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You are about to embark on one of the most exciting, challenging and rewarding experiences of your career at Colorado State University. The Education Abroad staff look forward to working together with you as you identify and apply to programs and prepare for your journey.

**WHY Go Abroad?**

Participating on an education abroad program can be a life-changing experience with enormous benefits. Whether you wish to learn a new language, fulfill requirements of your major, or simply focus on a field experience, having an experience abroad will set you apart from your peers, enhance your studies, and engage you as a citizen of the world. Education abroad is more than travel and adventure. You will gain skills in cross-cultural communication, learn to think critically, and develop self-confidence, flexibility, and an appreciation of diversity. Most importantly, you will increase your awareness of the interconnected nature of the world. These skills are an essential component of your college education.

**WHERE can I study?**

Opportunities exist for most majors to study in nearly any country of the world. Many disciplines also focus on a non-credit academic experience. CSU-sponsored and affiliated programs are offered in Africa and the Middle East, Asia, Europe/Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Oceania. With approval, you may also go abroad through an unaffiliated program or enroll directly at a foreign university.

**WHAT can I study?**

From animal production in France, intensive language in China, and field-based research in Costa Rica to media studies in Europe – the possibilities are endless! Some programs focus on a particular field of study; others offer a general curriculum. You may study in a foreign language or in English. Instructional offerings in English are plentiful – even in many non-English-speaking countries!

You may take classes that apply to your major or minor requirements or take a combination of course work while earning general elective credit and fulfilling All-University Core Curriculum (AUCC) requirements. The key to staying on track toward graduation is early planning. Talk with your academic advisor about including an education abroad experience in your degree program. This will help you to see which courses may be taken abroad and assist you in selecting a program.

**WHERE do I go for more information?**

With so many programs to choose from, it can be difficult to know where to begin. The International Resource Center (IRC) in Laurel Hall is your central resource for information on opportunities abroad. The IRC maintains reference materials on a wide variety of education abroad and internship programs, short-term work and service-learning opportunities, and grants and scholarships as well as resources for student travel abroad. Education Abroad staff are available to assist you in learning how to research programs, to identify those that meet University requirements and to answer questions you may have.

General advising hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Friday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m. during the academic year.

**Information meetings are held four times per week in the IRC during the academic year.** These meetings cover program options and research strategies, financial aid, application procedures, credit transfer, and University policies. Information meetings are held:

- Mondays at 3:15 p.m.
- Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m.
- Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

“**My study abroad experience in Australia simply cannot be put into words. Seeing the ocean for the first time and experiencing life in another country were beyond anything I ever expected. It was by far the most life-altering experience I have encountered and continues to not only influence who I am today but my future aspirations and life goals. It will never be forgotten.”**

– Addison, Australia
10 STEPS
to Going Abroad

Read This Handbook
This handbook is designed as a tool to help you through the process of selecting and applying to an education abroad program. It highlights CSU Education Abroad programs and processes and hopefully answers many questions you might have!

Attend an Info Meeting and Talk to a Peer Advisor
Information meetings are held in Room 008 Laurel Hall at the following times:
- Mondays at 3:15 p.m.
- Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m.
- Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

Define Your Education Goals
Use the worksheet on Page 5 to identify your goals for your education abroad program. What do you hope to achieve while abroad?

Research Program Options
Once you have defined your goals and priorities and have identified suitable programs, learn about the country in which you want to travel. Talk with program alumni and foreign students to learn more.

Meet With Your Academic Advisor
Discuss how your proposed course work abroad will fit with your CSU degree requirements. Make a plan for graduation that includes education abroad.

Meet With Your Education Abroad Coordinator
Once you have determined the country and program you are interested in, meet with the appropriate coordinator in the Education Abroad office to discuss your plans.

Build Your Budget/Check Out Financial Aid and Scholarships
Questions? Meet with a financial aid advisor at Student Financial Services. Talk to an advisor in the Education Abroad office about the many scholarship opportunities.

Apply!
Be sure you submit your application and supporting documents by the deadlines. Pay close attention to deadlines as they may vary by program.

Prepare!
Read the Education Abroad handbook and attend the pre-departure workshops and site-specific orientation sessions. Ask questions! Learn all you can about the location and your host culture (including health and safety).

Pack your bags, grab your passport, and get on the plane!

“My study abroad experience in Mexico and India allowed me to leave my comfort zone, increase my awareness about the world, and reflect on my own personal interests. Study abroad gave me the opportunity to follow my passion for international travel and go beyond the classroom environment to learn about new cultures. Most of all, I gained greater self awareness, and built lasting friendships along the way. Studying abroad was definitely the highlight of my college experience.”

– Scott, Mexico and India
IT’S GOOD TO HAVE GOALS!
Preparing for the Education Abroad Experience

“My Chinese skills improved so much from such a short amount of time abroad, and I would recommend study abroad to anyone who is considering it!”

Christian, China
What Matters Most?

*With so many education abroad programs to choose from, it can be hard to know where to start!*

This worksheet will help you to reflect on your personal circumstances, assess your priorities, and determine your academic and personal objectives for an education abroad program. With this information, you will be ready to consider your options carefully and critically and to find the best possible program to meet your needs.

**Rank the following statements (1 = most important; 8 = least important) in terms of planning for your experience abroad:**

1. **The Academic Program** is the most important consideration for me. I will only go abroad if I can take courses that will satisfy requirements toward my degree at CSU.
2. **The Experiential opportunities of having an education abroad experience such as an internship, work, volunteer, or service experience (with or without credit) that enhances my CSU education and professional resume are most important considerations for me.**
3. **The Cost** is the most important consideration for me. I can go abroad only if the program is affordable or if I will not pay too much more than what I typically spend for a semester/summer at CSU.
4. **The Location** is the most important consideration for me. I am willing to consider whatever programs are available as long as I can be in a particular country or city.
5. **The Timing** is the most important consideration for me. I can go abroad only during the _______________ (semester, year) term so I will not disrupt my degree progress/extracurricular commitments/internship or job offer.
6. **The Extracurricular Opportunities** are the most important consideration for me. I want a program that will have an internship option, volunteer activities, an opportunity to play sports, or other local activities.
7. **The Level of Support** is the most important consideration for me. I want a program that will assist in arranging my classes and housing, organize my visa, provide an in-depth orientation, have a resident director in my host community, organize excursions, etc.
8. **The Accommodation Type** is the most important consideration for me. I want a program where I have a specific type of housing, such as a residence hall, an apartment, or the opportunity to live with a host family.

**My Goals**

List five goals you hope to achieve while abroad. These can be as lofty as “Do well enough in class that my professor will write a recommendation letter for me in the future” to something more personal like “I will take flamenco dance lessons in Seville.”

1. ___________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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“I loved every second of being away. It was an incredible experience to see and discover a new country and meet some great people. I would highly recommend studying abroad for every college student!”

– Kelly, Australia
Picking the ideal education abroad program is not an easy task! Here are some things to consider when selecting a program.

**Academic Elements**
- Have you discussed education abroad with your academic advisor at Colorado State University?
- Do you know what courses you can/need/want to take abroad? If yes, list below.
  1. _________________________________
  2. _________________________________
  3. _________________________________
  4. _________________________________
  5. _________________________________
- Would you like to take courses in English or courses in a foreign language?
- Would you like to complete field work, or do you prefer traditional, classroom-based courses?
- Would you like to take courses with host-country students, international students, or both?
- Have you examined the available courses offered by the education abroad program to which you intend to apply?
- Do you meet your preferred program(s) eligibility requirements (GPA, foreign language, pre-requisites)?

