

You CAN Study Abroad...

All You Need To Do Is Plan Ahead.



This information will help you plan one of the most exciting and life changing experiences of your life!

You should start planning at **least a year in advance**. Why?

Because you need to think about the following:

- The reasons why you want to study abroad
- The requirements to participate
- The amount of time you want to spend overseas
- The cost of the program and how you will finance it (Start saving now!)
- The courses you want to take and how they'll fit into your Bergen Community College curriculum
- The program application deadlines (including financial aid application deadlines and scholarship applications)
- The documentation necessary to travel (passport, visas and/or vaccinations)
- Special dietary, health and/or physical considerations

Bergen Community College Requirements to participate in Study Abroad:

- Completion of at least one semester of college level courses at BCC.
- Full time student with good academic standing
- Minimum 2.5 GPA. Some programs have higher GPA requirements

Bergen Community College belongs to the College Consortium for International Studies. Visit the CCIS (College Consortium for International Studies) web site (www.ccisabroad.org) and read the information pertinent to the program/s you are interested in. The programs listed are the ones available to you. Read about the school, the location, the courses, the costs, and the housing arrangements. Generally, programs in Europe tend to be more expensive than the programs in Central and South America.

Set up an appointment to meet with the study abroad advisor, Prof. Amparo Codding. Bring a copy of your Academic Evaluation to see what courses you have taken and how many courses you still need to graduate. You'll have the opportunity to ask specific questions regarding the program of study, the credits, the application and the acceptance process. If you are seriously considering studying abroad, and if you meet the minimum requirements, you will be given a preliminary application. If you plan to apply for financial aid, you can request a breakdown of the cost of the program.

After your preliminary application has been completed, reviewed, and accepted, you will have another appointment with Prof. Codding to obtain the official CCIS application package. This application requires letters of recommendation, a personal essay, and an official BCC transcript. This application is sent to the sponsoring institution for review.

Once you are accepted, you will meet again with Professor Codding to complete a course selection form. Even though you will be taking your courses overseas, you will continue to be registered as a BCC student.

All program costs must be paid in full to the bursar's office when the bill is presented, prior to your departure and you must be prepared to pay the bill immediately. Students receiving Pell Grants and loans will be billed differently. A non-refundable \$125.00 per semester study abroad fee is added to BCC study abroad program costs to cover the necessary special handling and processing.

The sponsoring institution will send you materials and forms to complete in preparation for your trip abroad.

You are almost there!
Good planning pays off!

If you don't find a suitable program, additional information on other study abroad programs is also available.

Visit the Study Abroad site - <http://www.bergen.edu/studyabroad> where you will find valuable information.

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**Gain a Global Perspective!
Study Abroad!**

Why Study Abroad?

- Gain an international dimension and a global perspective in your major.
- Expand your range of course options and develop a global resume.
- Experience the increasing interdependence of the U.S. and other countries.
- Explore the role you can play in the global community.
- Increase your understanding of other cultures and get a different perspective on your own culture.
- Get to know local students, host families, and townspeople and immerse yourself in the life of the host country.
- Enjoy new and different activities that are native to the host country.
- Sharpen interpersonal and communication skills through interacting with people from backgrounds different than your own.
- Achieve competence in a foreign language.
- Enhance your sense of independence and self-confidence.
- Expand your career choices and clarify your personal goals.

Scholarships

There are a number of study abroad scholarships. In order to qualify for them, you need to have been accepted into a study abroad program or be in the application process. The scholarship application deadlines are very early so it is important for you to plan accordingly. In addition, some of the study abroad programs also offer merit or heritage-based scholarships.

"The early bird catches the worm".

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program (www.iie.org/en/Programs)

believes that international experience is critically important in the educational and career development of American students, but it can also require a substantial financial investment. The Gilman Scholarship Program broadens the student population that studies abroad by supporting undergraduates who might not otherwise participate due to financial constraints. The program aims to encourage students to choose non-traditional study abroad destinations, especially those outside of Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand. The Gilman Scholarship Program aims to support students who have been traditionally under-represented in study abroad, including but not limited to, students with high financial need, community college students, students in under-represented fields such as the sciences and engineering, students with diverse ethnic backgrounds, and students with disabilities. The program seeks to assist students from a diverse range of public and private institutions from all 50 states, Washington, DC and Puerto Rico.

