Study Abroad in the Fine & Performing Arts

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"Study abroad is about so much more than those two words can possibly convey. It's about using all of your senses every moment. It's about taking risks that have a huge payoff. It's about realizing and appreciating what you have and what you don't have. It's about changing your life forever as it will never be the same. It's about change."

Caren Cunningham, Professor, Art Department

Study Abroad as a Fine & Performing Arts or Arts Administration Major and . . .

- Attend international theater productions
- Observe different art techniques
- Visit important international museums
- Experience a different way of life
- Learn first-hand about significant global issues
- Prepare yourself for competitive graduate programs
- Build your résumé by demonstrating your independence, flexibility, and willingness to take on new challenges

"Studying abroad gives you a different perspective on everything, and as an artist that can be life changing.
Liz Dugan, Art Major, Semester Abroad, University of Ulster, Northern Ireland

Plan ahead . . .

Majoring in the Arts, you can study abroad as a sophomore, junior or senior. There are opportunities for elective credits in the major which gives you flexibility to study abroad and make progress towards your degree. Discuss study abroad options with your Academic Advisor.

- Begin planning at least a year in advance of your study abroad program. Plan to meet with the Study Abroad Advisor and talk with faculty and students who have taught or studied abroad. It is never too early to start planning!
- Set some goals. There are many partners and programs abroad that offer Art and Theater courses. The best one for you will depend on what you plan to gain from your experience.
- Prioritize your goals. See the IPO handout on this subject and consider your long-term academic and professional goals, as well as your on-campus degree requirements.
- With proper planning, study abroad can help you prepare for the next step after college whether it is graduate school or starting a career.
- **Start saving now**! Consider saving for your time abroad when setting your spending priorities today.

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"I was hesitant about studying abroad. Now I can't wait to go back…(by studying abroad) I was able to learn more about my field of study and ways to develop it into a career."

Maria Tatman, Semester Abroad, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy

Can I afford it?

YES! Now is the most cost-effective time in your life to spend an extended period of time abroad. Most undergraduate students do not have to balance a job, mortgage, family and car payments when saving for study abroad.

- Studying abroad for a semester on exchange will cost about the same as attending Bellarmine and living on campus.
- For exchange programs, financial aid and scholarships can be applied toward your semester or academic year abroad.
- There are many short-term programs with a wide range of prices to accommodate various student budgets.
- Bellarmine also offers scholarships for study abroad! For more information, visit: http://www.bellarmine.edu/international/scholarships.asp

Barcelona, Spain

Next steps?

Study Abroad Information Meetings
Not sure how to start? There are general information meetings held weekly in the fall. See the BU student calendar or contact the IPO for dates.

The Study Abroad Fair
This annual fall event held in September is a great place to talk to program providers and students who have studied around the world on Bellarmine's programs. It is a wonderful time to ask returned students about their experiences abroad.

Browse Our Website
Find information on all Bellarmine study abroad programs, as well as application procedures and tips on preparing for your time abroad. http://www.bellarmine.edu/international/

What happens next?
Visit the International Programs Office in Miles Hall Suite 149 to learn more about the program and application deadlines. Talk with your Academic Advisor and the Faculty Liaison for study abroad information regarding your major. Learn what courses you will be able to take abroad, and plan ahead. Research the country and site where you wish to study. Find out as much as you can about your host site.

When should I go?

Summer programs are available to all students starting the summer after freshman year. Depending on a student's major and minor, certain times may be better than others for long-term study abroad. See below for tips on deciding when you should go.

Freshman

The best time to start planning for study abroad is your freshman year. If you hope to have two international experiences, it is a great idea to do a summer program after freshman year and then plan for a semester or year abroad junior year.

Sophomores

There are limited semester sites available for sophomores. However, mature applicants typically do not have trouble finding an appropriate site for study. The application to study abroad sophomore year is due in the fall of freshman year. Please work closely with the Study Abroad Advisor and your Academic Advisor to see what plan is best for you.

Juniors

Most Bellarmine students study abroad during their junior year. At this point, you may be more focused on upper division courses and electives. See the descriptions on the next page for program suggestions.

Seniors

Students may still study abroad during the fall semester of senior year, although the location should be selected carefully to ensure that they may take specific classes needed for graduation. They should be sure to choose a site which matches Bellarmine's calendar in order to be back in time to start the spring semester at BU.

How do I select a program?

