Welcome!

The webinar will begin shortly.

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Good to know:

1. Please mute and turn off your cameras during the presentation, though you can turn them on at the end to ask questions if you would like.
2. To ask a question or comment, use the chat feature! We’ll be monitoring and responding to questions near the end.
How to Pick a Study Abroad Program

Where will Purdue take you?
Why is it important to choose your program with care?

- You will make sufficient progress in your degree program
- Program meets your academic, professional and personal goals
- Program considers your personal constraints: cost, time, degree progress, lack of overseas experience, and others
- You will be getting the study abroad experience you want
Whatever program you choose, you must satisfy the following eligibility requirements:

- Minimum GPA required*
- Language requirement
- Semesters completed (or class standing based on credits earned)
- Major area of study

*If you don’t quite meet the GPA requirement, consult a study abroad advisor. Some programs are willing to consider students who have a less than stellar GPA if they’re otherwise strong candidates.
Check the “Eligibility” section of the web flyer
Example: ETH (Switzerland)

Eligibility

Students participating in this program take graduate-level courses. It is suitable for Purdue Engineering and Science majors who have completed at least five semesters of university study by the start of the program. Successful candidates will demonstrate academic success, maturity and a desire to experience another culture.

GPA Requirement: 3.5 on a 4.0 scale
Language Requirement: none

Purdue Credit

Direct Credit available from the following: [College of Agriculture] [College of Engineering] [College of Science]

Students interested in completing courses while abroad from Purdue colleges or departments that are not listed above should discuss this with their study abroad advisor before applying to the program.
Beyond satisfying the basic eligibility requirements of a program, taking some factors into account can help narrow options in order to find the program that is right for you!
What are your goals for studying abroad?

- There is much more to studying abroad than just taking classes in a foreign country.
- The benefits of study abroad are endless, but it is important to consider your own reasons for choosing to study abroad.
- The program you choose should meet your objectives for why you want to study abroad.
What courses do you want / need to take?

• Classes you take abroad could fulfill degree requirements (major, minor, electives and general education)

• How important is it for you to be able to take courses that are suitable replacements of your Purdue major requirements?

• Perhaps you would prefer to take non-major courses instead?

• Consider the courses that a program is offering - are they the courses that you need?
If you want or need to take major courses, make sure a program is approved for direct credits (credits and letter grades) by the pertinent Purdue college.

Example: University of Bath

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Where do you want to study abroad?

The country you select determines the cultural environment and the main language of communication.

• You may want to experience of living in a big city or perhaps you’d prefer to take the roads less traveled

• Perhaps you’ve always been interested in _____ language and culture?

• Perhaps your family is originally from _______?

• Perhaps you want to study at a more prestigious university?

• Perhaps your family will allow you to study abroad but only at ___.

When do you want to study abroad / How long do you want to be overseas?

- Some programs are academic year only
- Some are available in both semesters
- Some are spring semester only
- Some are summer only
- Some departmental programs can be as short as one to two weeks
What kind of academic and social environment do you prefer?

- Do you want a full immersive experience?
- Would you feel more comfortable taking classes with students from the United States? With other Purdue students?

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What are your financial considerations?

- Pay Purdue tuition (exchange programs) versus paying a comprehensive program fee (co-sponsored or direct-enroll programs)
  - In-state versus out-of-state students
- Scholarships that apply to specific type of study abroad program
- Cost of living expenses at a program’s location
What are the program’s housing options?

- Are accommodations part of the program?
- Do you have to find your own place?
- Do you want to live with a host family?
What are the program’s term dates?

• When does the program start?
• When does the program end? (Important especially for spring semester programs.)*
• Does the program have a special fall semester arrangements for exchange students?

*Some spring semester programs end in mid- to late-June, a few even later (Germany, Japan, Switzerland, Australia, and others). These are not good options if you have a summer internship.
How do you narrow your options?

- Decide on the non-negotiable, the nice-but not-necessary, and the meh-don’t-care features of your ideal study abroad program.

- Explore SA programs

- Consult a study abroad advisor to assess the programs on your short list.

- Discuss study abroad plan with your academic advisor.

- Talk to other students who’ve studied abroad.

- Consult your support system.
What To Do Now: List the program features that matter

- **Non-negotiable**: features that must be present or conditions that must be met for you to be able to study abroad
- **Nice-but-not-necessary**: often serve as tie-breakers or clinchers if deciding between programs of equal weight
- **Meh-don’t-care**: program features or conditions that have little effect, if any, on your decision
What To Do Now: Explore Programs

Use the “Program Search” feature on the Study Abroad website.
What To Do Now: Consult a Study Abroad Advisor

• To make a virtual appointment: https://www.purdue.edu/IPPU/SA/About/Appointment.html

• Email a study abroad advisor directly
**Student A:** Sophomore, Spanish major, Indiana resident, has completed SPAN 301

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<td>1. Immersive</td>
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<td>2. Cost</td>
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<td>3. Courses in Spanish for my major</td>
<td>3. UC3M</td>
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<td>Nice but not necessary</td>
<td>Spain preferred Homestay</td>
<td>4. CIEE-Seville Liberal Arts</td>
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<td>Meh - not a factor</td>
<td>Either semester is fine</td>
<td>5. IFSA-Adv Lang and Culture Buenos Aires</td>
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<td>6. IFSA-Chilean Universities Program (Santiago or Valparaiso)</td>
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**Student B:** 2\textsuperscript{nd} semester Junior, IE major, nonresident, citizen of China, summer internship starting in early-June

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<td><strong>Non-negotiable</strong></td>
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<td>1. Exch and Co-sponsored in Australia or New Zealand</td>
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<td>2. Courses taught in English</td>
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<td>3. Spring semester but end in early- to mid-May</td>
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**Student C:** Sophomore, Indiana resident, Biology major

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<td>2. Academic year program</td>
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<td>4. 21st century scholarship recipient</td>
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<td><strong>Nice but not necessary</strong></td>
<td>Rooming with a local student in the residence hall</td>
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<td>Courses – very flexible</td>
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What To Do Now: Discuss study abroad plans with your academic advisor

• Optimum time to study abroad
• Courses you can take
• Department’s preferred programs
• Reconfigure Plan of Study
What To Do Now: Talk to Returned Students

Talk to returned students about their experience: what they liked about their program, challenges, what they know now that they wish they had known then.

Returnees Information

Click below to search for Purdue students who have participated in this program and are willing to be contacted. If you get no results, you can use the search form to find people who studied in the country you are interested in.

Search For Returnees Now!
What To Do Now: Hear from Other Students

Listen on-demand to interviews with past students – hear about their experiences and what advice they have for you. Look for the button below on our website!
What To Do Now: Follow us!

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Next session:
How to Afford Study Abroad
Tuesday, April 13\textsuperscript{th} @ 3pm
What are your questions?