



Exploring Study Abroad



at the
**University
of Wisconsin Oshkosh**



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I (check all that apply):

- want to earn credits which will count towards
 - my major/minor
 - my general education requirement
 - other _____
- want to study abroad in a non-credit program (i.e. Certificate in International Business or in International Conflict Resolution programs)
- other _____

My study abroad experience should include:

- In-Class Academic Studies
- Language Study
- Internship
- Volunteer Work
- Time to Travel (before, after or during)
- Excursions
- Experiential Learning Activities

Immersion

I would like a program which offers me

- Total Immersion
- Partial Immersion

I want to attend classes with

- students from my host country
- other English speakers

I would consider the following accommodations (check all that apply):

- Host Family
- Dormitory
- Apartment
- Hostel
- Relatives
- Other

I want to live (check all that apply):

- near or with other students from my host country.
- near or with other international students.
- near or with other American students.
- apart from other international and American students.

Logistics

Location (Check all that apply):

General Area: _____

Country: Any country is fine. _____
(Specific Country/Countries)

- Developing Nation
- Modernized Nation
- More than one country.

City: Any city is fine. _____
(Specific City/Cities)

- Large City
- Small City
- Modern City
- Traditional Village
- More than one city.

I would like to study abroad

- through a program which organizes all travel and course scheduling for me...
UW Oshkosh-, UW System or U.S. University-sponsored group programs
- through a program which shares organizing responsibilities with me...
some U.S. University-sponsored programs and not-for-profit organization-sponsored programs
- on my own (without going through an organized program)...
Direct Enrollment at a Foreign Institution or Direct Enrollment at a Language School

I want to study abroad for

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than one semester | <input type="checkbox"/> one semester |
| <input type="checkbox"/> one academic year | <input type="checkbox"/> full program (to degree) |

Dates:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dates are flexible | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Interim |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Break | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Graduation

- OK to push graduation date back Must fit into current graduation plans

Choosing a Program

After you have filled out the checklist above, you can begin your search for a study abroad program which fits your goals and expectations. All four colleges at UW Oshkosh run study abroad programs. These courses require very little logistical planning on your part and offer credits which count toward your major, minor, general education requirements or elective credits. For the most up-to-date listing and links to program web sites, see <http://www.uwosh.edu/oie/destinations.html>.

Study Abroad Planning Worksheet

If you are trying to choose between multiple programs, use the *Study Abroad Planning Worksheet* in this booklet. Fill in your expectations along the left-hand column of the worksheet so that they match the expectations you checked earlier in this guide. Add other expectations as you find programs which offer things you would like to include in your program of study. Write the names of the programs you are seriously considering in the spaces at the top of the worksheet. If a program offers one of your expectations, check it off in the appropriate column. If it doesn't, write the word 'no' in that column or jot in some notes. When you are finished searching, you will have an easy-to-use list of programs which do and do not meet your expectations.

Narrowing Down Your Choices

After you have completed the first half of the *Study Abroad Planning Worksheet*, answer these questions and add your answers to the bottom half of the *Study Abroad Planning Worksheet*.

Does your first choice program match your goals and expectations? If yes, how well? If not, are there changes that can be made to the program or can you modify your expectations? How about your second, third and fourth choices? Make notes here.

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Third Choice:

Fourth Choice:

Have other students who have participated in these programs been satisfied with their experiences? Were their expectations met? Why or why not? *Please note that if you choose a non-UW Oshkosh-sponsored study abroad program, you will be solely responsible for acquiring program recommendations. Make notes here.

First Choice:

Second Choice:

Third Choice:

Fourth Choice:

Can you fulfill the program's requirements for acceptance? (GPA, prerequisites, language proficiency...)

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|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
| First Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Third Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Second Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fourth Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Do you have enough time to properly plan your Study Abroad experience before the program begins?

| | | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
| First Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Third Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Second Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fourth Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Check the web site for the U.S. State Department Country-specific Information, Travel Alerts and Travel Warnings (<http://travel.state.gov>). Are the countries *and* cities/regions you chose safe to visit?

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|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> |
| First Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Third Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Second Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fourth Choice | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Choosing a UW Oshkosh-sponsored Program

If you decide to choose a UW Oshkosh-sponsored program, follow the application procedure on the web page of your program of choice. There is no need to continue with this booklet.

Choosing a Non-UW Oshkosh-sponsored Program

If you are looking for programs in specific regions of the world or areas of study not covered by UW Oshkosh programs, continue your search on the internet. Links to UW System study abroad programs and to searchable study abroad databases can be found at <http://www.uwosh.edu/oie/studyabroad/destinations.php>.

If you choose a non-UW Oshkosh-sponsored study abroad program, you will be solely responsible for gathering information about the program, working with the sponsoring program to apply and prepare yourself for the program, acquiring program recommendations and checking into program validity. Although you may receive help from the Office of International Education throughout the planning process for non-UW Oshkosh-sponsored programs, neither this Office nor UW Oshkosh can endorse, recommend or give up-to-date information about programs which are beyond its control.

Study Abroad Planning Worksheet

Study Abroad Programs --> / / / / / /

Expectations (This information will come from your answers to questions earlier in this guide):

| Academics | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Subject of Study: | | | | | | |
| Language of Study: | | | | | | |
| Credit Transfer Preferences: | | | | | | |
| Other Components of My Study Abroad Experience: | | | | | | |
| Immersion | | | | | | |
| Immersion Level: | | | | | | |
| Class Make-up: | | | | | | |
| Accommodations: | | | | | | |
| Living Arrangements: | | | | | | |
| Logistics | | | | | | |
| Location: | | | | | | |
| Program Organization: | | | | | | |
| Length: | | | | | | |
| Dates: | | | | | | |
| Affect on Graduation Date: | | | | | | |
| Narrowing Down the Choices (This information will come from your answers to questions later in this guide.) | | | | | | |
| Does this program meet your expectations? | | | | | | |
| Have other students been satisfied with this program? | | | | | | |
| Do you meet this program's requirements for acceptance? | | | | | | |
| Do you have enough time to plan for your experience? | | | | | | |
| Is this program offered in a safe place? | | | | | | |
| Total Program Costs (in U.S. dollars) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |