How to Search for BSU Study Abroad Programs

Study Abroad Website: http://studyabroad.bsu.edu

Ways to Research Your BSU Options:

- Visit our website at http://studyabroad.bsu.edu
- Browse the print brochures outside of our office
- Speak to students who have returned from BSU programs abroad
- Attend the Study Abroad Fair (early September & early January)
- Ask international exchange students about their home university
- Talk to your academic advisor about the right time to go
- Ask your language professors where students have studied in the past
- Subscribe to the BSU Communication Center emails about Study Abroad Opportunities
- Submit an information request or ask a question through the BSU Study Abroad website

Search by Program Type
Center Programs

London Centre: http://studyabroad.bsu.edu/?go=londoncentre

Australia Centre: http://studyabroad.bsu.edu/?go=Australia

Worcester Centre (Summer Only): http://studyabroad.bsu.edu/?go=Worcester

Costa Rica Center (Spring Only): http://studyabroad.bsu.edu/?go=CostaRica

Field Studies

Although information on field studies will appear on the Study Abroad website the most up-to-date information can be found by checking with the various academic departments and attending the Study Abroad Fair each semester. New programs are always under development.

Study Abroad Consortia

AHA Study Abroad: www.ahastudyabroad.org

BSU approved SEMESTER & SUMMER Programs in: Argentina, Austria, China, England, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Morocco & Spain.

KIIS Study Abroad: www.kiis.org

BSU approved SEMESTER programs in: Germany & Spain

BSU approved SUMMER programs in: Argentina, Austria, Germany, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Ecuador, Germany, France, Greece, Turkey, Italy, Japan, Morocco, France, Czech Republic, Canada, Poland, Spain, and Tanzania.

Exchanges

ISEP Multilateral Network: www.isep.org

Exchange programs in 50 different countries around the globe.

BSU Partner Universities

Below is a list of current exchange programs. You can directly access the university’s website from the BSU study abroad pages. Search our site by program type, select the university name, and then click “Homepage”. Some universities may only have information in the language of instruction. When reviewing a host school website, remember that you will be classified as either an “incoming exchange student” or a “visiting student.” General information for international students typically refers to degree-seeking students.

TIP: many school sites have a small icon with a British flag at the top. This allows you to change the page to English.
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**International Internships**

**EUSA- Dublin, Ireland Summer Internships**

BSU link: [http://studyabroad.bsu.edu/?go=EUSA](http://studyabroad.bsu.edu/?go=EUSA)

Understanding Program Deadlines

Although most programs follow the standard application deadlines, some programs have unique application deadlines that are much earlier than you would expect. Other programs admit students on a “rolling” basis, meaning admission is granted as completed applications and deposits are received. With rolling admission programs it is impossible to predict when the program will fill. Always check with the Rinker Center to confirm if you have a question.

Ball State Deadlines are typically earlier than what you will find on the program provider or host university websites. Always follow the BSU deadline.

It is important to remember the deadline is the last possible date to complete an application, not to start the application. Do not wait until the deadline to apply or you may not be able to participate for your chosen term. Some programs require 4-6 weeks of lead time to compile an application package. The process is sometimes complex and similar to what you experienced when you applied to the university. Start your research 1 year before you go abroad. Remember there are several advising sessions to attend, paperwork to complete, and steps designed to help you prepare for the experience. Below is an overview of the major Ball State program deadlines:

**Programs with Rolling Deadlines**
- Australia Centre; London Centre; Costa Rica Centre; Worcester Centre
- All Faculty-Led Field Studies

**Programs with Fixed BSU Deadlines**
- AHA International Programs ([www.ahastudyabroad.org](http://www.ahastudyabroad.org))
  - Fall – March 1\(^{st}\)
  - Spring – October 1\(^{st}\)
  - Summer – March 1\(^{st}\)

- KIIS Programs ([www.kiis.org](http://www.kiis.org))
  - Fall: March 1\(^{st}\) (Qualifies for $100 apply early discount)
  - Spring: October 1\(^{st}\) (Qualifies for $100 apply early discount)
  - Summer: January 20\(^{th}\) – Qualifies for $100 apply early discount
  - February 15\(^{th}\) – Final Deadline

- ISEP Programs ([www.isep.org](http://www.isep.org))
  - Fall/Academic Year – January 15th
  - Spring- August 15\(^{th}\)
  - Summer – March 1\(^{st}\)
Non-Ball State Programs

With over 300 options most students are able to find an approved BSU program to meet their needs. However, we recognize sometimes students have special priorities and it is determined that a non-BSU program is a better fit.