The Gilman Scholarship Program offers awards for undergraduate study abroad and was established by the International Academic Opportunity Act of 2000. This scholarship provides awards for U.S. undergraduate students **who are receiving Federal Pell Grant** funding at a two-year or four-year college or university to participate in study abroad programs worldwide.

Award recipients are chosen by a competitive selection process and must use the award to defray eligible study abroad costs. These costs include program tuition, room and board, books, local transportation, insurance and international airfare.

BCC Scholarship Application deadlines: February for Summer and Fall study abroad programs; September for Spring programs.

Boren Awards for International Study (www.borenawards.org) Boren Scholarships provide up to \$20,000 to U.S. undergraduate students to study abroad in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin American, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded..

Boren Scholars represent a variety of academic backgrounds, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Swahili.

Boren Scholarships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), which focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. Applicants should identify how their study abroad program, as well as their future academic and career goals, will contribute to U.S. national security, broadly defined. NSEP draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic competitiveness.

BCC Scholarship Application Deadline: January 15th

Critical Language Scholarship Program for Intensive Summer Language Institutes (www.clescholarship.org) - A program of United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program will offer intensive summer language institutes overseas in thirteen critical need foreign languages.

BCC Scholarship Application Deadline: November 1. The deadline to apply is November 15.

Go!Overseas Study Abroad (www.go-study-abroad.com)

GO! Overseas supports international education through scholarships available to students participating in study abroad programs. Scholarships are awarded each academic year. The scholarship is awarded based on the creativity and analytical thinking displayed through writing samples and/or video submissions.

CCIS PROGRAMS OFFERING STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

(Please see Prof. Coddling for particulars)

Study Abroad Preliminary Application

(To be completed and submitted to Prof. Codding)

Name: _____ Student ID # _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Mailing Address _____

BCC Program _____

Current GPA _____

Number of Credits Already Earned _____

Number of Credits Currently Being Taken _____

Other Colleges Attended _____

Credits Earned _____

Date of Birth _____

Citizenship _____ Do you currently have a passport? _____

County of Residence _____

Name of Person in U.S. to be notified in case of emergency

Relationship: _____ Phone _____

Country for Study Abroad _____

Name of Program/College _____

Semester: Fall Spring Summer Year _____

Will you need special accommodations? _____

I understand BCC will charge a \$125.00 fee for each semester I study abroad.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please attach a copy of your program evaluation of college work completed as a required part of your application.

Return To: Professor Amparo Codding
 Phone (201) 689-7601
 Study Abroad– C-102

QUICK SURVEY

Instructions: To assist you in selecting a study abroad program, please consider the following information and then develop a goal statement. Please bring this form with you when meeting the study abroad advisor.

1. Why do you want to study abroad?
 Experience and course work central to your major
 To increase language proficiency
 Desire to travel and experience another culture

2. What type of program are you considering?
 Immersed in the culture with few U.S. students in the program
 Specific program for U.S. students with structure activities

3. What is the length of time you are considering?
 Semester
 Year
 Summer
 Short Term

4. What kind of location are you considering?
 Urban (big to medium-size city)
 Rural (small city/town/village in a country setting)
Please note: 75% of students in Europe, but 75% of the world population live in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. A program in a developing area will provide you with greater contrasts.

5. What is the language of instruction you require? _____
If other than English, are you a beginner or have you studied the foreign language?

Please note: Many programs in the non-English speaking world will offer some course instruction in English. Students would likely be required and encouraged to take at least one language course.

6. What kind of housing arrangements do you prefer?
 Dormitory
 Pension (usually a group apartment)
 Boarding (usually renting one room, may or may not include meals)
 Home stay (Living with a family, usually includes meals)
 Self-selected apartment

7. What are your cost considerations?
- Price range similar to Bergen Community College
 - Price similar to neighboring four year institutions
 - Cost is not a consideration
8. Please attach a typed essay elaborating on the following: your decision to study abroad, how it fits into your academic and career goals, your expectations, and what you hope to gain from this experience

FINANCIAL PLANNER WORKSHEET

To help you determine the total cost of the program, please use this worksheet. The most current program cost can be obtained from the CCIS website (www.ccisabroad.org)

Program Cost Breakdown

Country _____ Term _____

Program cost	
Airfare	
Room and Board	
Personal expenses	
Books	
Other supplies	
Health Insurance	
Optional Field Trips	
BCC Administrative fee	\$125.00
TOTAL	