

Study Abroad

MYTHS

1

Studying abroad is too expensive.

Many study abroad programs cost similar to a semester here at Ball State. Also keep in mind that there are scholarships available and most of the time you can use your existing financial aid.

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If I study abroad I won't be able to graduate on time.

As long as you plan ahead, you can study abroad and stay on track for graduation. Our programs' wide course selection allow you to satisfy core, major, and minor credit courses.

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I don't speak another language, so I can only study in English-speaking countries.

Most of our programs offer coursework in English, regardless of location. With some programs, there is even a built-in course to learn the basics of the local language.

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I can only study abroad as a Junior.

You can study abroad at any time, but keep in mind that most programs require you to have at least a sophomore standing. Also, many overseas transcripts take several months to arrive in the U.S., so it is unlikely you will be able to study abroad for your final semester.

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I don't want to be away from home for several months, so I can't study abroad.

We offer a variety of programs, all of which vary in length. You can choose to study abroad for an entire academic year, a semester, a summer, or during Spring Break.

Next Steps

Now that you're interested in studying abroad:

- Visit bsu.edu/studyabroad to explore our programs
- Once you have chosen a program, simply click on "Apply Now" to start the application process
- Login with your BSU username and password at studyabroad.bsu.edu

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Faculty-Led Programs

Each year, a number of **Ball State** professors enrich coursework by leading a course abroad for BSU students. These programs typically **change year-to-year**, and are **discipline-specific**.

Because they are often **shorter in length**, these are often a great choice for students who cannot spend a long time abroad.

Ball State course credit, accommodations, excursions, and flights are often **pre-arranged**.

Provider Programs

Provider programs are managed by an **outside study abroad partner organization**. There are **local contacts on-site** who can offer academic and cultural guidance throughout the term. These programs often offer **built-in excursions, homestays, and community service** to enhance the cross-cultural experience. Credits are arranged in conjunction with the appropriate Ball State academic departments.

Exchange Programs

Exchanges involve a **reciprocal exchange of students** between BSU and partner institutions abroad. Students enroll in a university abroad but **earn credit toward their BSU degree**. Exchanges are designed for **independent students** who are comfortable with **limited academic and social support** and are a good option for students with a more flexible study plan. Credits are arranged in conjunction with the appropriate Ball State academic departments.