Participation in a non-BSU program does come with some significant restrictions. It is important to carefully review the differences listed below BEFORE applying to a non-BSU program.

Credit & Grades

- Ball State students may only receive transfer credit from a program which provides an official transcript from a U.S. accredited institution or an accredited institution overseas. Grade reports or unofficial transcripts are not recognized. Be aware that some program providers utilize unofficial grade reports or certificates vs. a transcript. You may be asked by the program provider to pay an extra fee for an official transcript through a school of record. It is always the student’s responsibility to contact individual program sponsors for specifics about what type of transcript is available in advance of making a program commitment.

- Credit from non-BSU programs is transfer credit only and not resident credit. Letter grades earned abroad are not recorded on the BSU transcript, nor are they calculated into the GPA. Students must earn a C or better in each course that transfers. Ball State requires that 30 of the last 40 credits are in residence. This may have an impact on the timing of your study abroad participation. Please check with your academic advisor if you have questions about this before you make any plan to study on a non-BSU program.

Scholarships & Financial Aid

- Certain Ball State institutional financial aid (ex. Presidential Scholarships, Whiting Scholarships) cannot apply to non-BSU programs. Always confirm with the Financial Aid Office first.

- Federal financial aid (Stafford Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans, Pell Grants, etc.) is linked to the institution where a student is degree-seeking. The Ball State Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid will generally not sign individual consortia agreements allowing the aid to transfer to the non-BSU provider. This means you might need sufficient funds to pay for the study abroad program on your own. You would not receive a loan check.

- If you have previously taken out student loans be aware that they will go back into repayment after 6 months of separation from BSU. You can sometimes request a deferment of the loan repayment by verifying you had enrollment at another accredited institution. However, the process and types of
institutions/programs recognized will vary. We advise students contact the loan provider in advance to find out the procedure and guidelines for deferral.

**Housing Contracts**

- If you live on campus and terminate your housing contract for a non-BSU program you would be subject to the cancellation penalties outlined in your contract.

**Steps for Participation in a Non-BSU Study Abroad Program**

1. Carefully research the program and review the restrictions listed above.
2. Meet with your academic advisor to discuss the program’s curriculum. You may wish to secure written pre-approvals for the courses using an advising center form.
3. Apply to the non-BSU program by the deadline
4. Register your participation by completing the “Ball State Student Application for Non-Ball State Programs” located online at: [http://studyabroad.bsu.edu/?go=nonBSU](http://studyabroad.bsu.edu/?go=nonBSU)
5. Notify our office when you have received formal admission.
6. Provide your host institution/provider with the address where your transcripts should be sent at the end of your program.

**For US transcripts:**
Office of Admissions
Ball State University
Lucina Hall
Muncie, IN 47306 USA

**For Foreign Transcripts:**
*Must be accompanied by English translation (if in another language) with course descriptions*
Assistant Director of Study Abroad
Rinker Center for International Programs
Student Center, Room 102
Ball State University
Muncie, IN 47306 USA

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions about the process for participation in non-BSU programs.

**Study Abroad Office**
Rinker Center for International Programs
Pittenger Student Center, Room 102
Tel: +1 (765) 285-5422
Hours: Academic Year M-F, 8 am-5pm / Summer M-F, 7:30 am-4 pm
Email: studyabroad@bsu.edu
The Ball State Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid is the ultimate authority regarding questions on financial aid.

Financing Study Abroad

We encourage students to financially plan ahead and look for financial support from many resources. Below are a few of the ways BSU students help to defray the cost of study abroad:

**Federal Grants & Loans (Stafford Loans, Pell Grants, etc.)**

Many Ball State students utilize federal financial aid to pay for their programs. Federal aid can apply for Ball State programs when students have registered for at least the minimum number of credits. Federal financial aid might not apply to non-BSU sponsored programs. Please refer to the handout on non-BSU sponsored programs for more information.

Students who wish to learn how their aid package would apply to their study abroad should follow these steps:

1. Select a specific study abroad program
2. Request a custom “Estimated Cost of Attendance Worksheet” through the Study Abroad Office or Faculty Leader (for Faculty Led Programs)
3. Call 765-285-5600 to set up an appointment with the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid (Lucina Hall, Room 245)
4. Take the “Estimated Cost of Attendance Worksheet” to the meeting. They cannot help without first knowing the program type and cost.

