

# HELPFUL HINTS FOR STUDY ABROAD



## FAST FACTS

- Siena students can choose from 65 semester programs in 55 countries across 6 continents.
- Students also can go abroad for a J-term, summer, and short-term program.
- Employers view *global fluency* as a key trait they are looking for in college graduates today! Students gain independence, self-confidence, and communication skills through study abroad.

## COURSES

Use this guide to keep in mind your course registration for future semesters. Remember, some programs offer every course you could ever want, some only offer a few! Meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss more.

### *COURSES TO TAKE AT SIENA*

- Core English (CDE)
- Core History (CDH)
- Core Natural Science (CDN)
- Core Philosophy (CDP)
- Core Quantitative (CDQ)
- Core Religion (CDR)
- Major Requirement
- Business Core

### *COURSES TO SAVE FOR STUDY ABROAD*

- Core Creative Arts (CDA)
- Core Social Sciences (CDS)
- Franciscan Core (CFD, CFH, CFJ, CFN)
- Major/Minor/Certificate Electives
- General Electives

## REQUIREMENTS

- ALL majors can study abroad!
- Second-semester sophomore, junior, or first-semester senior (for a semester abroad)
- 2.5 overall GPA (though some programs require a 3.0)
- Good academic/social standing

## FINANCING AND FUNDING

*The Siena price is the study abroad price.*

- Students studying abroad for a semester or academic year pay Siena tuition, room, and board as normal. Your financial aid package - including scholarships, grants, loans, etc. - travels with you for up to one year abroad.
- Personal costs include flights and fun!
- Don't let a perceived lack of funds spoil your dreams of studying abroad. We're here to help! Meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss further opportunities for external scholarships and aid.
- Since 2012, Siena students have received over \$300,000 in funding for study abroad!

**FURTHER QUESTIONS?  
READY TO SCHEDULE YOUR FIRST  
APPOINTMENT? CONTACT US AT  
[INTERNATIONAL@SIENA.EDU](mailto:INTERNATIONAL@SIENA.EDU) OR  
VISIT US IN FOY HALL 301**

# GETTING STARTED ON YOUR SEMESTER ABROAD



## STEP 1: DO YOUR RESEARCH

- Review [siena.edu/studyabroad](https://siena.edu/studyabroad) for available semester programs. See what peaks your interest and what you want to gain through your semester abroad.
- Attend informational events on campus to learn more about going abroad and chat with study abroad returnees about their experiences. Events will be posted in the Daily Digest and on SaintsConnect.

## STEP 2: GET A PASSPORT

- Apply for a passport or make sure your passport is up-to-date. Remember that applying for / renewing a passport may take months, so begin early. Passport applications are available at your local Post Office / County Clerk's Office.

## STEP 3: TALK TO YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

- Discuss your plans with your academic advisor and/or your HEOP / AOP advisor *early and often*. Planning ahead can help make study abroad a reality for ALL students.

## STEP 4: MEET WITH A STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR

- Contact the Center for International Programs at [international@siena.edu](mailto:international@siena.edu) or visit us in Foy Hall 301 to schedule your first appointment, where we will review your study abroad program options alongside your academic report.
- We recommend first-year students schedule an appointment during their second semester!

## STEP 5: START YOUR PROGRAM APPLICATION

- You will apply for your program the semester *before* you go abroad. Deadlines for most (not all) programs are typically:
  - *Fall Semester / Summer Study Abroad* - March 1
  - *Spring Semester / Winter Study Abroad* - October 1
- Be aware that different programs have different application guidelines, and that requirements may vary widely. Your Study Abroad Advisor will assist you throughout this process.