

STUDY ABROAD

International Academic Programs

Study Abroad Advocate Fact Sheet, Talking Points and Referrals

Academics:

- We recommend students [plan their experience abroad](#) early so students have more academic and financial flexibility
- Students can receive GLO and EXP+ credits on any SBU study abroad program
- Students from all majors can earn SBC, upper-division and general credit
- There are faculty-led and partner university programs
- Programs are available during the semester, academic year, winter and summer
- There is a growing list of [pre-approved courses](#)
 - Courses not in database can be evaluated on the [Learning Agreement](#)
- [International Summer and Winter Credit Policy](#)
 - Currently enrolled SBU students are required to participate in an approved program offered through International Academic Programs (IAP) or SUNY in order for credits earned to be considered towards degree requirements
- Grades earned on faculty-led programs will be calculated toward a student's SBU GPA. Grades earned on partner university programs will not be calculated toward a student's SBU GPA
- Grades from partner universities can take up to 4 months to be posted after the program

Benefits:

- Students can experience [personal growth, professional expansion, academic discovery](#)
- SBU has over 100 programs in about [35 countries](#). [SUNY schools](#) have over 400 programs in 100+ countries
- There is an alumni event post-program for resume and cover letter building for career and graduate school applications
- Many of the top 100 universities worldwide are SBU Partners

Support:

- Students are paired with an IAP Coordinator through the entire study abroad process
- Those who receive SASC-supported accommodations are aided through the request process with our partners and faculty
- IAP partners with the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to provide students with adequate resources and promote a successful study abroad experience
- Participants are required to be enrolled in international health insurance (UHC Global) while abroad
 - Coverage includes, but is not limited to: prescription and doctor visits benefits, appointment scheduling services, 24-hour line to speak with doctors, medical evacuation and repatriation and more
- There is a mandatory pre-departure orientation in which students and their guardians can connect with study abroad students and learn about health and safety which includes guidance from the Center for Prevention and Outreach

Funding:

- Financial aid may be available and specific to each student. We recommend students speak to the Financial Aid Office and bring their program cost sheet. Justine McGill-Garcia is the main point of contact for study abroad students.
- Studying abroad is a lot more affordable than students may think!
 - [Scholarship](#) opportunities are available
 - [Cost Comparison](#) for a semester abroad at a partner university vs. at SBU