TIP: Don't forget to complete the FAFSA by March 15th to start the process of applying for need-based aid (e.g. loans and grants).

**BSU Institutional Aid (Merit Scholarships)**

If you are the recipient of a BSU scholarship such as the Presidential, Whiting, etc. the aid can usually apply to your Ball State approved program. Always check with the Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid to confirm the dollar amount. The value of your award may be affected by the program you select and the number of credit hours you take. For example, if you have a “full ride” at BSU, do not assume that all of your costs are covered. BSU institutional aid may not apply to non-BSU sponsored programs.

**Rinker Center Scholarships**

Did you know the Rinker Center has 2 scholarship funds for BSU approved study abroad? The **Yuhas Scholarship** requires a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and the **Rinker Scholarship** requires a 2.5 GPA. Applications can be obtained from the reception desk of the Rinker Center for International Programs (Student Center, Room 102) or by downloading the form from the Study Abroad website: bsu.edu/studyabroad. Both scholarships use the same application form.

October 1: Deadline for spring programs

March 1: Deadline for summer, fall and academic year programs

**Program-Specific Scholarships**

**AHA Study Abroad Scholarships**
Students who participate in Ball State’s AHA study abroad programs are eligible to apply for AHA scholarship support for many of the programs. Awards range from $500 - $1,500. Both need-based and merit-based scholarships are available. To learn more about the current scholarships and deadlines visit the AHA Scholarships page.

**KIIS Study Abroad Scholarships**

For students who select a KIIS program, several program-specific scholarships are available. Each summer, winter, and semester program has one scholarship award.

- Summer programs: One $600 scholarship is available for each KIIS program.
- Winter programs: One $300 scholarship for each KIIS program.
- Fall Semester programs: One $750 scholarship for each KIIS program.
- Spring Semester programs: One $750 scholarship for each KIIS program.

To learn more visit: [http://www.kiis.org/go/Scholarships.php](http://www.kiis.org/go/Scholarships.php)

**ISEP Study Abroad Scholarships**

You can find more information about specific scholarship offerings on their website.

**Gilman Scholarship**

This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students who are receiving Federal Pell Grant funding to participate in study abroad programs worldwide. To qualify you must select a program of at least four weeks in one country. Programs going to more than one country are eligible if the student will be studying in one country for at least four consecutive weeks. For more information visit: [www.iie.org/gilman](http://www.iie.org/gilman)

**Other International Scholarships**

Ball State students are eligible to apply for any number of competitive international scholarships and fellowships. Generally a GPA of 3.7+ is recommended. Learn more about some of the major scholarships and fellowships that are available and when to begin the application process for them. Speak with your department and college to see if they offer any scholarships for students studying abroad. Visit [http://tinyurl.com/3gbjt3c](http://tinyurl.com/3gbjt3c) or contact Dr. Barb Stedman bstedman@bsu.edu for additional details.

**Financial Planning Considerations**

Students should be aware that the application and pre-departure process will require a certain amount of money in advance. Some expenses must be covered before loans, scholarships and grants arrive. Common examples would be the application fees, passport application, plane tickets, immigration fees, and housing deposits. Application fees can be as high as $500. If your program requires a student visa, the consulate might require you to show proof of adequate bank funds to support your entire stay abroad. Keep this in mind when planning for your study abroad experience.

**FINANCIAL FAQ**

How much does it cost to study abroad – and when will I need to pay for study abroad?

