Choose from affiliated programs in over 70 countries, including

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- the Balkans
- Belgium
- Bolivia
- Bonaire
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Cambodia
- Cameroon
- Chile
- China
- Costa Rica
- the Czech Republic
- Denmark
- the Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt
- the EU
- Fiji
- France
- England
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Mali
- Mexico
- Mongolia
- Morocco
- Nepal
- the Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Nicaragua
- Northern Ireland
- Oman
- Panama
- Peru
- Poland
- Portugal
- Russia
- Rwanda
- Samoa
- Scotland
- Senegal
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tanzania
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Uganda
- Vietnam
- Wales

Note: IWU policy restricts students from studying abroad in countries under a U.S. State Department Travel Warning. See travel.state.gov for a current listing.

Why study abroad?

- To experience another culture and other viewpoints.
- To learn more about yourself, your values, and your own country.
- To gain a new perspective on your academic field of study.
- To improve your language skills.
- To conduct an independent research project in another culture.
- To become more prepared to work in a global economy.

Research shows that students who study abroad improve their academic performance in the semesters after studying abroad (University of Georgia, 2010) and that study abroad students find employment sooner than their peers and receive higher starting salaries (IES Abroad, 2012).

Studying abroad is an educational investment—but one that pays lifelong dividends.

To learn more about available programs, attend the study abroad fair and information sessions or browse our website.

After you have a few ideas, make an appointment to see the Director of the International Office to determine which program is the best fit for you.

All students who are studying abroad must work through the International Office and obtain approval from IWU before applying to study abroad.

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Center for Liberal Arts, 3rd Floor
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abroad@iwu.edu
iwu.edu/studyabroad/

“I found myself doing a lot of things that I did not imagine myself doing, yet I found that I could accomplish anything. I also learned a lot about life and a big part of that was from being more independent and being on my own.”

Elizabeth Kuehn (Australia 2011)
**IWU Programs**

**IWU London Program**
Offered each fall, this program sends a select group of IWU students with an IWU faculty director to live and study in London for a semester. Students take four courses, one of which is taught by the program director, and all London program classes are preapproved for general education credit and may satisfy requirements toward the major or minor with the permission of the department chair.

**IWU Pembroke Program**
Open only to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 and above, this full-year program offers the opportunity to study at Oxford University in their major. One-on-one tutorials provide an intensive academic experience and students are full members of Pembroke College, living in residence halls and taking their meals alongside Oxford students.

**IWU Spain Program**
Offered during the spring semester each year, this program allows a cohort of IWU students to study with an IWU faculty director and local professors in Barcelona. Students live, individually or in pairs, with host families in the city. Spanish proficiency is not required, and Spain Program classes are pre-approved for general education credit and may also satisfy requirements toward the major or minor with the permission of the department chair.

**IWU Exchange Programs**
IWU has exchange agreements with Keio University in Tokyo (Japan), Al Akhawayn University (Morocco), and Lingnan University (Hong Kong). These agreements allow IWU students to study at one of these schools study at IWU. Open to students in all majors.

**Affiliated Programs**
In addition to IWU’s own programs, the University offers students the opportunity to study abroad through a number of affiliated study abroad organizations:

- Arcadia University
- Central College Abroad
- CIEE
- College Year in Athens
- DIS Abroad
- GlobaLinks (AustraLearn)
- IFSA-Butler
- IES Abroad
- SACI
- SIT

**May Term Travel Courses**
These courses, led by an IWU-faculty member, take students abroad for up to three weeks of intensive study. Course options change annually, and students can learn more at the Travel Course Fair held each October.

**Eligibility**
Students are eligible to study abroad as early as May Term of the first-year, but most students study abroad in their sophomore or junior year.

To be eligible to study abroad, a student generally must have a formally declared major (except on the IWU London and IWU Spain programs); may not be on academic or social probation; must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (students who do not may submit a petition to the International Office); must meet the minimum requirements of the proposed study abroad program; and must not be behind in their payments to IWU.

**Academic Credit**
Courses taken abroad will count for credit and be included in the IWU GPA. Classes cannot be taken on a pass/fail basis. For a course to count toward general education, major, or minor requirements, students must secure permission from the appropriate department chair/program director or the Director of General Education.

**Program Costs**
IWU charges its own tuition for study abroad (unless the program tuition is higher), but study abroad students are not responsible for IWU room and board for the semester they are away. The cost of study abroad tuition, room, and board will, in general, be similar to what students pay to study on campus, though there will be additional costs for airfare and personal expenses.

*In short, study abroad is affordable!*

**Financial Aid**
State and Federal aid maybe applied for up to a year of study abroad, and IWU institutional aid generally may be applied to one semester abroad.

In addition, IWU has a competitive need-based scholarship for study abroad, and many of our affiliated programs offer need- and merit-based scholarships to students on their programs.

*“It’s easy to look at study abroad as this magical time where you spend all your time roaming the streets of Europe and finding little hole-in-the-walls and traveling. While these things happen, study abroad is still life. You have homework and finals and research papers. You get sick. You get homesick. But somehow, despite all this, it’s still incredibly worth it. You see things you never thought you’d see, you do things you never thought you’d do. It’s life. And it’s completely worth it.”*

Emily Hopkins (Spain 2009)