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“The semester has really flown by but I had an incredible time, I went in optimistic but my experience surpassed my expectations.”

Alex Green, Business
Major, Semester Abroad,
CUHK, China

Study Abroad in Accounting and Business



“The international experience for Bellarmine University business students differentiates it from other programs and contributes to the global perspective needed in today’s business environment. Business students at Bellarmine recognize and value diversity as part of the development of leadership for future success.”

Dr. John T. Byrd, III, Professor, Bellarmine Business Administration Department

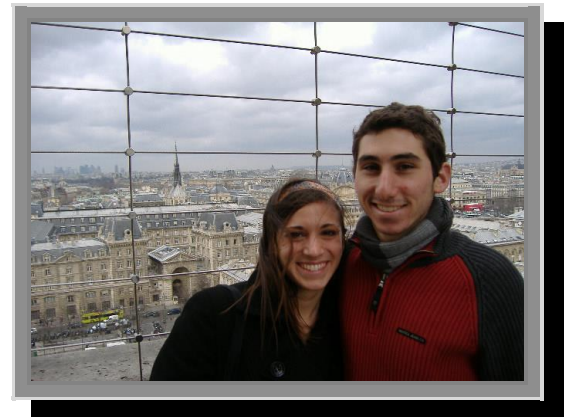
Study Abroad as an Accounting or Business Major and . . .

- Learn firsthand about global markets and international trade
- Experience world events through another culture
- Gain international perspectives in the field of business
- Acquire important intercultural skills for the increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Build your résumé by demonstrating your independence, flexibility, and willingness to take on new challenges

Plan ahead . . .

As an accounting or business 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 business courses. The best one for you depends on what you plan to gain from your experience.
- Prioritize your goals. See the OSAIL 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.



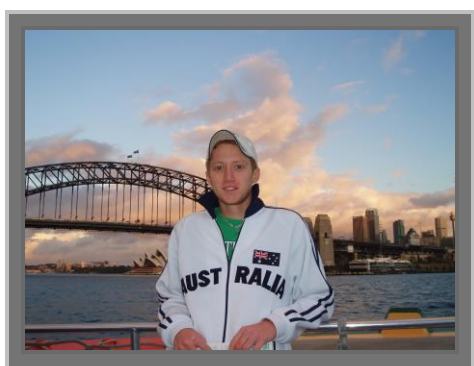
“I’ve come back to Bellarmine with a better understanding of myself and what I want in life.”
*Andy Coverstone, Business Major, Semester Abroad,
Université de Grenoble, France*

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.bellarmino.edu/international/scholarships/>



"I was given the opportunity to learn something of many cultures of the world If I could do it over, I would have spent an entire semester in Australia."

John Escosa, Accounting Major, CCSA Summer Program, Australia

Next steps?

Study Abroad Information Meetings and Highlight Sessions

Not sure how to start? There are general information tables and meetings held in the fall. See the OSAIL website for details or contact the office directly.

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 Office for Study Abroad & International Learning in Horrigan Hall 111 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. **ALL Business School courses must be from an AACSB-accredited institution.**

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 winter program during or 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. **The only time Accounting students may study abroad for a semester is the spring of the sophomore 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 business courses and electives. See the descriptions on the next page for program suggestions.

Seniors

You can still study abroad during the fall semester or winter break of your senior year. You will need to select your location carefully to ensure that you can take specific classes you need for graduation or choose general electives. You will also want to 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 brochure, talk with your advisor, talk to past participants of study abroad programs, and work with the OSAIL 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 Business School and the OSAIL work together, specific recommended programs may change. Check with the Study Abroad Advisor for the latest information.

Can I fulfill graduation requirements?