*Note: Courses taught in English are available in English-speaking and many non-English-speaking countries!*

**Cost Considerations**
- Do you utilize federal or state financial aid (loans, grants, other)?
- Are you a recipient of particular scholarship(s)?
- Are you paying resident or nonresident tuition at Colorado State University?
- Do you plan to secure additional financial aid to finance your term abroad?

Please see the section on Considering Costs starting on Page 16 of this handbook for more complete financial information.

**Location, Location, Location!**
- Where do you want to go? Where do you NOT want to go?
- Are you open to any location as long as you can meet your other objectives (academics, cost, etc.)?
- How much traveling do you plan to do while abroad?
- Do you prefer a lively, cosmopolitan city with a vibrant social scene or a quiet, rural village in the countryside?
- Would you prefer to study where English is not widely spoken or in a country where English is spoken widely?

**Timing Matters**
- Are you fairly flexible and can go abroad anytime within the next two years, or can you only go abroad next semester/this summer/next academic year?
- What is your ideal program length – a semester, an academic year, a summer, or a shorter program of a few weeks in length?

*Did You Know?*
Colorado State University students are able to take advantage of a wide variety of educational opportunities around the world. CSU and affiliated programs are available in over 70 countries and in dozens of languages!
Extracurricular Offerings

• Would you prefer a program that plans excursions and field trips for you (and includes these in the package price), or do you prefer to travel independently?
• To what extent do you wish to immerse yourself in the local culture; e.g., participate in local events and projects, do volunteer work, join student organizations, and other activities that will bring you in contact with the locals?

Level of Support

• Do you prefer a program in which you will have to fend for yourself and will likely receive very little support and guidance from on-site staff, or one in which on-site staff is available and closely cares for program participants?
• Do you seek a program in which there is an on-site office and staff dedicated to assisting students or one in which you work directly through the offices provided by the host institution?
• How much interaction with other American students do you want – minimal contact, or do you prefer a program where you will take classes with other students from the United States?

Accommodation

• What type of accommodation do you prefer while abroad (host family, residence hall, student apartment)? Is there any type of accommodation that you would not like?
• Would you like to live on your own, with a roommate, or in a more independent setting?
• Do you prefer to have meals prepared for you, or would you like a program where you provide your own meals?

Program Options

CSU offers a wide range of program types which vary in disciplines, credit options, destinations, costs, duration, and student support. An important part of selecting a program is understanding the opportunities available and what makes them unique.

CSU Faculty-Led Programs
CSU faculty regularly lead and teach programs, which offer a unique set of CSU courses. Programs generally last two to eight weeks and are frequently offered in the summer and term breaks. An advantage of these programs is for CSU students and faculty to travel together exploring common interests. Not only are you able to travel as a group with other CSU students, it is an excellent starting place before exploring even longer education abroad options. These programs are annotated as “Featured” Faculty-Led programs on the Education Abroad website.

CSU-Sponsored - Direct Enrollment Programs
Direct enrollment is an option for students to study at a foreign university as a visiting student for the semester or summer. CSU students receive transfer credit and pay the host institutions’ tuition. Direct enrollment can be a possibility if the exchange program is restricted or limited. Depending on the institution, this can be a highly independent option, requiring students to be organized and proactive. These programs are annotated as “Featured” CSU-Sponsored programs on the Education Abroad website.

CSU-Sponsored - Exchange Programs
CSU has formal agreements with numerous universities abroad, which allow students to enroll in regular university classes for the semester or summer. This transfer coursework can be taken with students from the host country or in special courses designed for international students. Exchange students pay their home institution’s tuition, which can be the most affordable option for Colorado residents. Depending on the institution, this can be a highly independent option and requires students to be organized and proactive. These programs are annotated as “Featured” CSU-Sponsored programs on the Education Abroad website.

Search for CSU programs and affiliated programs at: educationabroad.colostate.edu

Popular search engines for non-CSU programs:

iiepassport.org • studyabroad.com

www.educationabroad.colostate.edu

Colorado State University Education Abroad
**CSU Affiliated Provider Programs**

CSU affiliated program providers expand the array of opportunities available in the summer, semester, or academic year terms. CSU students receive transfer credit and pay the program providers’ tuition and fees. Affiliated partnerships have been chosen for their academics, reputation, and attention to student health and safety. While the overall costs tend to be higher, students select provider programs for higher levels of student support or for a broader range of destinations or disciplines.

**Non-CSU Programs**

If students cannot find the program they are looking for among the over 750 options available through CSU, Education Abroad Staff can assist students with selection, approval, and participation in other credit or non-credit programs which augment a CSU education. Choosing non-CSU programs can be a highly independent option and requires students to be organized and proactive.

**CSU International Field Experience Programs**

Because of the high level of CSU faculty and departmental involvement, these programs are an excellent way to visit less traveled destinations. Program formats vary greatly and tend to be shorter (e.g. alternative fall, spring, or winter break programs, academic tours, etc.). These programs are not usually for credit, so students can save the expense of tuition. Students should be aware that non-credit programs are not eligible for financial aid. These programs are actively promoted within the CSU departments and not typically on the Education Abroad website.

**Talk to a Peer Advisor!**

The Education Abroad unit employs several education abroad alumni. Peer Advisors represent a variety of program options and destinations, and they are a great resource if you are unsure what might be the best opportunity for you.

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**Live without regrets. Learn without borders.**

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- Is CSU-affiliated
- Provides programs to fit every budget
- Offers special scholarships just for CSU students
- Has programs in over 40 cities, many in non-traditional study abroad locations

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Diversity and Education Abroad

Is education abroad for me? YES!

Education abroad is a rewarding experience that helps students study their majors from an international perspective, view the people and issues of the world through different lenses, develop a greater sense of independence, flexibility, and confidence, and enhance qualifications for seeking employment after graduation or applying to professional and graduate schools.

CSU seeks to encourage and support students of diverse backgrounds in the education abroad process. We work to support all CSU students to be able to take advantage of this opportunity. Education Abroad staff can assist you in answering questions about education abroad, seeking out returned students from a similar background, finding the right program fit for you, talking with family and others involved in your education abroad decision, and preparing your expectations for your time abroad.

Racial and Ethnic Minorities

In the U.S. you may be classified by your ethnicity; however, students often find they are identified as American first while abroad. The people you meet in your host country may have strong opinions about the U.S. and want to talk with you about them. In the process of choosing an education abroad program, you may consider and ask of your education abroad advisor, peer advisors, and returned students: How is my ethnic group perceived in the host country?

What kinds of stereotypes are there? How will I react to something offensive? Will there be other minority students in my program? Who will I contact if I face discriminatory incidents? Does my program have support staff that will understand and help me through any discrimination I may face?

For more information, visit DiversityAbroad.com and the resources featured on educationabroad.colostate.edu/multicultural-students.

