

This document serves as a resource for students to help streamline the study abroad planning process. Follow the listed steps and suggested action items accordingly. Please note that this is a reference and specific program requirements may vary.

GETTING STARTED	
<input type="checkbox"/> Watch or attend the Study Abroad 101 Session	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend a live session or watch the recording here <input type="checkbox"/> Research programs
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a Study Abroad Programs Peer Advisor Schedule an appointment	Discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> GSU study abroad program types <input type="checkbox"/> Academic considerations <input type="checkbox"/> Personal considerations <input type="checkbox"/> Study Abroad Scholarship Opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with an Academic Advisor	Discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Courses required for your GSU program of study <input type="checkbox"/> Best time to go abroad during your GSU program of study <input type="checkbox"/> Courses that can be taken abroad <input type="checkbox"/> What a program abroad will look like for you
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a Study Abroad Advisor Schedule an appointment	Discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study abroad program options and costs <input type="checkbox"/> Study abroad application process <input type="checkbox"/> Study Abroad Scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> Courses offered on programs <input type="checkbox"/> Consider your identity abroad
<input type="checkbox"/> Plan how to fund your study abroad experience	Think about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The cost of your program (including travel & living expenses) <input type="checkbox"/> Use the GSU Study Abroad Program Budget sheet to help plan <input type="checkbox"/> Your GSU Financial Aid & requirements for it to travel with you <input type="checkbox"/> GSU Study Abroad Scholarships <input type="checkbox"/> National Study Abroad scholarships
<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Program Director	Discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Program Information <input type="checkbox"/> Courses offered on program <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of program (inclusions)
<input type="checkbox"/> Secure or renew passport (if applicable) U.S. Department of State GSU Passport Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If you do not have a valid passport, get one! You may be eligible for Study Abroad Programs Free Passport Program <input type="checkbox"/> If you have a passport, check the expiration date <input type="checkbox"/> Passport must be valid for 6 months after your expected return date.
APPLY TO STUDY ABROAD (Pre-Decision)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Submit your online GSU Study Abroad Application	Deadlines to complete GSU Study Abroad Application vary by program. General deadlines are: Early Fall for Spring semester abroad Early Spring for Summer, Academic Year or Fall Semester Abroad <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Please note: Your application will be in “Awaiting PD Review” while the Program Director is reviewing your application. If accepted, it will move to “Accepted.” If you are not accepted into the program, explore other possible programs.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

ACCEPTED TO STUDY ABROAD (Post-Decision)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commit to the program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Login to your GSU Study Abroad Application and commit to the program within two weeks of acceptance <input type="checkbox"/> Committing means you will be responsible for paying a \$300 non-refundable deposit and later the study abroad program fee. Please review the GSU Faculty-led Study Abroad Withdrawal Procedure for important details on withdrawing after commitment. <input type="checkbox"/> To be considered for GSU Study Abroad Scholarships, you must pay the deposit by scholarship deadline: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> October 31 for Spring, February 15 for Maymester & Summer May 31 for Fall </div>
<input type="checkbox"/> Pay Program Deposit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pay \$300 non-refundable program deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Program Director will send instructions when it is due <input type="checkbox"/> To be considered for GSU Study Abroad Scholarships, you must commit by scholarship deadline: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> October 31 for Spring, February 15 for Maymester & Summer May 31 for Fall </div> <p>Reminder: The program fee will be charged to PAWs on charge day</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Health Clearance Form (HCF) Schedule an appointment at GSU Student Health Services or with your Primary Care Physician	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Print & Download the GSU SAP Health Clearance Form (HCF) <input type="checkbox"/> Have your physician complete the HCF <input type="checkbox"/> Upload to your GSU SAP application <input type="checkbox"/> Due 3 weeks before departure date
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Itinerary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Your program may include the flight, check the financial information on the program brochure or with your Program Director. If not, book your flight! Student Universe is a partner of GSU! <input type="checkbox"/> Update your Travel Itinerary in your GSU SAP Application <input type="checkbox"/> DO NOT purchase a plane ticket until you have received arrival information for your program
<input type="checkbox"/> Complete all GSU Study Abroad Application Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Login to your application and complete any remaining components of your post-decision GSU Study Abroad Application. <input type="checkbox"/> Due 3 weeks before departure date
<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Pre-Departure Orientations (PDO) Mandatory to complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Study Abroad Programs will host Pre-Departure Orientations in November, February, and April for faculty-led programs <input type="checkbox"/> Your Program Director will have a program specific PDO <input type="checkbox"/> Review the Pre-Departure Guide in your GSU SAP Application
<input type="checkbox"/> Register for Study Abroad Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Follow instructions from your Program Director to register for your study abroad courses
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa (if applicable) Visit http://travel.state.gov/visa/ for visa requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Follow guidance from your Program Director regarding visa requirements <input type="checkbox"/> Research required documents for visa application <input type="checkbox"/> GSU SAP can provide letters of support for visa
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