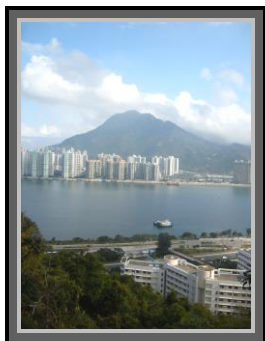
General Education: General education credits can be fulfilled on almost all study abroad programs. **Some excellent courses to take abroad include:** Fine Art requirement, English Literature requirement, Social Science requirement and the IDC 301 requirement. Occasionally approval is granted for the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

Major requirements: Business is offered in English at many of our partner universities. Some institutions have a broader selection than others and they are listed on this page. With advance planning, you will be able to earn credits for your business 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 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 business 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
View from a dorm room



University of Kufstein Tirol:
Kufstein, Austria

Bilateral Exchange Partners* with Excellent Accounting and Business Options:

Australian Catholic University: Brisbane, Melbourne, & North Sydney, Australia
AACSB accredited
<http://www.acu.edu.au/international>

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

EM Strasbourg: Strasbourg, France
AACSB Accredited
<http://www-english.em-strasbourg.eu/>
Some knowledge of French is recommended; however, most business courses are offered in English.

Ewha Womans University: Seoul, South Korea
AACSB accredited
http://www.ewha.ac.kr/mbs/ewhaen/subview.jsp?id=ewhaen_030501000000 Open to both female and male international students

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

Tilburg University: Tilburg, Netherlands
AACSB Accredited
<http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/education/exchange-programs/>
3.0 GPA required.

University of Kufstein Tirol: Kufstein, Austria
<https://www.fh-kufstein.ac.at/eng/Study/International/Incoming-Students>
Business courses are in English. Some funding may be available for German language classes in Germany prior to the semester abroad available.

University of Birmingham: Birmingham, England
AACSB accredited (Triple Crown)
<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/International/students/index.aspx>
2.8 GPA required

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

* For the most updated partnership options, check with the Office for Study Abroad & International Learning.

ISEP Exchange

Bellarmino 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 most sites, you can access course catalogs for these institutions online. 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 Recommended Accounting & Business Options:

The following ISEP institutions are a few of the many ISEP choices that BU students can explore.

American University of Sharjah
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates – AACSB accredited
<https://www.aus.edu/ixo>

Brock University
Ontario, Canada – AACSB accredited
<https://brocku.ca/international-services>

Universität Zürich
Zurich, Switzerland – AACSB accredited
<http://www.int.uzh.ch/en.html>
4 - 5 semesters of German language required

Yonsei University
Seoul, Korea – AACSB accredited
<http://oia.yonsei.ac.kr/>

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.



“This experience was an exceptional opportunity to gain knowledge of another country and culture, matchless work experience in a global marketplace, and more fun than I could’ve imagined.”

*Kelly Krucki, Accounting Major
KIIS Internship Program, Austria*

International Internships and Service-Learning

In addition to summer/winter options listed on this page, there are many international internship and service opportunities available. **International Studies Abroad (ISA)** (<http://studiesabroad.com/experience/>) has a wide variety of programs in many countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Spain, and England. Internships and Service-Learning through ISA may be counted as IDC 301 credit with appropriate approval. Please consult the OSAIL for more information on these programs.

Top summer and winter destinations specifically for Accounting & Business majors:

CCSA

www.ccsa.cc

CCSA offers summer and winter programs in English speaking countries. Students may choose from courses in a variety of disciplines including business.

Chinese University of Hong Kong Summer Program

<http://www.summer.cuhk.edu.hk/>
AACSB accredited

CIEE

www.ciee.org

CIEE has summer programs in English around the globe. The academic focus varies by program. AACSB accredited

EM Strasbourg

<http://www.english.em-strasbourg.eu/short-term-programmes/>
AACSB accredited

Ewha Womans University

<http://summer.ewha.ac.kr/>
AACSB accredited

KIIS

www.kiis.org

KIIS offers summer and winter programs in non-English speaking countries. Most are conducted in English. The academic focus varies by country.

Lingnan University

<http://www.ln.edu.hk/summer/info.php>
AACSB accredited



*Business student Tanner Banks at
Lingnan University in Hong Kong.*