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Why Even Study Abroad?

Learn a new language. See art that you are studying Grow as an individual. Get a unique internship. Experience life in a different country. Meet people from all around the world. Embrace an unfamiliar culture. Go on amazing adventures. Create a distinguishable resume. Live life to its fullest.

“Studying abroad is more than academics, more than travel, more than adventure. It’s learning about people and who you are in the world. You learn to see your context as one of many, and grow from your understanding that much of our life experience is context specific.”

-Emma Makin (South Africa)

“You meet people who live completely different lives than you and see different parts of the world in a way you can’t if you’re just on holiday.”

-Mark Engelbrecht (Zimbabwe)

“Studying abroad doesn’t just give people the experience of visiting a new country, it also allows them to immerse themselves in the culture and day-to-day life. Living in Italy taught me patience and gave me appreciation for a life that I haven’t experienced in Israel.”

-Devan Adair (Israel)
Don’t speak another language? Think you can’t go abroad because your major is too demanding? Can’t afford to finance a semester away from home?

These are all legitimate concerns that almost everyone contemplates when deciding to study abroad. However, with necessary planning, solutions are available. The earlier you plan, the more prepared you will be. Your first step should be to find the program that is most appropriate for you.

1. **Academics** – One of the most important things to find out is which courses are offered at each university. You can search programs most appropriate per major by visiting the Global Gateway. It is important to plan early so that you do not compromise a four-year graduation track.

2. **Full Aid vs. Federal/State Aid only** – You should find out if the program that interests you offers full or federal/state aid only. Full aid programs allow students to use their entire financial aid package including federal, state, and institutional funding. Federal/state only aid programs restrict students to only their federal and state financial aid. Either way, students pay their regular Chapman University tuition, room, and (sometimes) board.

3. **Location** – With six continents to choose from, there are plenty of options. There will be logistical factors that dictate where you can/can’t travel, however there is more than one program in most countries. If you reflect on where and why you want to go to a certain place long enough, then the right location will become clear.

**Below is a short list exemplifying the diversity of the many programs Chapman University offers.**

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**Anglo-American University**
Location: Prague, Czech Republic
Suitable for: Communication, PR/Advertising
Language: English

**University of Cape Town**
Location: Cape Town, South Africa
Suitable for: Biology, Peace Studies
Language: English

**Korea University**
Location: Seoul, Korea, South
Suitable for: Business, Math, Sciences
Language: English

**University of Melbourne**
Location: Melbourne, Australia
Suitable for: Music, Art, Film, TBJ
Language: English

**Universität Zürich**
Location: Zurich, Switzerland
Suitable for: Business, English
Language: German, English

**University of Limerick**
Location: Limerick, Ireland
Suitable for: Dance, History, Creative Writing
Language: English
Academic Planning

Ideally, you should start investigating studying abroad during your freshman year of college. However, it’s not too late and there is no time like the present. After you have chosen the host university that is most fitting, you will need to spend some time organizing classes around your program evaluation. Here is a few suggestions to make your preparation a little bit easier.

I. **Pick Your Semester** – A crucial aspect of deciding which classes to take abroad is finding out which ones you can’t take outside of Chapman University. At Chapman, some classes are only offered every other year and only during specific semesters. Also, there are yearlong sequence courses that are most beneficial to be taken sequentially and without disjunction. Your program evaluation will become your best friend. Knowing which semester to go abroad is essential for transitioning in and out of Chapman for a semester/year abroad.

II. **Search Course Catalogs and the Global Gateway** – Look at both Chapman’s and the host institution’s course offerings. After getting a general idea of which courses you want to take for the remainder of your years at Chapman, map out an academic schedule. Search courses that have already been pre-approved on the Global Gateway to get a general idea of what you can take abroad. Keep in mind to convert credit equivalences accordingly. You’ll be having an experience of a lifetime; don’t overload yourself!

III. **Receive Course Pre-Approvals** – Complete an Academic Planning Form based on the courses offered abroad and your credits remaining at Chapman. Next, print out your program evaluation and collect all materials that relate to your academic planning for the appropriate signatures. Adjustments may need to be made; this is normal. Fine tune your plan to better suit your academic goals.

Basic Tips For Academic And Financial Planning

There are thousands of resources out there to assist you in financing your trip abroad. The challenge is finding the ones that you qualify for and taking the time to apply to them. If you are already dependent on financial aid to attend university and think there’s no way you can go abroad, think again. The same reason you qualify for financial aid can be the same reason you can qualify for many of the study abroad scholarship opportunities. After all, some programs allow all of your awarded financial aid to be used when abroad.

Become familiar with and reflect on your situation. Are you a first generation college student? Do you currently receive or qualify for financial aid? Are you from a disadvantaged background or come from a minority group that has been underrepresented in study abroad programs? All these factors plus more contribute to building a strong candidacy as a study abroad scholarship recipient.

One great program that is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State is the **Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program**. The Department awards thousands of scholarships every academic year that average about $4,000 per award. They look for students with high financial need, diverse ethnic backgrounds, and ones that are traveling to non-traditional countries. Many testify to this exceptional program, and it is strongly encouraged that any person who is eligible apply.

You must take the initiative if you are interested in having your abroad experience financed. No one is going to force you to seek these amazing opportunities, however there will be plenty of people to help you along the way. Visit Chapman’s Center for Global Education or log on to their website to find scholarships that are appropriate for you. Keep a look out for the many country-specific scholarships that are available. Finally, it is recommended that you meet with a financial aid advisor if you have any additional questions regarding your awarded financial package.
"As a study abroad alumni and the recipient of a couple different study abroad scholarships, I understand that the preparation and execution of going abroad can be both exciting and overwhelming. However, I also have realized how rewarding the whole process has been. I am a strong advocate for these programs and am committed to helping students realize their goals to go abroad. However, I am not the only one that feels this way. There are well-founded reasons why so many people collaborate with each other so that others can enjoy experiences abroad. It is life changing. To make the process easier, I have put together a list of helpful contacts and resources. I have even included my own email, as I am more than happy to peer counsel anyone regarding any of the content in this brochure. I hope you have found this informative and useful in preparing for your adventure to another country. It will be an experience both unforgettable and profoundly insightful."

-Azriel Dror

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**Resource Section**

**Academic Advising**
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**Financial Aid Office**
Location: Bhathal Student Services Center, 150 West Sycamore Street  
Phone: (714) 628-2510  
Email: finaid@chapman.edu

**Study Abroad Alumni**
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**Scholarships**

**Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program**  
Email: gilmanadvisors@iie.org  
Phone: 832-369-3483  
Website: [http://gilmanapplication.iie.org/](http://gilmanapplication.iie.org/)

Useful Links For Finding Scholarships Can Be Found Here:  
[http://www.chapman.edu/StudyAbroad/AdditionalScholarships](http://www.chapman.edu/StudyAbroad/AdditionalScholarships)

**Center For Global Education**
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