GLBTQQA Students

Be aware cultures and countries can vary in terms of acceptance and tolerance for the GLBTQQA community and how sexual identities are defined. Learn about cultural norms before you leave, such as friendships and dating, styles of behavior and general attitudes. Also familiarize yourself with the laws of your host country. Homosexuality is illegal in some countries. Safety may require you to hide your sexual identity. Are you willing to do that? Consider reaching out to returned students or students currently abroad that could speak to the GLBTQQA experience in the country you are considering. Ask about support systems available in country, how they re-established their identity in the host country, and cultural norms surrounding friendship and dating in the host country.

The NAFSA Rainbow SIG website (rainbowsig.org) and CSU Education Abroad (educationabroad.colostate.edu/glbtqqa) have great general and country specific resources for GLBTQQA education abroad students.

Students with Disabilities

It is important to acknowledge that disability rights movements are in different stages around the world. This translates into differing accommodations being available to students with disabilities. The Office of International Programs is committed to working with students with disabilities to find programs that will provide reasonable accommodations and/or prepare student expectations for their chosen program. A key component is early disclosure to Education Abroad staff. Communicate your needs upon acceptance. Be your own advocate and communicate clearly with the advisors you work with in this process about what you need to be successful.

The Mobility International USA website has great resources discussing international exchange and students with disabilities (miusa.org) along with some of their own exchange programs. The CSU Education Abroad website (educationabroad.colostate.edu/students-with-disabilities) provides resources that may help in planning.

Adult Learners and Veterans

As an adult learner you may have work, family, or other obligations that “traditional” students do not have. If these are creating barriers to an international experience, talk with Education Abroad staff about the type of program that would work best for you. Would a short term experience work best? Do you need a program that accommodates family housing? Do you have certain academic goals you need to meet? Adult students often have a certain advantage on programs as you have more life experience to draw on and can gain deeper insight into the culture and politics of a country along with the advantages of developing cross-cultural skills.
Students funding their CSU experience through Veterans Benefits should note that these funds may be used for an education abroad experience as long as you meet the standards the VA has set. The VA Fact Sheet addressing Post 9/11 Veteran Benefits and Study Abroad and more resources for adult learners and veterans can be found at educationabroad.colostate.edu/adults-veterans.

First Generation Students

You will be the first person in your family to complete an undergraduate degree. Coming to CSU may have been a big step, so considering an education abroad program may be a bigger one. However, Education Abroad staff are here to support you through it. You may have some concerns about academics, costs, specific needs, and personal obligations.

Remember, you can go abroad and stay on track for graduation. Important factors are to plan ahead, communicate with your academic advisor about what courses you should seek out in a program, and use the CSU Education Abroad staff to help research to find a program with a good academic fit. Furthermore, financing education abroad does not have to break the bank. CSU has a strong relationship with Student Financial Services to work to transfer aid you may be receiving at CSU to use abroad. There are also many scholarships that exist solely for the purpose of education abroad. CSU Education Abroad staff are available to discuss questions you or your family have about the experience. Family members are welcome to come to advising and orientation sessions if you want them to be there. We can address concerns about communication, health, safety, academics, language, cultural adjustment, finances, or other concerns or questions you may have. Finally, we have programs varying in length from two to three weeks to a full academic or calendar year. We work hard to create a variety of programs that fit different student desires and needs. For more information visit educationabroad.colostate.edu.

“One of the most powerful takeaways from my experiences was being able to explore the many diverse narratives while learning the importance of my own narrative and the history of my family’s own immigrant experience.”

– Tony, Semester at Sea
"The public transportation system in England is a breeze to use, even though they drive on the left side of the road! Each weekend, I traveled with fellow study abroad students throughout the country."

– Michael, United Kingdom
Meet With Your Academic Advisor

Meet with your academic advisor to determine requirements you have already fulfilled toward your major and courses remaining to be completed. Identify which courses/credits could be completed abroad. Develop a plan for graduation that incorporates your proposed education abroad program.

If you have not yet decided on a major, consider taking courses abroad that will apply toward a wide array of degrees, such as AUCC requirements or foreign language coursework. If you are completing a minor, meet with your minor advisor to see how your education abroad plans might apply to your minor.

Remember: With approval, you may earn credit toward your major, minor, All-University Core Curriculum, or elective degree requirements.

Plan the Courses You Will Take Abroad

Your CSU Education Abroad coordinator will refer you to course catalogs, websites, or other sources of information to help you determine the course offerings at your host institution or on your program of interest. In addition, your Education Abroad coordinator can provide you with information on the standard full-time course load, credit-hour conversions, any restrictions to courses or departments at the host institution, and the grading system (and its U.S. conversion) used at your host university.

Using the information provided by the Education Abroad coordinator and the CSU Education Abroad website, you should research course offerings at the host institution and develop a proposed list of courses that you would like to take while abroad. We recommend you also list several alternate courses. Use the Education Abroad Course Planning Worksheet on the next page to get started. Share the course evaluation information with your academic advisor to ensure you are selecting courses abroad that apply toward your degree at CSU.

Obtain Formal Course Approval

As part of your requirements to participate on an education abroad program through CSU for the summer, semester, or academic year, you must complete an Undergraduate Education Abroad Transfer Credit Form available at educationabroad.colostate.edu/files/2014/06/transfercreditform.pdf.

Things to Do:

- Meet with your advisor
- Plan the courses you will take abroad
- Obtain formal course approval
- Understand CSU academic policies

Did You Know?

An education abroad program does not have to delay your graduation! With proper planning, you can select a program and courses that will fulfill degree requirements towards your major, minor, elective hours, or AUCC courses and make progress toward graduation.

One of the most important steps in planning for your education abroad experience is determining the courses you will take abroad and the way in which these courses will apply toward your CSU degree. Planning early and working through the steps below will help to keep you on track toward graduation. Please remember not all education abroad options receive credit. Be aware of your program type as you prepare.
Use this worksheet to list the courses you might want to take abroad and the credits you hope to fulfill at CSU through completion of these courses. Share this worksheet with your academic advisor to ensure you are selecting courses abroad that apply toward your degree at CSU.

- **COLUMN A**: Enter the host institution course number and title.
- **COLUMN B**: Are you looking for this course to transfer back as a specific CSU equivalent to be counted toward your major or minor requirements? If yes, list the specific CSU course number in this space.
- **COLUMN C**: Are you looking for this course to transfer in as an elective credit? If yes, check mark (√) this column. You may also indicate specifically what kind of elective you need – i.e., history elective, economics elective, upper-division elective, etc.
- **COLUMN D**: Are you looking for this course to fulfill a specific AUCC general education requirement (for example: Category 3B, Arts and Humanities; Category 3C, Social/Behavioral Science; etc.)? If so, indicate here which of the AUCC categories you hope to fulfill with this course.

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Understanding CSU Academic Policies

Education Abroad Registration
Except for CSU faculty-led programs, you are required to register for credit-bearing education abroad by enrolling in SA482 each term you are abroad. Registration in SA482 maintains your full-time enrollment and student status at CSU and authorizes the release of financial aid. It also allows course work from abroad to transfer as “in-residence” credit. “In-residence” credit is defined as courses taught under the authorization of Colorado State University. Students who do not register in SA482 lose their CSU student status while they are abroad and are required to apply for readmission to the University. They are also ineligible for financial aid.

