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**“An amazing experience filled with memories that I will always treasure ... I’ve gained a better understanding of the world.”**

*Dhea Villar, Economics Major, Semester Abroad, CUHK, China*

# Study Abroad in Economics and Finance



“The study abroad experience has helped Economics majors to become more engaged and willing to take on new tasks. This has been very appealing to graduate programs and employers.”

*Dr. Frank Raymond, Chair, Economics Department*

## ***Study Abroad as an Economics or Finance Major and . . .***

- Gain international perspectives in the field of economics
- Understand global economic issues
- See world events through the perspective of another culture
- Learn the importance of currency exchange first hand
- Build your résumé by demonstrating your independence, flexibility, and willingness to take on new challenges
- Acquire skills for the increasingly diverse and international workplace



**“While abroad, I learned the importance of patience, as well as the importance of understanding a culture, but above all this journey gave me a greater sense of self-empowerment and self-confidence.”**

*Angelica Sanchez, Economics & FLIS Major, Year Abroad, Université de Savoie & Université Dauphine, France*

## ***Plan ahead . . .***

As an economics or finance student, 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 and Faculty Liaison.

- 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 economics and finance courses. The best one for you depends 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.

## 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 towards 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.bellarmino.edu/international/scholarships.asp>



**“My experience in Japan was more than I could ever have expected – there was a complete consensus among me and my friends that the semester went by way too fast!”**

*Claire-Mai Nguyen,  
Economics Major,  
Semester Abroad, Kansai  
Gaidai University, Japan*

## Next steps?

### Study Abroad Information Meetings and Highlight Sessions

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.bellarmino.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 economics 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 they will need to select the location carefully to ensure that specific classes needed for graduation are available. Students should choose a site that matches Bellarmine’s calendar so that you will be back in time to start the spring semester at BU.

## How do I select a program?

Bellarmino has more than 150 international program sites. When selecting a program that will work best for you, 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 Bellarmino partners and programs.** As the Economics and Finance Departments and the IPO work together, 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:** Fine Art requirement, English Literature requirement, Social Science requirement, and the IDC 301 requirement. Occasionally approval is granted for the Theology elective requirement.

**Major requirements:** Economics & Finance courses are offered in English at many of our partner universities. Some institutions have a broader selection than others and they are listed below. With advance planning, you will be able to earn credits for your economics or finance major. Plan on taking some elective credits in your major that are not offered on campus so that you can **enhance** courses you have taken at BU.

**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 Economics or Finance 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 bilateral partner universities abroad. Most links provide access to a course description. You should review this list with your advisor and faculty liaison 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.



Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK): Hong Kong, China  
View from a dorm room

University of Helsinki:  
Helsinki, Finland



## Bilateral Exchange Partners\* with Excellent Economics & Finance Options:

**Université Dauphine: Paris, France**  
<http://www.dauphine.fr/en/welcome.html>  
Minimum 4 semesters of French required.

**EM Strasbourg: Strasbourg, France**  
<http://www.em-strasbourg.eu/>  
Some knowledge of French is highly recommended, however most economics courses are offered in English.

**University of Kufstein Tirol: Kufstein, Austria**  
<http://www.fh-kufstein.ac.at/ger/International>  
Business courses are in English.

**University of Helsinki: Helsinki, Finland**  
<http://www.helsinki.fi/english/courses/>

**Rhodes University: Grahamstown, South Africa**  
<http://www.ru.ac.za/academic/departments/>  
This is an excellent and innovative institution located in beautiful and safe Grahamstown.

**Swinburne University of Technology: Melbourne, Australia**  
<http://www.international.swinburne.edu.au/>

**Chinese University of Hong Kong: Hong Kong, China**  
AACSB Accredited  
<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/oal/>

**Lingnan University: Hong Kong, China**  
AACSB Accredited  
<http://www.ln.edu.hk/>

**Ewha Womens University: Seoul, South Korea**  
AACSB accredited  
<http://www.ewha.ac.kr/english/html/002/002.html>  
Open to both female and male international students

**University of Strathclyde Business School: Glasgow, Scotland**  
AACSB accredited  
<http://www.strath.ac.uk/business/>

**University of Western Australia: Perth, Australia**  
AACSB Accredited  
<http://www.uwa.edu.au/>

\* 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](http://www.isep.org). For most sites, you can access course catalogs for these institutions online or in the IPO resource room. Students who have many electives will have greater flexibility in their choice of schools. Students who have a second major may also choose to focus on that subject area while abroad.

### **ISEP Exchange Partners with Excellent Economics & Finance Options:**

The following ISEP institutions are a few of the many ISEP choices that BU Economics and Finance students could explore.

#### **American University of Sharjah**

**Sharjah, United Arab Emirates – AACSB accredited**

[http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member\\_site.asp?CSID=256&ID=366](http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member_site.asp?CSID=256&ID=366)

#### **Brock University**

**Ontario, Canada – AACSB accredited**

<http://www.brocku.ca/webcal/index.php>

#### **ITESM**

**Monterrey, Mexico – AACSB accredited**

<http://www.mty.itesm.mx/rectoria/pi/internationalstudents/academic.html>

This is an excellent ISEP institution where students have course options in both English and Spanish.

#### **Korea University**

**Seoul, Korea – AACSB accredited**

[http://www.korea.edu/m02/m02\\_06.php](http://www.korea.edu/m02/m02_06.php)

#### **Universität Zürich**

**Zurich, Switzerland – AACSB accredited**

[http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member\\_site.asp?CSID=221&ID=346](http://www.isep.org/students/Directory/member_site.asp?CSID=221&ID=346)

4-5 semesters of German language required

#### **Universiteit van Tilburg**

**Tilburg, the Netherlands – AACSB accredited**

<http://www.tilburguniversity.nl/faculties/feb/organisation/dept/>

This is an ISEP Focused Exchange option providing an excellent chance of placement for students with a 3.0 GPA.

#### **Yonsei University**

**Seoul, Korea – AACSB accredited**

<http://www.yonsei.kr/eng/>

## *Short Term Program Options*

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

## *International Internships and Service*

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

## *Top summer and winter destinations specifically for Economics & Finance majors:*

### **CCSA**

[www.ccsa.cc](http://www.ccsa.cc)

CCSA offers summer and winter programs in English speaking countries. There are courses in a variety of disciplines including economics in these programs.

### **Chinese University of Hong Kong Summer Program**

<http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/osp/a/a1/a4.html>

### **CIEE**

[www.ciee.org](http://www.ciee.org)

CIEE has summer programs with courses taught in English around the globe. The academic focus will vary by program.

### **Ewha Womens University**

<http://www.ewha.ac.kr/english/html/002/002001004003.html>

### **KIIS**

[www.kiis.org](http://www.kiis.org)

KIIS offers summer programs in non-English speaking countries. Most programs are conducted in English. The academic focus will vary by country.

### **Lingnan University**

<http://www.ln.edu.hk/summer/>



**“The program enables terrific work, and networking experience. While it is based around your internship, the work does not suffocate you. You typically have Fridays off to explore Sydney and other Australian cities... My best memory is truly the whole experience in general ...I simply had the best time of my life.”**

*Drew Crail,*

*Economics Major*

*CCSA Summer Internship Program  
Sydney, Australia*