STUDY ABROAD

University of Iowa Study Abroad
Summer 2015
What is Study Abroad?

- Credit-bearing international coursework
- Counts toward your UI degree
- Other options:
  - Work abroad
  - Intern abroad
  - Volunteer abroad
Academic Expansion

- Fulfill requirements in a different context
- Learn by doing
- Expand your options by taking classes that aren’t offered at UI
- Academic engagement upon return
Professional Development

- Stand out from other college graduates
- Gain the experience employers are looking for:
  - Decision-making
  - Problem-solving
  - Organization and prioritization
  - Obtaining and processing information
  - Working in diverse groups
  - Communication skills
    - In English and/or a foreign language
Personal Growth

- Independence
- Maturity
- Self-confidence
- Broad worldview
- See home culture from the outside
Global Citizenship

- Enhance awareness of global interconnectedness
- Learn how to collaborate internationally
- Understand culture in context
WHY?

Life Experience

• Don’t regret not going!
• College is the time to take advantage
Who can study abroad?

- Students in good academic and disciplinary standing
- Students from all majors can (and do) study abroad
- Strict majors just require early planning (it’s never too early!)
What can you study abroad?

- Fulfill general education requirements
- Fulfill major/minor requirements
- Take elective classes that aren’t offered at UI
- Do independent research
- Internships for academic credit
What kinds of experiences are offered?

- Faculty-led programs
- Study centers
- Direct enrollment in a foreign university
- Internships
Locations:

• UI-sponsored programs in over 50 countries from Australia to Uruguay

• We will help you find and participate in a program that meets your needs
Health, Safety and Security

- CISI mandatory health insurance coverage
- UI-sponsored programs are vetted and monitored by our office
- Mandatory pre-departure orientation course
- 24/7 emergency contact if help is needed
Program durations:

- Fall semester
- Spring semester
- Academic year
- Short-term:
  - Summer
  - Winter
  - Spring Break

- Some students study abroad more than once!
When should you study abroad?

- Traditionally students study abroad during their junior year, but there are advantages to going earlier.
Will studying abroad put me student behind?

- Actually…
- 21.2% more study abroad students graduated in 4 years than those that did not study abroad of students who entered the university in 2010.
- How?
Funding

- Federal financial aid is applicable
- UI scholarships are applicable
- Additional study abroad scholarships:
  - Need-based
  - Diversity Ambassadors
  - Iowa Abroad scholarship for Iowa residents
  - Hawks Abroad scholarship
  - Stanley Grants for international undergraduate research
- External scholarships:
  - Gilman
  - Boren
Family Support

- Planning and goal-setting
- Discussing finances and budgeting
- Support while abroad
- Talking about health & safety
• Getting Started
  • It’s never too early
  • Come visit us:
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    is inside the Old Capitol
    Mall
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