Transfer Credit and Grades
Credit earned on an authorized education abroad program is eligible for transfer to CSU provided that the grade earned is equivalent to a C– or higher. Course work taken on a pass/fail basis abroad will not transfer.

Credit earned abroad may be applied toward major, minor, and/or All-University Core Curriculum (AUCC) requirements with departmental and college approval. Pre-approval of course work from abroad is obtained using the Undergraduate Education Abroad Transfer Credit Form.

Grades from transfer credit are not calculated into your CSU GPA. However, graduate schools and scholarship programs often request official transcripts from education abroad programs and consider the grades earned abroad as part of their admission/eligibility process.

Faculty of Staff-Led Programs - Credits and Grades
Every summer, spring, and winter break, Colorado State University faculty teach CSU courses abroad. Credit earned is regular CSU credit, not transfer credit. Therefore, grades earned through a the program will appear on your CSU transcript and be computed into your CSU GPA.

In-Residence Requirements
At least 30 of the 42 upper-division credits required for graduation and 15 of the last 30 credits must be completed “in-residence” at CSU. These are defined as courses taught under the authorization of Colorado State University. Transfer credit awarded through enrollment in SA482 while abroad constitute authorization for in-residence credit.

AUGC 3E Global and Cultural Awareness Requirement
All education abroad participants who successfully complete one-credit hour while abroad will qualify for a waiver of the 3E Global and Cultural Awareness Requirement (a component of CSU’s All-University Core Curriculum requirements). Alternatively, a course taken abroad that is approved for 3E can fulfill this requirement (rather than waive).
CONSIDERING COSTS
Budgets, Financial Aid, and Scholarships

“Being awarded scholarships gave me the opportunity to study abroad twice and learn about two completely different cultures. Without them, I wouldn’t have gone, and I wouldn’t have the same future aspirations of living abroad.”

– Sabiha, France and Czech Republic
We know that for many students the cost of going abroad is a significant consideration. Fortunately, financial aid and scholarship resources are available. Students planning for an education abroad experience should consider all aspects of education abroad opportunities including the various costs of programs. We encourage you to objectively look at various financial considerations while choosing a program.

Research Costs and Create a Budget

Using the Budget Planning Worksheet on Page 18, consider program expenses as well as elective expenses such as travel or souvenirs (even though you will not be able to receive financial aid for these elective expenses). Items marked with an asterisk (*) often need to be paid prior to departure and before the release of financial aid and scholarships.

Determine how much you feel comfortable spending and how much you are able to earn or borrow. If cost is a major factor, explore less expensive countries or cities, different program types, or shorter programs. Begin this process early to have more time to save. Choose the program that best fits your academic, career, and personal goals, while keeping a realistic budget in mind.

For a point of reference, calculate the average cost per semester of studying at CSU based on full-time undergraduate enrollment for the academic year in the box below. You can find these figures by logging into your RAMweb account at ramweb.colostate.edu. Click on “Financial Aid” under the “Financial Information” section. Student Financial Services also provides the average cost of attendance for CSU at sfs.colostate.edu/costs.

Average CSU Costs

- Tuition and General Fees
- Room and Board (Living Expenses)
- Books and Supplies
- Personal and Miscellaneous
- Health Care Allowance

TOTAL (ACADEMIC YEAR)

Be Prepared to Pay Up-Front Costs

Oftentimes, you will be required to pay a portion of education abroad program expenses, such as application fees, airfare, and your deposit, up to several months before your program starts and before the release of financial aid or scholarships. Plan ahead and be prepared to pay these expenses. If you are using financial aid, you cannot defer these payments until financial aid is released.

The following are examples of items that often need to be paid for well in advance, with approximate amounts you may owe:

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If you participate in an affiliated program or unaffiliated program, you might have to pay the entire program fee before financial aid is released. It is important that you check with program provider to see if they can postpone payments for you until your financial aid is released.
# Education Abroad Budget Planning Worksheet

The worksheet is designed to help you compare costs across programs and create a realistic budget. As you do your research, you will notice that programs vary considerably in cost and features included in the program fee. Items marked with an asterisk (*) often need to be paid prior to departure and before the release of financial aid.

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Investigate and Apply for Financial Aid

You may use most federal, state, and/or institutional aid for any approved education abroad program. Work-study awards, the College Opportunity Fund (COF), and the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) tuition may not be used for education abroad.

To be eligible for financial aid for education abroad, you must be a degree-seeking student at CSU and enrolled in an approved education abroad program for a minimum of 12 credits per semester or for 6 credits in the summer and also be registered for education abroad courses through the Office of International Programs or the Division of Continuing Education (DCE).

Complete Your FAFSA

As soon as possible, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the academic year that you will study abroad. Apply online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). There is no fee to apply for federal financial aid, so it is ideal to apply for aid even before you apply to your education abroad program. The earlier you apply, the earlier you can clarify your potential award and plan a budget.

It is important to apply for financial aid early in the education abroad application process to ensure that you will be considered for all types of financial aid available. If you do not normally qualify for financial aid, you may still qualify for loans for the semester you will be abroad.

Student Financial Services is located in Centennial Hall on the CSU campus. Phone: (970) 491-6321.

Obtain a Financial Aid Estimate

If your decision to participate in a education abroad program heavily depends on how much financial aid you will be awarded, you are encouraged to arrange a meeting with a financial aid advisor at Student Financial Services early in the planning process and before you pay any nonrefundable deposits or fees for your education abroad program. Be sure to bring a tentative budget to this meeting for each of the education abroad programs in which you are interested.

The financial aid advisor will discuss your individual financial aid package, including loans for which you might qualify. Your financial aid award might be increased or decreased, based on the cost of your education abroad program. While meeting with the financial aid advisor, it is important to discuss all financial options. You are not guaranteed to be eligible for enough financial aid to pay all costs associated with your education abroad program.

CSU Education Abroad Fee

All students who participate on an education abroad through CSU pay the CSU Education Abroad fee that directly provides the support given by the Education Abroad unit within the Office of International Programs. In addition to funding personnel, publications, programs, and supplies, this charge supports the following services: individual and group advising on opportunities and procedures for education abroad; pre-departure orientation; assistance with CSU procedures for transfer of credit and financial aid; communication with host institutions and program sponsors as necessary; service as a liaison to other CSU offices; assistance with registration for the experience abroad; and a workshop for returnees.

Effective January 1, 2014, the CSU Education Abroad fee is $500 per semester for all programs. The charge for summer and short-term credit-bearing programs is $350. The charge for short-term non-credit-bearing programs is $250. The CSU Education Abroad fee is billed to the student’s CSU account for each term the student is abroad.
Financial Aid

FACTS

Receiving Financial Aid for Education Abroad

Financial aid for education abroad participants is disbursed ten days prior to the start of the program, excluding those programs that begin before the start of the semester at CSU. For those programs, aid is disbursed ten days before the start of on-campus classes. Aid will automatically be credited to your CSU student account, provided you follow the steps outlined on the Student Financial Services website: sfs.colostate.edu/studyabroad.

Payments are made according to your sponsor’s program requirements. Some payments may be due directly to your host institution before your program begins. You will need to plan ahead since your financial aid may not be available when these payments are due. Payments due to CSU must be made by the first due date of the billing period.

