

# Bellarmino University Study Abroad Parent Information

Your son or daughter may approach you with an interest in studying abroad. You will play an important role in encouraging this opportunity. Study abroad doesn't have to be overwhelming or costly, as long as you know all the facts and are active in the planning of your son's or daughter's study. The International Programs Office (IPO) has provided the following information to assist you in helping your son or daughter plan for an international experience.

1. Study abroad can help your son or daughter bring focus to both his/her academic program and future career, as well as provide an edge when looking for a job after graduation and enrolling in graduate school.
2. Study abroad is affordable through semester and academic year programs with our bilateral partners and the ISEP program. These exchange programs cost about the same as tuition, room and board here at Bellarmine University.
3. Students who participate in a semester or academic year exchange are typically able to apply their FINANCIAL AID and Bellarmine scholarships to their study abroad program.
4. Additional study abroad SCHOLARSHIPS ranging from \$250-\$10,000 are also available.
5. Through Bellarmine University, opportunities are available via 150 partner sites in more than 50 countries with summer and semester options to study abroad in an English speaking curriculum or to enhance language skills.
6. Along with our semester and academic year programs, we also offer popular and affordable summer programs through Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS) and Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA).
7. All students are encouraged to meet with their academic advisor and must complete a course pre-approval form prior to departure.
8. The Study Abroad Advisor assists with all aspects planning for study abroad including a detailed pre-departure orientation.
9. The IPO maintains close contact with all overseas directors of programs sponsored through Bellarmine University to ensure the safety and well-being of Bellarmine students abroad.
10. Credits earned overseas through an approved Bellarmine program will be transferred back and recorded on the student's Bellarmine transcript.
11. Research has shown that students who study abroad become more SELF-DIRECTED, SELF-CONFIDENT, AND SELF-RELIANT. In addition, study abroad helps to build valuable cross-cultural and problem-solving skills which are of great value to today's employers.

**To better assist all parents, the Study Abroad Advisor is available for meetings and general questions about Bellarmine's study abroad programs.**

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