over an entire summer.
- Global Internships (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/discover-programs/global-internships/>) are offered in the summer and managed jointly by the Einaudi Center and Office of Global Learning, both part of Global Cornell. Internships include multiple fields spanning academic research, non-governmental, and industry placements in a variety of countries worldwide. Funding is available to offset major expenses.

The Education Abroad website (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/>) shares advising, program, academic policies, and financial information.

The Experience Cornell website (<https://experience.cornell.edu/>) houses opportunity pages for approved Education Abroad programs as well as other campus units. This is also where students start the application process.

Petitions

Students may only receive Cornell academic credit for study abroad during the academic year by participation in approved study abroad programs through the Office of Global Learning or through a college/school program. If a student studies on an unapproved program at a foreign university or program provider while on a semester or academic year leave of absence—even with a current institutional partner—Cornell cannot offer any administrative, health and safety, or financial aid support, nor award credit. Students may petition (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/go-abroad/petition/>) to attend a non-approved program. Approval of petitions is not guaranteed. Petitions are reviewed as exceptional opportunities that meet specific needs not available through existing programs.

Non-Cornell Short-term Programs

Cornell Short-term Programs led by Cornell faculty and staff are listed in the Experience Cornell opportunity database (<http://experience.cornell.edu/>). Any short-term study abroad program offered by an external provider or institution that is not directed, facilitated or supported by Cornell is considered independent non-Cornell travel. You are not affiliated with Cornell when you go abroad on non-Cornell travel in the summer, winter or spring break.

- Cornell cannot approve or endorse external non-Cornell short-term programs. Work with your college if you need to verify that you're in good standing and will receive credit for your academic experience.
- Students who find their own short-term programs must work with their colleges directly on questions of transfer credit.

Study Abroad: Who and When

Who Studies Abroad

Students from all undergraduate colleges and majors study abroad. Students must be in good academic standing and meet the requirements of their college and program. A 3.0 GPA is a typical requirement, but programs may be available for students with lower Cornell GPAs.

When Students Study Abroad and for How Long

Students may study abroad during their sophomore, junior, or senior year for the fall or spring semester or for the academic year. All students may study abroad during the summer, winter, or spring break. Students must petition their college to study abroad in their final semester (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/get-started/academics/policies/#timing>); petitions are not guaranteed, and it may delay conferral of the degree. Study abroad is not approved when it extends the number of semesters to graduate. To maximize options, early planning is advised. The majority of Cornell undergraduates who study abroad as part of their degree do so for a semester.

Short-term programs vary in length from less than two weeks—if connected to a course on campus—to eight weeks abroad. Most short-term programs are two to six weeks.

Cornell-approved global internships are typically 4-6 weeks and no longer than 8 weeks and offered in the summer.

Study Abroad Application Process

Step One: Get Started

- Read about Preparing to Study Abroad (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/get-started/>)
- Consider academic requirements, college policies, eligibility and personal and professional goals.
- Gather information from the website, or individual advisors, information sessions with returned students and meeting with faculty.
- Drop-in advising and advising by appointment are available while classes are in session on campus. See the Get Advice page (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/get-advice/>) for more information.
- See the Cornell events calendar for the annual International Fair at the start of the Fall Semester and other internationally focused events.
- Follow us on Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/global_cornell/) to get inspired by what Cornell students are doing abroad.

Step Two: Application, Approval, and Admission

Apply for Cornell Approval

- Review program options, college requirements, and degree plans with faculty advisor and college.
- Read about applying for study abroad (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/apply/>), and complete the

application from the Experience Cornell listing of your chosen program.

- Meet Cornell application general deadlines (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/apply/deadlines/>):
 - August 1 or September 15 for spring programs
 - February 1 or March 1 for fall/year programs
 - The last Friday in September for winter programs
 - October 15 for spring break programs
 - The last Friday in February for summer programs
- The deadline to study at Oxford or Cambridge is early: apply by November 15 of your sophomore year to study at Oxford or Cambridge during the academic year or spring of your junior year.

Seek admission from international program

- Programs run by international university partners or approved external providers maintain their own application systems. After Cornell approval, apply directly to program for admission.
- Advisors in Education Abroad (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/>) provide proof of university approval when required for program admission or visa purposes.
- Application deadlines vary by program and may be earlier or later than the deadline for Cornell approval.

Strategies for Success:

- Please always check the Experience (<https://experience.cornell.edu/>) website for all program application deadlines, since deadlines can vary.
- Cornell has a fixed number of spaces on several programs. Submitting an early application may improve student's chances of securing a space and obtaining approval.
- Many universities and programs admit on a rolling basis and fill by early fall or mid-spring for the following semester.

In all cases, it is a good idea to check with the relevant study abroad advisor in Education Abroad (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/>).

Step Three: Go Abroad

Complete the pre-departure requirements including the Canvas orientation modules and Travel Registry (<https://travelregistry.cornell.edu/>). Obtain a visa. Understand the billing and financial process and policies. Apply and secure housing (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/go-abroad/prepare/apply-housing/>). Consider your identity abroad (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/go-abroad/prepare-go/your-identity-abroad/>). Brush up on the history, politics, security situation, current events, and language of host country, and go with an open mind.

Study Abroad Requirements, Costs, and Logistics

Registration, Credit Transfer, and Grades

All students who wish to receive academic credit for semester study abroad must apply through Education Abroad (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/>) and obtain course approval from their undergraduate college. Students remain registered at Cornell University during their semester or year abroad. They are eligible for financial aid and receive full academic credit for pre-approved courses of study completed with satisfactory grades, equivalent to a "C" or higher.