Contact

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Centennial Hall, 1065 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-1065
(970) 491-6321
sfs_onlineplus_finaid@mail.colostate.edu

Thomas Schawel
(970) 491-2428

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(970) 491-2581

Eileen Griego
(970) 491-0973

College Opportunity Fund (COF)

CSU education abroad and exchange programs are NOT eligible for COF. This includes short-term education abroad programs offered through the Division of Continuing Education.

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

WUE tuition will normally not be in effect while you are on an education abroad program. The semester that you are abroad will not count toward the eight semesters of WUE. Students must continue to meet the requirements of 24 on-campus credits per year and GPA of 3.0. In most cases, the courses you take during your program abroad will not affect your CSU GPA.

Alternative Loans

If you will be applying for an alternative loan to cover your education abroad costs, you need to complete an application with your lender of choice. If you do not have a lender of choice, the SFS website can provide information and points to consider when choosing an alternative loan: sfs.colostate.edu/studyabroad.

Summer Financial Aid

If you need financial aid for a summer program, you MUST complete the online summer application, available on RAMweb in the first part of April, and be enrolled in 6 or more credits for the summer.

If you are enrolling in less than 6 credits (or less than 5 credits as a graduate student) you can apply for an alternative loan to help you finance the program costs. Keep in mind you will still need to complete the online summer application with Student Financial Services.
Be Creative!

In addition to financial aid and scholarships, there are many other ways you can get help funding your education abroad. It is important that you be positive and get creative! Use as many options available to you as you can.

Here are ideas of what some students have done in the past.

**Frequent Flyer Miles**

Do you have family and friends that travel frequently? They can donate their frequent flyer miles to fund your ticket abroad. Many airlines have credit card offers that may also give you enough miles to reach an award ticket.

**Holiday and Birthday Gifts**

Maybe there are several holidays or birthdays before you intend to go abroad. Ask family and friends to give you the gift of an education abroad experience!

**Group Fundraisers**

What can you do within your own local community? Consider hosting a music or cultural event that showcases your intended education abroad country. Sponsor a garage sale or a car wash and put the proceeds towards your program. Consider asking your employer, local businesses, or your church to sponsor you. Do not be afraid to ask for help!

**Save**

Do you spend money on things you do not really need, perhaps even on a daily basis? Forgo your daily coffee or other purchases. Every penny counts - put that money aside! You may even want to open an education abroad savings account.

**Make a List**

Make a list of all the people that you know who could potentially donate as little as $10 to your trip. Consider setting up a donation page via a fundraising website. Do not forget to send them thank you notes while you are abroad!

**Reduce Costs at Home**

Do you make a car payment? A friend or family member may be willing to pay your car payments in exchange for using your car while you are abroad. Are there other expenses like this that someone can take over for you?

**Saving While Abroad**

Continue to save while you are abroad!

- Stay local and limit travel on weekends
- Take advantage of student discounts, and be sure to have your student ID with you
- Set a weekly budget and keep track of all your expenses
- Reduce the number of times you eat out, and share cooking expenses with roommates or friends
- Only buy souvenirs that represent a special moment
- Some countries may allow you to work in a part-time job for up to 20 hours a week
Scholarships for Education Abroad

Here are just a few of the scholarships available to you! Check out educationabroad.colostate.edu/scholarships for more details and more scholarships.

Colorado State University Scholarships

Office of International Programs Education Abroad Scholarships
As part of Colorado State’s Internationalization Plan, the Office of International Programs (OIP) supports education abroad by offering over $50,000 in education abroad scholarships each year. Awards are both merit- and need-based.

College and Departmental Scholarships
Many CSU colleges and departments have scholarships for education abroad specifically for their students. These colleges include and are not limited to Liberal Arts, Engineering, Business, and Health and Human Sciences. The application process for these scholarships can vary. Contact the scholarship coordinator in Education Abroad or in your college or department to find out more.

Mona Mitchell Scholarship for Students with Disabilities
The Mona Mitchell Scholarship offers awards to CSU students with a documented disability that are participating on an education abroad program. Scholarships range from $250 to $3000 with consideration of additional expenses due to the additional cost of access to necessary accommodations. Visit the Education Abroad web site for details.

Affiliate Scholarships
Some affiliate program providers grant awards specifically for CSU students enrolled in their programs. Visit the Education Abroad web site for a complete list and information on how to apply.

Nationally Competitive Scholarships

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship
The Gilman Scholarship Program offers awards for undergraduate education abroad programs. It was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000. This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in education abroad programs worldwide. There is an online application. Learn more at iie.org/en/Programs/gilman-Scholarship-Program.

Boren Scholarships: National Security Education Program (NSEP)
Boren Scholarships provide U.S. undergraduate students with the resources and encouragement they need to acquire skills and experiences in areas of the world critical to the future security of our nation in exchange for their commitment to seek work in the federal government. Boren Scholarships provide up to $20,000 to students on education abroad program in areas including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. For more information, visit borenawards.org.

“I had to apply for scholarships and get loans so that I could afford to study abroad. Getting the Gilman Scholarship was truly a blessing for me. Without it I would not have had this opportunity.”

– Cara, France
Apply for Scholarships

Scholarship information is available in the Office of International Programs and on the Education Abroad website at educationabroad.colostate.edu.

BE PROACTIVE! The most successful recipients take the initiative to ask about scholarships available and invest a fair amount of time researching funding opportunities. They also apply for many scholarships to increase their chances.

Successful applicants take the time to brainstorm, draft, edit, and polish essays. They are read by peers, professors, education abroad staff, CSU Writing Center consultants, or others. This helps assure that applicants are answering essay prompts, writing strong persuasive essays that will stand out, and avoiding mechanical and grammatical errors.

CSU Education Abroad administers a number of education abroad scholarships through the Education Abroad Scholarship Common Application. Both need-based and merit-based scholarships are available. OIP, departmental, affiliate and a few other scholarships are all part of the Education Abroad Scholarship Common Application. Students can apply for several scholarships with one application! All students who qualify are encouraged to apply.

Visit educationabroad.colostate.edu for details on the application and deadlines.

Many program sponsors also offer their own scholarship opportunities, which can significantly reduce your cost. More information on these scholarships can be found on the CSU Education Abroad website or on the website of your program sponsor.

If you have private scholarships, check with the issuing agency to determine if they can be applied to education abroad. As deadlines for many education abroad scholarships are a year or more prior to the start of your program, advance planning is critical.

The following websites provide good scholarship search engines. In addition to listing scholarships, many also provide helpful hints for financing your international opportunity:

- educationabroad.colostate.edu
- sfs.colostate.edu/scholarships
- diversityabroad.com
- internationalscholarships.com
- studyabroad.com/scholarships.aspx
- finaid.org
- fastweb.com
“It was definitely a growing experience for me. I had never been abroad, and the responsibility and freedom that came with being abroad was amazing and incredibly rewarding.”

– Erica, Costa Rica
Now that you have gone through the process of setting your goals for an education abroad, figuring out your finances, and identifying a program and the classes you will take – it is time to apply! Do not be daunted by the process. Education Abroad staff are available to answer your questions along the way. Here are some tips to help get you started.

Did You Know?
There is quite a bit of paperwork to complete in order to go abroad, but there are Education Abroad peer advisors and coordinators who can help you understand the process and answer questions!

