

Study Abroad: Getting Started Guide

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Decide if Study Abroad Is Right for You

Why should I study abroad? Take this moment to reflect and think about how studying abroad might benefit you... Academically? Personally? Professionally?

Do I like to travel to unfamiliar places?

Would I enjoy exploring a new culture?

Given the pandemic, do I feel comfortable traveling abroad?

Will I use study abroad to help shape me academically, professionally, and/or personally?

Am I comfortable being away from family and friends for an extended period of time?

Once you have had a moment to reflect on these answers, the study abroad team can help you find a program that is right for you. Knowing what you are searching for will help us guide you to the right study abroad program. Read on to learn about your options and what the process will look like.

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Think About Your Goals and Choose a Program (or More Than One Program!)

Do you want to study or intern?

Do you need to take a specific class abroad?

Do you want to practice a certain language?

Do you want travel with a group or independently?

Do you want to live with a host family?

Do you want to study in an urban or rural setting?

Different Types of Suffolk Study Abroad Programs:

Semester Abroad or Academic Year

- Experience another culture by studying side-by-side with local students, other international students or students from Suffolk
- Take classes taught in English and the host language, options for language immersion
- Choose from semester, academic year, and summer program options
- Receive support from local staff while also allowing yourself to increase your independence and be immersed in the local culture
- Live with a host family, in a residence hall or in an apartment*
- Enjoy excursions, weekend trips, cultural orientations and more*
- Apply your financial package, minus work study and employment, to your fall or spring semester experience (not applicable in the summer)
- Internship opportunities available*

*Dependent on the program and location that you choose.

**Explore possible destinations and programs [here](#)

Summer Abroad

- Madrid and other campus partner available to select from
- Many of our partners also offer 4-8 week summer programs

Global Travel Seminars

- 3 - 4 credit class that you take in Boston
- Travel with the faculty and class for 7 - 10 days
- Courses run during the spring semester

Helpful Information When Making Your Decision for a Semester, Academic Year, or Summer Program

Madrid Campus		All Other Global Partners
Letter grade, affects GPA	Grades	Pass & no pass, does not affect GPA
2.5 GPA, freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, & great option for transfer students	Eligibility	Minimum 2.5 GPA (depends on program), sophomore & junior (seniors by petition), transfer students with less than 60 credits
Suffolk Madrid tuition + programming fee (12-17 credits, housing, meals, insurance, some activities/excursions & more) all charged to Suffolk account	Cost	Suffolk Boston tuition, fees & travel insurance charged to Suffolk account
English classes + 1 Spanish class required	Language	Housing fee, hospitality package, meals, etc. paid directly to host institution by student
Suffolk Study Abroad App April 1 (For Summer & Fall study) November 1 (For Spring study)	Application & Deadline	Program dependent, options for language immersion Suffolk Study Abroad App + Host App March 15 (For Summer & Fall study) October 15 (For Spring study)

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Meet with a Study Abroad Advisor

Students that wish to participate in global travel seminars do not need to meet with a study abroad or academic advisor, but are always welcome to meet with any advisor. You may jump to Step 4 and start the study abroad application. After submitting your application, you will receive communications about next steps and the acceptance process.

After you have read through the first two steps and reviewed the program offerings online, you are ready to move to the next steps. Please make an appointment with a study abroad advisor to discuss your preferred program/programs in more detail.

When you attend this meeting, be prepared with a short list of programs you are interested in and be ready to discuss your study abroad goals.

After you finish reading through the entire document, you must follow the link at the end of this document and acknowledge that you have read this agreement. This will need to be completed prior to meeting with an advisor.

Please make an appointment by calling the Division of Student Success at 617-573-8034.

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Begin the Suffolk Study Abroad Application

After meeting with a study abroad advisor, you can begin your **Suffolk study abroad application.**

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Meet with an Undergraduate Academic Advisor (UAAC)

After meeting with your Study Abroad Advisor, they will help you set up an appointment with an Undergraduate Academic Advisor. While working on your application, please also work on your **course planning worksheet**. Use this as a rough copy to plan what courses you would like to take. Once you have your preferred and alternate courses selected, you will bring this to your academic advisor meeting. Your academic advisor will review the classes with you, complete the course selection form and sign the final draft.

After your academic advisor signs the final form, you will upload this document to your Suffolk study abroad application where your study abroad advisor will mark it as received (you may email your study abroad advisor to let them know you have uploaded the form). When this and all other requirements have been met, you will hit submit.

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Complete the Host Institution Application (Non-Madrid Only)

Your study abroad advisor will nominate you to the host institution or provide you with information on how to apply.

To acknowledge that you have read and understood this document, please complete **this agreement before attending any appointments.**