STUDY ABROAD PROCESS CHART

Research Options and Meet with Advisors
Ideally, one year in advance

Apply to Host Institution/Program Abroad
Approx. 4 months before study abroad (some deadlines are earlier)

Complete Documentation for Time Abroad
1-3 months before study abroad (includes visa paperwork, if necessary)

Complete Application to CWRU
3-6 months before study abroad (some deadlines are earlier)

Get Accepted by CWRU
2 weeks after application completed

Get Accepted by Host Institution/Program Abroad
1-2 months after application completed

Attend Pre-departure Orientation at CWRU
2-4 months before study abroad

Maintain Academics While Abroad
Throughout study abroad

Return to the US and Share Stories!
STUDY ABROAD PROCESS DETAILS

Research Options
Meet with Advisors
• Meet with study abroad advisor and use the program search engine to decide upon 2 - 3 schools.
• Meet with academic advisor (if haven’t already) and research programs and classes further.
• Research costs of study abroad and scholarships for your top program(s).

Complete the CWRU Application
• Apply to chosen program by 3/1 for the fall or academic year, 9/15 for the spring or calendar year.
• Once all elements of your application are complete, the Office of Education Abroad will verify clear academic and student conduct standing with CWRU (allow 1 - 2 weeks for this step).
• Apply to all relevant scholarships for your study abroad program of choice.

Apply to Overseas Program Directly
• Apply to the overseas program directly, as instructed in your acceptance letter from the Office of Education Abroad and by their stated deadline, which is different from CWRU’s, and information you must find on their website.
• Note that the overseas program will require some additional materials (ex: personal statement, faculty reference, transcript, etc.).

Submit and Confirm Documentation
• To CWRU: passport details, in-person pre-departure orientations, flight itinerary, course approval form, acceptance letter, online learning and assessments, SIS registration. Due by July for fall study abroad, January for spring.
• To Overseas Program: housing application, program deposit (if applicable), course preferences and registration, relevant arrival activities (local buddy programs, orientation group sign-up, etc.).
• For Self: Verify if you need a visa, the steps and timeline to get one by reviewing your overseas program’s website and documents and speaking with your consulate. Establish a communication plan with family and friends. Budget.

Study Abroad!
• Academics: Ensure that the Office of Education Abroad (OEA) has all of your course approvals on file. Ensure your host program will send your transcripts to the OEA post-program. Separately, order official transcripts for your records and future graduate/professional school applications.
• Personal: Continue to challenge yourself to get out of your ever-shrinking comfort zone.
• Returnee: Share the value of your study abroad and new found skills with fellow students and professional contacts.