Check Eligibility Requirements
You must be in good disciplinary and academic standing (2.0 GPA or higher) at CSU in order to participate on an education abroad program. You also must meet the eligibility requirements of your chosen program (GPA, prerequisites, etc.). Some programs may be flexible on the minimum GPA that they accept or may have the ability to waive prerequisites, depending on the circumstances – check with the program sponsor. You may also ask an Education Abroad coordinator about similar programs that have different requirements if you are ineligible for your preferred program.

Pay Attention to Deadlines
Application deadlines range from one semester to a full year before a program begins. Advance planning is important to ensure you have plenty of time to fulfill financial aid and/or scholarship requirements and complete the application process. Refer to the CSU Education Abroad website or contact your program sponsor for deadlines specific to the term you wish to travel abroad.

Some programs have “rolling admission”, which means that they accept all qualified students on a first-come/first-served basis. Early application to rolling admission programs is strongly recommended as they may fill up quickly.

Complete an Application
CSU-Sponsored Programs
Applications for CSU-sponsored programs are made online through educationabroad.colostate.edu. Log in to the secure site to create your myEdAbroad account, select your program from the searchable database, and click the “Apply Now” button to begin the process. A complete application generally consists of the following items (program-specific documents might also be required):
- Education Abroad/Intern Abroad Agreement and Release
- Personal statement/essay
- One or more letters of recommendation
- Transcripts
- $50 application fee (nonrefundable)

Other Programs
Applications for affiliated, unaffiliated, and direct-enroll programs are available from the program sponsor or host university. You will have to complete registration paperwork through CSU Education Abroad to ensure that you meet CSU’s requirements. To begin the process, visit educationabroad.colostate.edu. Select your program sponsor from the searchable database and click the “Apply Now” button. Education Abroad staff are available in Laurel Hall during walk-in hours if you have questions.

Pay the Application Fee and Program Deposit
Most education abroad programs require you to pay a nonrefundable fee as part of the application process. You may also have to submit a deposit to hold your space on a program if you are accepted.

The application fee for all CSU-sponsored programs is $50. This fee is nonrefundable and will be charged to your CSU student account upon receipt of the Education Abroad/Intern Abroad Agreement and Release and personal essay. Also, if you are accepted to a CSU-sponsored program, a $200 program deposit will be charged to your student account once you have confirmed your participation in the program.

Students applying to affiliated and unaffiliated programs will pay a similar application fee and deposit directly to the program sponsor.
Do I need to be a full-time student the semester before I go abroad?
In some cases, full-time student status is required the semester prior to your term abroad. Consult with an Education Abroad coordinator on your specific situation.

What if I cannot find what I am looking for in a CSU-sponsored education abroad program?
Colorado State University students are able to take advantage of a wide variety of educational opportunities around the world. Students may participate in CSU-sponsored or affiliated programs, participate in an authorized program sponsored by another university or education abroad organization, or enroll as a visiting student in an accredited university abroad. There are many opportunities, and with research and dedication, students are able to find a program that suits their needs.

Where can I get any immunizations required for my travel abroad?
CSU students can visit the CSU Health Network on the Fort Collins campus (health.colostate.edu) for any necessary immunizations.

Can my financial aid be released early because I am leaving for my program before aid is disbursed?
No. Students studying at universities in Australia, New Zealand, Asia, South America, and other Southern Hemisphere sites often will encounter this issue. Even if your program starts before financial aid is disbursed, you will not be able to request an advance of your financial aid. However, some programs will defer payment of fees until financial aid is disbursed. Check with your specific program for more information.
Where can I learn about health and safety issues in the countries I plan to visit abroad?
The U.S. Department of State has a website designed specifically for students traveling abroad that covers everything from country-specific information and health emergencies abroad to what to do if you are the victim of a crime: studentsabroad.state.gov.

The CSU Health Network Travel Clinic also provides comprehensive consultation where you can discuss required immunizations, travel health care issues, and recommendations for dealing with common health problems with a health care professional. Group consultations are available for select CSU Education Abroad programs. You can discuss your health consultation requirement with Education Abroad staff. Schedule your consult as early as possible by calling (970) 491-5058. We encourage you to discuss any questions or concerns with your Education Abroad coordinator.

Do you offer help in finding someone to sublease my apartment while I am abroad?
The Education Abroad staff does not provide assistance in finding someone to sublease your apartment. Students should seek assistance at the Off-Campus Life, through the Study Abroad alumni organization at ramlink.collegiatelink.net/organization/studentsforstudyabroad, or through Education Abroad’s Facebook at facebook.com/csuabroad.

Can I work or volunteer while abroad?
In some countries, visiting students do have legal status to work or must have a special visa to work. Many students complete volunteer work while overseas. Volunteering provides an excellent opportunity to become more involved in the host community, to meet local residents with similar interests, and to utilize foreign language skills.

Will I need to buy international health insurance for the period of my education abroad program?
Students on education abroad programs must have medical insurance to cover all eventualities while abroad. Several programs include health insurance coverage as part of the program fees. Check the program-specific information for health insurance coverage. If you do not have necessary medical insurance coverage, visit educationabroad.colostate.edu and speak with an Education Abroad coordinator.

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If your preferred program takes place in a country currently under a travel warning, you may petition CSU Education Abroad for an exception; however, these are not guaranteed.

CSU reserves the right not to allow students to register for education abroad nor to authorize financial aid if they decide to participate on a program in a country under a travel warning.

Travel warnings issued after the start of a program will trigger a review by CSU of the circumstances surrounding the warning. CSU reserves the right to suspend or cancel a program when a significant health or safety risk is raised.

Who is responsible for taking care of my financial aid while I am overseas?
YOU are responsible. The Education Abroad staff and Student Financial Services staff can advise you in making the necessary arrangements to ensure you receive financial aid funds when they are disbursed. Keep in mind that you must make these arrangements prior to your departure, or your aid might be delayed or not be released at all.

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International OPPORTUNITIES

Your Passport to the World

Are you interested in learning about foreign cultures, languages, and peoples? Do you want to travel abroad for hands-on learning? Find out what international opportunities are available abroad and right here in Fort Collins!

Research, Internships, and Service Learning Abroad

Gain experience, make connections, and immerse yourself in a foreign language and culture. Education Abroad can help you find these kinds of opportunities abroad. Recent programs include:

- Internships in Dublin and Shanghai in a wide variety of professional fields
- Engineers working in Macao, Austria, and Germany
- MBA programs on international business in China and Japan
- Sustainable enterprise work in Brazil, Kenya, Nicaragua, Mexico, and Vietnam
- Student Affairs in Morocco and Qatar
- Veterinary Medicine in Scotland, Costa Rica, Germany, and Zambia
- Rangelands and Resistance in Mongolia
- Natural Resources students in Australia, Belize, Chile, and the Netherlands
- Social Work in India
- Public Health in Italy and Malawi

Enhance your education through International Field Experiences

Education Abroad works with academic departments and student organizations to organize short-term international field experiences. Campus organizations, like Student Leadership, Involvement and Community Engagement (SLiCE), Engineers without Borders (EWB), and the English Riding Club (ERC), have created programs in the summer or alternative breaks. Will your student organization be next? Past programs have included:

- Student leadership exchange with a university in the Yucatán
- Ecotourism in Panama
- Service Learning in Kenya
- Clean Water in El Salvador
- International Horse Show in Scotland
- CSU Rams Athletic Competitions: Women’s Volleyball in Italy and France

Free Health Consultation

The CSU Campus Health Network provides free comprehensive travel consultations for full-time students. You will have the opportunity to discuss immunizations you might need for the country or countries you plan to visit, travel health care issues, and recommendations for dealing with common health concerns plus receive immunizations you might need for the country or countries you plan to visit. Group consultations are available for select CSU Education Abroad programs. You can discuss your health consultation requirement with Education Abroad staff.