Please refer to the table on the next page for a breakdown of application fees, deposits, and what you pay.
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| Faculty Led       | N/A             | N/A                    | N/A                       | $500         | At time of application | Check or money order made out to Ball State and turned in to the Study Abroad Office | $100 | • Program fee (varies across programs)  
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU tuition                                        |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU tech fee                                      |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • HTH Insurance                                     |
| Consortia – KIIS  | $250            | At time of application | KIIS via debit/credit card, check, or money order | N/A         | N/A            | AHA     | $350 | • KIIS program fee (varies across programs)           
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU tech fee                                      |
| Consortia – AHA   | $50             | At time of application | AHA via credit card or e-check | $200        | Before or after admission | AHA     | $350 | • AHA program fee                                    |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU tech fee                                      |
| Exchanges – ISEP  | $390            | At time of application | Check or money order made out to ISEP, **but turned into the Study Abroad office** | N/A         | N/A            | AHA     | $100 | • ISEP fee - $300 / semester                        
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU tuition and fees (including Health fee, Rec fee, Tech fee, etc.) |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU housing (based on Studebaker West, double)  |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU meal plan (21 meals/week)                     |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • HTH Insurance                                     |
| Exchanges – Partner Universities | $500            | At time of application | Check or money order made out to Ball State and turned in to the Bursar Office | $500        | At time of application | Check or money order made out to Ball State and turned in to the Bursar Office | $100 | • BSU tuition and fees (including Health fee, Rec fee, Tech fee, etc.)  
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • Host University Housing – at their rates (paid to host university) |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • HTH Insurance                                     |
| Direct Enroll – ISEP | $390            | At time of application | Check or money order made out to ISEP, **but turned into the Bursar office** | $390        | At time of application | Check or money order made out to ISEP, **but turned into the Bursar office** | $350 | • ISEP Direct fee                                   |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU tech fee                                      |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • HTH Insurance                                     |
| Direct Enroll – Partner Universities | $500            | At time of application | Check or money order made out to Ball State and turned in to the Study Bursar Office | $500        | At time of application | Check or money order made out to Ball State and turned in to the Study Bursar Office | $350 | • Program fee                                       |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU tech fee                                      |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • HTH Insurance                                     |
| International Internships | $500            | At time of application | Check or money order made out to Ball State and turned in to the Bursar Office | $500        | At time of application | Check or money order made out to Ball State and turned in to the Bursar Office | $100 | • Program fee                                       |
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • BSU tuition and fees (including Health fee, Rec fee, Tech fee, etc.)  
|                   |                 |                        |                           |              |                |        | • HTH Insurance                                     |

**DISCLAIMER:** Be aware there are a few additional costs that you may have when studying abroad. The following are examples of some of these costs: Airfare to and from your host country, Passport application fees, Visa application fees (not required for every country), Immunizations (only needed for certain locations), Travel insurance, Personal spending money for extra travel - varies greatly from student to student.
What am I paying for when I study abroad?

When you study abroad, you will generally pay for the same types of costs that you encounter during a term at BSU (tuition, housing, food, health insurance, transportation, etc.). Please refer to the chart above to see which programs include which costs. Be aware there are a few additional costs that you may have when studying abroad. The following are examples of some of these costs:

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- Passport application fees
- Visa application fees (not required for every country)
- Immunizations (only needed for certain locations)
- Personal spending money for extra travel - varies greatly from student to student

Why do program costs vary so much?

Program costs vary greatly from program to program, largely because of two factors: location and program infrastructure. Programs located in countries with a comparably low cost of living are generally more affordable. Programs located in countries with a high cost of living or expensive airfare (such as Australia, New Zealand, or countries in Western/Central Europe), are generally more expensive. Programs with numerous built-in services and excursions also contribute to a higher program cost.

How much does study abroad cost in comparison to staying here at BSU?

Below are the estimated costs to attend BSU for the 2014-2015 academic year. As Ball State offers hundreds of program options, you will find programs that offer lower (and higher) costs, often in the same region. Please use these figures to help compare costs with your program.

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What Next? 5 Steps to Study Abroad

1. View the Study Abroad 101 video
   o Take some time to sit and consider some of the questions outlined in this presentation regarding your personal goals and interests
   o Speak with your academic adviser, letting them know you’re considering study abroad

2. Visit http://studyabroad.bsu.edu to begin researching programs. You can search by program type, academic subject, program duration, or you can utilize the map tool, which will show you every program offered in the country you select.

3. Select the program in which you wish to participate.

4. Click “Apply Now” on your program’s information page.
   o Once you click the button, you should be directed to an application creation wizard. If you are a current Ball State student, select “Yes” on the first page.
     ▪ NOTE: If you are NOT a current Ball State student, please contact the Study Abroad office by emailing studyabroad@bsu.edu for assistance.
   o Next, use your Ball State username and password to log in to the application.
   o Select the term you wish to study abroad and click “apply”. Here, you will see the checklist of what you need to do to complete your application.
   o All materials MUST be turned in by the program deadline.

5. Apply for the study abroad program by completing and submitting the materials listed on your application
   o Your study abroad advisor or faculty director will guide you through this process

If you have additional questions, or when you are ready to schedule an advising meeting, email the Study Abroad Office at studyabroad@bsu.edu