Students enroll for a normal full load of courses abroad, according to the standards of the institution or program overseas, and usually receive 30 credits per year, or 15 credits per semester. Courses must be taken for a letter grade. Cornell does not translate the grades, nor are they

averaged into the Cornell grade point average. The colleges review course work taken abroad and make the final decisions concerning credit transfer and distribution. Visit Education Abroad Transcript and Credits (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fgloballearning.cornell.edu%2Fgo-abroad%2Freturning-home%2Ftranscripts-and-credits&data=05%7C02%7Ccm95%40cornell.edu%7C24140a17e738470c12fb08dd8cb305f2%7C5d7e43661b9b45cf8e79b14b27d46e1%7C0%7C0%7C638821422706722004%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiwlLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMjlsIkF0ljoiTWFpbCIsIldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=%2Fsp2wFA6lvW72Ezg0UU82WGZmzrdFR6wH8ViNWtgdxw%3D&reserved=0>) for the most up to date information on how study abroad courses, credit, and grades are processed at Cornell..

Cornell summer, winter, and spring break programs are generally available for Cornell credit. Students may petition their college to transfer credit from other non-Cornell short-term programs.

Foreign Language Requirements

English-language study abroad programs are available in non-English-speaking countries. College requirements vary however, students who participate in programs in a non-English-speaking country with English-language course work are strongly encouraged to take at least one language course as part of their program of study.

Students in the College of Arts and Sciences must follow college policies regarding previous language preparation at Cornell. Study abroad programs in non-English-speaking countries that offer direct enrollment in universities generally require the equivalent of at least two years of college-level language study. Students should make firm plans for any requisite language courses early in their first year.

Housing Arrangements

Study abroad programs generally provide housing in halls of residence for university students, in the homes of local residents, or in rental apartments. Advisors in Education Abroad (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/>) can help students understand their housing (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/go-abroad/prepare/apply-housing/>) options. When planning for a semester of study abroad, students should consider their housing situation in Ithaca. Students in Cornell residence halls can have a single semester contract when studying abroad for a semester.

Costs

Undergraduates participating on Education Abroad approved semester programs and college or school programs and exchanges pay regular Cornell tuition, as well as program fees, predeparture and on-site expenses. Non-tuition costs depend on the program, living arrangements, and other local expenses.

Please review the Cost tab on each program page on Experience Cornell (<http://experience.cornell.edu/>) for estimated program budgets and financial information. Estimated program budgets indicate which study abroad costs are billable through the Cornell Bursar, through the host institution, or paid directly by the student.

All students who participate in Office of Global Learning approved study abroad programs are required to acknowledge and agree to financial policies prior to participation.

Visit the Finances page (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/get-started/finances/>) for more information on study abroad costs and FAQs.

Students attending non-Cornell short-term programs managed by other universities or providers pay the program directly.

Students selected for a Global Internship receive an award that helps to cover airfare, transportation, and living expenses. A portion of the stipend may be paid directly to the in-country host to support housing, food, and

local transportation.

Financial Aid

Financial aid will apply to all approved semester and yearlong programs. The Office of Global Learning or the college/school administering the program will prepare an official student budget based on the total estimated costs of participation on student's approved program and will submit it to the Office of Financial Aid on their behalf. Financial Aid will use the cost estimates provided to repackage aid for the semester(s) that a student will be abroad. Estimates vary by program and location. Budgets for approved semester programs include but are not limited to tuition, program fees (if applicable), visa fees, international airfare, housing, meals, local transportation, books, and miscellaneous expenses. Financial aid awards are adjusted in line with the higher or lower costs of the program. Family and student contribution will remain the same as on campus, regardless of the estimated cost of attendance. Federal work study is converted to a loan when students study abroad. Students may choose to take this out as a loan or not. If a student opts to decline the loan, alternative aid resources will not be available to replace that award.

Visit the Finances page (<https://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/get-started/finances/>) for more information.

Some programs abroad offer need-based and merit-based scholarships; there are also external sources of aid for which Cornell students are eligible. Consistent with university policy, external grants and scholarships must be reported to the Financial Aid office.

Financial aid is not typically available for summer, winter, or spring break short-term programs, though other funding opportunities may exist.

Health and Safety

Education Abroad works closely with International Health Safety and Security (IHSS) in Global Cornell. Together we assess program safety, manage foreseeable risks, and plan for and respond to emergencies. Whether a student plans to study abroad for a few weeks, a semester, or a year, the Cornell resources are available to help students plan for a healthy, secure, and rewarding international experience.

At home or abroad, personal health and safety are never guaranteed. While no one can eliminate every potential hazard from their study abroad experience, students can take steps before and during their time abroad to prepare themselves and reduce risks.

- For information, please visit the Education Abroad Health and Safety page (<http://abroad.globallearning.cornell.edu/get-started/health-and-safety/>).
- For information on international travel, health and safety and travel policy, please visit the Global Cornell Travel page (<https://global.cornell.edu/travel/>).
- All Cornell directed, facilitated and supported international travel is supported by Cornell's International Health Safety and Security (IHSS) team (<https://global.cornell.edu/travel/>), International SOS (<https://global.cornell.edu/travel/planning/247-travel-assistance/>), and travel insurance (<https://global.cornell.edu/travel/planning/insurance-international-travelers/>) to meet urgent or emergent medical needs.

- Visit the Cornell Student Health Benefits page on Students Studying Abroad (<https://studenthealthbenefits.cornell.edu/requirements/students-studying-abroad/>) for more information on insurance.

As part of your pre-departure requirements, you must register your international travel in Cornell's International Travel Registry (<https://travelregistry.cornell.edu/>). It's required for study abroad and all Cornell-related international travel.

Students must abide by the health and safety policies of their program and host country, which may include restrictions on travel and mobility due to emergency conditions when necessary. Be aware that the rules can change at any time, and Cornell may institute additional requirements or restrictions.

Study Abroad Resources

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