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International Initiatives

International Initiatives (II) is a unit within the Office of International Programs that offers a variety of classroom and experiential programs, both on-campus and abroad. Find out how you can get involved by visiting international-initiatives.colostate.edu.

Travel Programs

Nicaragua
This winter break program engages students in cross-cultural service learning and sustainable development theory and practice in Nicaragua. Through community-based service and educational activities, students gain a greater understanding of our global interdependence and acquire necessary skills to be an effective and responsible global citizen. The program is open to all students from all years and majors, as well as undeclared students.

Mexico
The CSU/UADY Leadership Exchange brings together students from CSU and the Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan (UADY) for a meaningful leadership, service, and language exchange. Student participants work together throughout the academic year spending time in both Colorado and the Yucatan. This exchange is hosted by International Initiatives and Student Leadership, Involvement & Community Engagement (SiICE).

Vietnam
The Vietnam Leadership Program brings together students from CSU and Foreign Trade University in Hanoi, Vietnam. Student participants work together throughout the academic year spending time in both Colorado and the Hanoi. This exchange is hosted by International Initiatives Student Leadership, Involvement & Community Engagement (SiICE), and the Department of Economics.

International Minors
International Initiatives offers three minors that prepare students to address the challenges of an increasingly globalized world. Latin American and Caribbean Studies, International Development Studies, and Peace Reconciliation Studies are available to undergraduate students from all colleges and majors. Students enroll in core courses and select electives according to their interests, completing approximately 21 credits. International minors are a great way to explore a new area of interest or build on an education abroad experience!

Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs

Interdisciplinary programs complement departmental degrees with meaningful and focused course work. Graduate students can enroll in a 12-credit interdisciplinary studies program in International Development Studies or Peace and Reconciliation Studies. Completion of the program is highlighted on the students' transcript.

Co-curricular Programs

International Initiatives offers campus-wide programming on current global issues and concerns. Annual programming commemorates U.N. World Food Day, World AIDS Day, and internationally significant events. Other programs include guest speakers, exhibitions and social networking on a variety of special topics. Co-curricular programs enable the campus community to experience different cultures, learn more about international opportunities, and make new friends in a fun and inviting atmosphere.

Fulbright

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individuals who have completed their undergraduate degrees and are interested in graduate study abroad, independent research projects, or English Teaching Assistantships. The program currently awards approximately 1,900 grants annually in all fields of study, and operates in more than 140 countries worldwide. Visit the Colorado State University page at us.fulbrightonline.org.

Peace Corps

More than 1,500 Peace Corps Volunteers from CSU have served in as many as 139 host countries, working on issues ranging from AIDS education to information technology and environmental conservation. CSU consistently ranks in the top 15 universities for sending Peace Corps Volunteers. Attend an informational session or talk to a recruiter to learn more.

Peace Corps Master’s International

Graduate school or Peace Corps? Why not do both? CSU offers Peace Corps Master’s International Programs in the Department of English, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition, College of Agriculture, Warner College of Natural Resources, and a Master’s in Public Health through the Colorado School of Public Health. Students in Natural Resources and Agriculture may participate in our linkage with Peace Corps Ethiopia, which supports long-term sustainable partnerships between CSU and organizations in that country.

Confucius Institute

The Confucius Institute at Colorado State University (CICSU) is one of many Confucius Institutes around the world dedicated to teaching Chinese language and culture. CICSU offers programming that introduces students and the Fort Collins community to the challenges faced by China and the rest of the world. CICSU is an educational partnership between the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban), Hunan University and Colorado State University.
Where Will YOU Be Next Semester?

AFRICA and the MIDDLE EAST

Botswana: AIFS, CIEE
Cameroon: SIT
Ghana: AIFS, CIEE, CSU, SIT, USAC
Israel: CIEE, CSU, USAC
Jordan: CIEE, ISA, SIT
Kenya: SIT
Madagascar: CIEE, ISA, SIT
Morocco: CIEE, ISA, SIT
Qatar: API
Rwanda: SIT
Senegal: CIEE, SIT
South Africa: AIFS, CEA, CIEE, ISA, SIT
Tanzania: CIEE, SIT
Tunisia: CIEE, SIT
United Arab Emirates: API, CIEE

ASIA

Cambodia: CIEE
China: AIFS, API, CEA, CIEE, CSU, ISA, SIT, USAC
Hong Kong: ISA
India: AIFS, CIEE, ISA, SIT, USAC
Indonesia: SIT
Japan: CIEE, ISA, SIT, USAC
Mongolia: SIT
Nepal: SIT
Singapore: ISA
South Korea: CIEE, ISA, USAC
Taiwan: CIEE
Thailand: CIEE, ISA, USAC
Vietnam: CIEE, SIT

EUROPE/EURASIA

Austria: AIFS
Belgium: CIEE, ISA
Croatia: API
Czech Republic: AIFS, CEA, CIEE, CSU, ISA, SIT, USAC
Denmark: DIS, USAC
France: AIFS, API, CEA, CIEE, CSU, ISA, SAI, USAC
Germany: AIFS, API, CEA, CIEE, CSU, ISA, USAC
Greece: AIFS, ISA
Hungary: API, CIEE
Iceland: SIT
Ireland: AIFS, API, CEA, CIEE, CSU, EUSA, ISA, USAC
Italy: AIFS, API, CIEE, CSU, SAI, USAC
Netherlands: CIEE, CSU, ISA, SIT, USAC
Norway: USAC
Poland: API, CIEE
Portugal: CIEE
Russia: AIFS, CIEE
Serbia, Bosnia, and Kosovo: SIT
Spain: AIFS, API, CEA, CIEE, CSU, ISA, SAI, USAC
Sweden: CIEE, ISA, USAC

Switzerland: ISA, SIT
Turkey: AIFS, CIEE, USAC
United Kingdom: AIFS, API, CEA, CIEE, CSU, ISA, SAI, USAC

CSU-Sponsored Program
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Alumni Travelers’ Tales

Lauren, South Africa

Studying in Stellenbosch, South Africa was one of the most exciting adventures of my life. Simply looking out my bedroom window, I could watch the fog roll down the mountainsides. The ocean was a short train ride away, or I could see it when I climbed up the mountains next to campus. The University of Stellenbosch itself was stunning with its all-white buildings and red bricked walkways.

My classes were small and my professors were some of the most fascinating people I have ever met. One of my professors, who asked us to call him Terry, worked for the United Nations. He told great stories about what it was like to travel all over the world as well as some of his more sobering experiences investigating human rights abuses. I met people from various countries and witnessed quite a few interesting cultural differences. Explaining what cow tipping was to a bunch of students from South Africa was definitely one of my favorite experiences. I also learned that chocolate chips do not exist in South Africa. The man’s reaction at the grocery store when I asked about them was priceless. People were friendly and open. Acceptable standards of personal space were very different, and while I did have to get used to the greater physical contact in conversations, the friendliness was refreshing.

