Five Fast Facts about Study Abroad

1. We offer more than 70 programs in over 30 countries. Use our searchable programs page to see your options by location, language of instruction and eligibility requirements. 

2. With reasonable planning, students in any major can go abroad, take classes in their area of interest, and still graduate on time. Our new “Study Abroad by Major” page will show you our recommendations. 
   [http://international.richmond.edu/semester/program/study-abroad-by-major.html](http://international.richmond.edu/semester/program/study-abroad-by-major.html)

3. Federal, state & university financial aid transfers to Richmond semester or year abroad programs. Richmond also provides a travel allowance and health insurance, as well as reimbursements for passports, student visa and residence fees, gym memberships (up to $200) and pre-approved cultural and academic excursions. 
   [http://international.richmond.edu/semester/finances/index.html](http://international.richmond.edu/semester/finances/index.html)

4. Special scholarships for study abroad are available from the Office of International Education, LAIS and MLC [http://studyabroad.richmond.edu/?go=URScholarships](http://studyabroad.richmond.edu/?go=URScholarships) as well as from external agencies [http://studyabroad.richmond.edu/?go=ExternalFunding](http://studyabroad.richmond.edu/?go=ExternalFunding)

5. Language does not have to be a barrier to study abroad. Classes are taught in English on some of our programs in places as diverse as Botswana, Hong Kong, Turkey, Sweden, the Netherlands and Poland (not to mention Australia, Ireland, New Zealand and the UK!) Of course there are also programs available for students who are interested in taking coursework fully or partially in a foreign language.

Three practical tips on working with students planning to go abroad

1. Students should meet with an academic advisor about classes abroad well in advance of departure. If the design of their program allows it, students should also do the course approval process before departure for any classes they want to count for major, minor, or graduation requirements. 

2. Applications for fall or academic year programs abroad are due in January. Applications for spring semester or calendar year abroad programs are due in September. 

3. Students need two recommendations for the first-stage, online application to study abroad. We advise them to speak with potential recommenders before entering their names in the online application (which immediately sends a recommendation request to the person named by the student). Your thoughts on the student’s suitability (academic and personal) for study abroad is extremely useful to OIE staff, other UR reviewers and our partners abroad. Note: Some students will need a second recommendation, often in letter form, to complete the second-stage application, which goes to the overseas partner institution.

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