

Choosing a Study Abroad Program



what are your goals?

Are you looking to travel, experience another culture and meet new people?

Are you looking to gain academic experience and a new perspective on your field?

Is your goal to learn a new language improve on existing language skills?

Do you want to get hands on experience through field work, internships, or volunteer opportunities?

when should you go and for how long?

Depending on *your* academic plan, you can choose to study abroad any time after your first year at Binghamton

Spend an academic year, one semester, summer, winter, or even spring break abroad

how much will it cost?

Be sure to research how **financial aid** and scholarships can defray costs. If you're concerned about costs, consider an **exchange** or **short-term program**

Remember cost can differ based on location or other factors

where should you go?

Consider not only which country or region you want to go to, but also think about **big city** or **small town**?

Do you want a tourist location with a strong American presence or a location largely untouched by other cultures?

how does language factor in?

Do you have existing language skills you want to improve on?

Is there a language you've always wanted to learn?

Don't let your lack of prior experience with a language deter you from going to your dream country. **Many programs offer all coursework in English or intensive language immersion courses for beginners**

what about housing?

Do you want to live in a dorm of native students or international students?

Or would you rather do a home-stay with a host family so you can be fully immersed in the culture and language of your study abroad location?

so what's next?

*Visit suny.edu/studyabroad and research the programs that match up best with your wants and needs

*come to the **OIP office** during walk-in advising hours and **schedule an appointment** to speak with a Study Abroad advisor
oip@binghamton.edu

*Remember, no one location will have everything you're looking for. But with over 600 programs through 64 SUNY campuses, studying abroad is a possibility for anyone.

Wherever you decide to go, Study Abroad is a chance to learn about a different culture, your own culture, other people and most importantly yourself. Take the opportunity to have the **adventure of a lifetime!**