The school’s International Student Club gave me plenty of opportunities to see the country and truly experience what it had to offer while becoming friends with students from around the world.

The experiences I had while studying abroad in Hanoi, Vietnam completely opened my eyes and will not soon be forgotten. As I stepped off the plane in Hanoi I thought, “Lane, what did you just do?” This feeling of shock and panic only increased when I was exposed to the streets of Hanoi. The screaming car horns, blaring loud-speakers, and endless waves of motorbikes took some time to get used to. Luckily, I was able to adapt quickly and I fell in love with the people, the culture, and the food.

I studied at Foreign Trade University (FTU), in the center of Hanoi. When I would arrive to campus, I instantly stuck out as one of only three foreign students at a university of approximately 12,000 students. Though sticking out proved isolating at times, the Vietnamese students were so welcoming and friendly that I felt very comfortable at FTU. That is until around 40 other students and I would pile into the wooden desks for the 2-1/2 hour classes. We would pray that the air conditioning would work. Needless to say there were several days it did not work, but that was all part of the experience! After class some classmates and I would walk around the corner and grab a bowl of pho or bun cha where I would stumble through my order speaking very poor Vietnamese. At least I was a little better with chopsticks!

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Lane, Vietnam

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Sabiha, France

I studied in Antibes, France, a small village along the French Riviera, and it was simply the best decision and experience of my life. Having never been out of the United States before, I was naturally nervous, but as soon as I arrived at Nice International Airport, I felt more welcome than I had imagined. Antibes was a beautiful village full of history with the Picasso Museum right in the heart. During the winter months it was full of older locals who spoke mainly French, and often I would find myself in lengthy conversations with them. During the Spring, Antibes became heavily populated with younger Australians and English who came to work at the yacht port. There were also countless restaurants along the Mediterranean.

I attended Skema Euro-American Institute, located about 20 minutes to the west of Antibes. My classmates and I would take the bus to school, or if we got lucky, catch a ride with local students. The university was much different than what I expected; the community was tight knit and the classes were more intimate. The school was located on top of a hill with, as my friends and I counted, 113 stairs leading up to it. Once I made it to the top of the stairs out of breath, I was welcomed by French students smoking and socializing outside the front door to the school. Attending Skema was entirely different than attending an American university. The students and professors had a more casual relationship, though teachers were very strict with attendance. Each class was three hours long, but only once a week, and homework was very rare.

Monika, Germany

My first day in Tübingen, Germany was the closest thing to sensory overload I have experienced. It was exciting, terrifying, invigorating and frustrating all within the span of a few hours. I arrived in Germany after taking a semester’s worth of language courses back home at CSU. To say that I initially struggled with the language would be an understatement.

After a mere three weeks of intense German language studies at my university in Tübingen, called Eberhard Karls Universität, I could sense a shift in my ability to communicate as I learned phrase after phrase. Suddenly going grocery shopping did not seem so terrifying and making friends came easier and quicker. My new comrades and I spent hours wandering down quaint and narrow alleyways in search of the perfect Döner kebab. The seemingly everyday occurrences like grabbing ice cream and sitting on the Neckar Bridge ended up being the most memorable. Every day I learned something new, about myself or about the world. Every day was a challenge to not get discouraged or not stop exploring.

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Most of my professors spoke French, even if the class was supposed to be taught in English. This helped my French comprehension and speaking skills and I built a stronger vocabulary.

During my time abroad, I was fortunate enough to visit three other countries, as well as a dozen cities and towns in France. I went to Istanbul, Turkey for six days during spring break, which was by far my favorite place. Every meal I ate was exceptional, and the locals were all very welcoming. I also spent a long weekend in Amsterdam. I visited several cities and islands along the French Riviera.

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Once I got a grip on the language, a whole new world opened itself up to me. The experience culminated in a two week long solo trip around the lower half of Germany with primary destinations such as Freiburg, Heidelberg, Würzburg, Bamberg, and Leipzig. I traveled these two weeks by almost exclusive means of hitch hiking and couch surfing, meaning I was wholly dependent on both myself and the generosity of complete strangers – a somewhat terrifying prospect. And yet, each time I got myself in a sticky situation, there was someone to help get me out. Individuals I would never see again went out of their way to make my travels easier, be it by rescuing me from pouring rain when hitching out of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, or by acting as mediator when I did not purchase appropriate tickets for the public transport in Heidelberg. Such small efforts had such a large impact on how I interpret the world, and ironically enough, I never even learned the names of many individuals I came across. Such information was unnecessary. What was more important was the cultural exchange, and that is something that will remain in my memory for a long time.
Passports and Visas

Now that you have read this catalog, we hope you are inspired to expand your horizons and participate on an education abroad program! Regardless of when you go abroad or where you go, you will need a passport!

What is a passport?
A passport is an internationally recognized travel document that verifies the identity and nationality of the bearer. A valid passport is required to enter and leave most countries. It can take up to 5-12 weeks from the time a passport application is submitted to the time you receive it in the mail.

What is a visa?
Depending on which country you are planning to visit, you might also need a visa. A visa is an official document issued by a foreign country, formally allowing you to visit. Visas are attached to or stamped into your passport and allow you to enter foreign nations for a specific purpose and period. Please be aware that acceptance to an education abroad program does not guarantee that you will be issued a student visa. Although CSU Education Abroad coordinators are available to provide you with general guidance in completing the visa application, they have no ability to influence consulate processes or requirements. These are entirely the prerogative of the relevant embassy or consulate. The processing period for student visas can be as long as 90-120 days. Therefore, you are strongly encouraged to familiarize yourself with the student visa requirements and processing time for your host country as part of the application process. This will allow you time to collect necessary documents in advance and apply as soon as possible once you have been accepted to a program.

How do I apply for a passport?
Instructions and a downloadable application are available from the Department of State website at travel.state.gov/content/passports/english.html. You can also pick up a hard copy of the application at most local post offices.

Once you have completed the paperwork and have the required photo and documentation, take your completed application to the post office or City Clerk’s Office (300 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins) for processing, or check the Department of State website for locations outside of Fort Collins.

Will I need a visa?
Most semester and academic year programs require a student visa. Consult your program coordinator and the Education Abroad website for specific information on the program/country to which you are preparing to go.

Parents and Families

We encourage you to speak with your parents and families about education abroad and share information you gather with them.

The Education Abroad staff recognizes the important role parents and families play in your education abroad experience. Our goal is to provide resources to help families learn how to best support and encourage their student before, during, and after the international experience.

Our staff works with students to examine the options available for going abroad, paying attention to academic, financial, and personal needs. Once students select a program and are accepted, we work to prepare them for the academic and intercultural experiences they will encounter abroad. Our orientation program discusses travel, health, safety, and culture abroad. In addition, we pay careful attention to world events with respect to the safety and security of students abroad. We believe that an education abroad experience provides great opportunities for students to learn about the world, gain new perspectives, and obtain skills for the global workforce.

If you have questions about this experience, we encourage you to talk with your student and review the information and resources at educationabroad.colostate.edu.
The Office of International Programs continues to expand its education abroad opportunities. Programs may have been added or changed since the publication of this catalog.

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