# Why Study Abroad?



## Study Abroad will:

- Help you develop problem-solving and intercultural communication skills
- Challenge your understanding of culture
- Improve your flexibility, confidence, and adaptability
- Allow you to learn discipline-specific skills and open future opportunities
- Gain language skills and fluency (even if your program is in English!)

### Check out our study abroad events:

Study Abroad Fair

Information Sessions

First Steps meetings

**Student Panels** 

## What kind of programs are there?

• 12 semester programs on 4 continents

- Exchange & direct-enroll options

- Summer/Winter Universities
  - Germany and Scotland (summer)
- 10+ faculty-led programs per year
  - varied locations and disciplines
- National Student Exchange
- Student Teaching abroad
  - Mexico or in 60+ countries

## 3 Myths of Study Abroad:



- Most programs have <u>NO</u> language requirement!
- It's too expensive!
  FALSE!!
  - Grant and scholarship options available
  - Exchange programs- pay UWGB tuition overseas!
- I won't graduate on time! **FALSE!!** 

  - Plan ahead! Semester programs cover all majors and minors on campus
  - Short term options available during breaks

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# Study Abroad FAQs

### What courses will my study abroad program count for?

- Most programs count for a World Culture/Global Studies as well as other general education courses. Semester & short term programs can also fulfill major/ minor requirements, depending on your individual academic plan.

#### How can I pay for my study abroad program?

- Many students are able to get financial aid, most apply for grants & scholarships we offer. The best way is to save, save, save! The OIE will help you choose a program that is a good fit financially as well as academically.

#### I don't speak another language, where are my options?

- Almost anywhere! Even programs that are in non-English speaking countries (i.e. Germany) have the academic program in English! The only exceptions are our Spanish/German immersion programs. You may be required to take an intro language & culture course, depending on the location.

# What Students Say:

Go in with an open mind. Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. Memories are more valuable than souvenirs, and are best acquired by meeting new people and doing new things.— *Benjamin, Cape Town (South Africa), 2015* 

My best advice would be that anyone traveling should get rid of expectations. Honestly just go with what happens and make a good experience to remember for a lifetime.— *Adam, Cuernavaca (Mexico), 2015* 

We go to school hoping that we gain the necessary tools to make us unique in this extremely competitive and fastpaced world. To become unique, you have to first know what that even is. Studying abroad for me was the best, and in my opinion only way, to learn about all of my strengths, weaknesses, and quirks that will truly set me apart from my future competition. My time abroad is filled with countless and priceless memories. I have only one regret, and that is my inability to time travel back and relinquish it all again.— *Haley, Bilbao (Spain), 2014* 

