

Study Abroad: the Four Year Plan

Freshman

- Consider College Requirements: Divisional, Quantitative, Foreign Language, and Physical Education.
- Mention your desire to study abroad to your dean and to any faculty you consult.
- Reflect on how you have adjusted to Bryn Mawr. This may be a good indicator of how you might handle a program abroad.
- Apply for a passport.

Sophomore

- In the fall, and no later than Confirmation of Registration in January, meet with your major advisor(s) to declare your major and any minors or concentrations. Will you have time in your schedule to study abroad?
- Consider the academic benefits and cultural experiences you hope to gain. Use these criteria to assess each program to decide which is best for you.
- Consider a non-approved program if none of the approved programs meet your needs.
- Consult with your dean and advisor(s) about the benefits of the desired program.
- Attend mandatory sophomore Study Abroad information session.
- Consider the cost of living abroad, plan a budget, and consult with the Financial Aid Office about applicable financial awards.
- Research scholarships for study abroad.
- Submit the application to the Office of International Programs.
- Make arrangements for your stay with the host program. If necessary, apply for a Visa.

Junior

- Complete any remaining College Requirements, including Divisional, Quantitative, Foreign Language, and PE credits.
- Take any mandatory junior seminars or electives to complete major(s) and minor(s)/concentration(s).
- Consider how your studies in a university abroad might influence your thesis or other culminating senior work.
- Enjoy being abroad! Be sure to stay in touch with OIP, your dean and advisor(s). Should there be a problem, they can help you.

Senior

- Complete any mandatory classes for graduation, including (if applicable) Senior Seminars and/or a thesis.
- Consult with the Career Development Office about incorporating study abroad into graduate school and career plans.
- Consider Fulbright grant program (US citizens only) or Watson Fellowship for opportunities to live and study abroad after graduation.
- Consider sharing your experiences abroad with a wider audience:
 - *Language in Motion*: Travel to local high schools and elementary schools to talk about foreign languages and cultures
 - *Study Abroad Publications*: Write about your time abroad and publish with an e-magazine so that other students might benefit and learn from your time abroad