

Office of Global Education - Study Abroad

Students' Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are my options to study abroad?
 - a. Our program offerings include CU Denver|Anschutz programs (short-term faculty-led programs or semester programs) and third-party provider programs. The faculty-led programs tend to be between 2-4 weeks and offer between 3-6 credits. We also have two semester-length programs in Beijing and Berlin. Students also have the option of studying abroad with one of our third-party providers, which are study abroad companies that offer a wide variety of destinations, academics, and program lengths.
2. How much does it cost to study abroad?
 - a. Program costs vary depending on location, term, and the duration. For example, Australia is more expensive while places like Costa Rica are more affordable. Some study abroad programs cost the same as a semester at CU Denver or less! In many cases, you can use your financial aid, and scholarships are often available. International students pay the same price as local students. Students can schedule an advising appointment to discuss funding opportunities or check out the [Financial Planning page](#) on our website.
3. Can I use financial aid for study abroad?
 - a. Yes! Most federal, state, and institutional sources of financial aid for which a student may normally qualify are eligible to apply towards costs associated with authorized study abroad programs. Known exceptions include: work study, certain scholarships, and **CU** dependent tuition. You must be enrolled as a student at least half-time for the term/semester in which you are participating in a study abroad program. You can contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office (FASO) to get advice about your specific financial aid package:
 - Downtown students: financialaid@ucdenver.edu, 303.315.5969, or schedule an appointment [online](#).
 - Anschutz students: fin.aid@cuanschutz.edu or 303.724.8039
 - Please note Medical, Pharmacy, Public Health and Dental students from the Anschutz Medical Campus must have their OGE application completed and approved before OGE will connect you with Financial Aid.
4. What type of credit can I get?
 - a. Most short-term programs offer 3-6 credits. We have a variety of major classes offered through our faculty-led and semester programs. All programs can fulfill major, minor, or elective requirements, as well as the International Perspectives requirement. If you choose to study with a third-party program, we will assist you in seeking course approvals prior to your departure so you know exactly what credit you will be getting and how it will apply to your degree.
5. What are the most popular places for CU Denver|Anschutz students to study abroad?
 - a. Some interesting places our students have studied abroad include: Nepal, Cuba, Singapore, Morocco, Vietnam, New Zealand, and Denmark.
 - b. Some of the most popular places for our students to study: South Korea, Japan, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, China, Germany, and Ireland.

Advisor Frequently Asked Questions

1. When should we tell students about study abroad?
 - a. The best timing for studying abroad can vary widely by major and location. Students are eligible to study abroad after a semester of study at CU, and they can begin planning to study abroad as soon as they arrive on campus. Advanced planning ensures students receive the credit they need to graduate on time. It also allows students to plan for other experiences they seek at CU, such as internships or undergraduate research. Although many students study abroad during junior year, second semester freshman year or sophomore year can be very strategic times for many majors. Studying abroad right after graduation is also possible.

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3. Is there support for students with disabilities or those who need accommodations?
 - a. Yes, OGE recommends students connect with the Disability Resources and Services Office to discuss accommodations. Students can learn more on the [Disabilities and Accommodations](#) page on OGE's website.