Bellarmine has more than 150 international program sites. When selecting a program, consider your geographic interests and academic goals. Use this sheet, talk with your advisor, talk to past participants of study abroad programs, and work with the IPO to identify the best program for you. **These highlighted programs offer excellent options for you to earn credit in your major; however, depending on your flexibility, you may also want to explore other programs BU offers**. As new partners are added, specific recommended programs may change. Check with the Study Abroad Advisor for the latest information.

Can I fulfill graduation requirements?

General Education: General education credits can be fulfilled on almost all study abroad programs. **Some excellent courses to take abroad include:** English Literature requirement, Social Science requirement, and the IDC 301 requirement. Sometimes credit can be granted for the Theology elective.

Major requirements: Fine and performing art and arts administration courses are offered at several partner universities. You will want to consider enhancing your BU degree by taking courses for your major that are not offered at BU. Some institutions have more course options than others and they are listed on this page. With advance planning, you will be able to earn credits towards your major.

Minor requirements: Depending on your minor, you may also be able to take courses to fulfill those requirements abroad. Please consult with the Department Chair.

Study Business for a semester or an academic year at partner universities abroad

The list on this page contains links to view course catalogs and/or titles of courses offered at BU partner universities abroad. You should review this list with your Academic Advisor to see which institution will provide you with the courses you need. If necessary, you will also want to discuss substitutions or waivers with the Department Chair.

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore: Milan, Italy

City of Perth in Western Australia

Bilateral Exchange Partners with Fine & Performing Arts and/or Arts Administration Options:*

Australian Catholic University: Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, North Sydney, & Strathfield, Australia
http://www.acu.edu.au/

Chinese University of Hong Kong: Hong Kong, China
http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/english/bachelor-degree/arts.html

Edith Cowan University: Perth, Australia
http://www.sca.ecu.edu.au/school/

Ewha Womens University: Seoul, South Korea
http://www.ewha.ac.kr/english/

Leeds Metropolitan University: Leeds, England
http://prospectus.leedsmet.ac.uk/main/list.htm?p=62&level=1

Lingnan University: Hong Kong, China
http://www.ln.edu.hk/

Linköping University: Linköping, Sweden
http://www.liu.se/?l=en

Université Paris 8 Saint-Denis: Paris, France
http://www.univ-paris8.fr/
Minimum of 4 semesters of French required.

University of Birmingham: Birmingham, England
http://www.birmingham.ac.uk

* For the most updated partnership options please check with the International Programs Office.

ISEP Exchange

Bellarmine is also a member of The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) which provides access to many additional study sites around the globe. It is easy to do a search by subject on the ISEP website www.isep.org. For many sites, you can access course catalogs for these institutions online or in the IPO resource room.

ISEP Exchange Partners with Fine & Performing Arts or Arts Administration Options:

The following ISEP institutions are only a few of the many destinations where you could study. The schools listed are some of the best options for your major.

Brock University- St. Catharine's, Ontario, Canada
www.brocku.ca/international/

Keimyung University – Daegu, Korea
http://www.kmu.ac.kr/english/

Laurentian University-Sudbury, Canada
www.laurentian.ca/

Masaryk University- Brno, Czech Republic
http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member_site.asp?CSID=108&ID=242

Riksumeiken University- Kyoto City, Japan
http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member_site.asp?CSID=86&ID=249

Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris- Parak, Malaysia
http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member_site.asp?CSID=260&ID=391

University of Malta- Msida, Malta
http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member_site.asp?CSID=192&ID=323

University of Ghana- Accra, Ghana
www.ug.edu.gh/

University of Ulster- Northern Ireland
www.ulster.ac.uk/

"A semester was a very short time to be abroad - too short!"
Liz Dugan, Art Major, Semester Abroad,
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Short Term Program Options

For students interested in a spending a summer or winter break abroad there are many excellent options for all majors. Students can chose to do major requirements or general education or elective courses.

International Internships and Service

In addition to the listed summer/winter options, there are many international internship and service learning opportunities available. Please consult the IPO for more information on these programs.

Top summer and winter destinations specifically for students majoring in the Fine & Performing Arts or Arts Administration:

CCSA
www.ccsa.cc
CCSA offers summer and winter programs in English speaking countries. Students may chose from courses in a variety disciplines including theater, art history and business.

CIEE
www.ciee.org
CIEE has summer programs in English around the globe. The academic focus will vary by program.

KIIS
www.kiis.org
KIIS offers summer programs in non-English speaking countries. Most are conducted in English. The academic focus will vary by country. The KIIS Italy program has an art focus.

Lingnan University:
Hong Kong, China
http://www.ln.edu.hk/summer/

Forum in Rome, Italy
KIIS Italy 2010

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