Semester Off-Campus Study

The world of work is increasingly globalized. Whether you work at a small business or large corporation, in a big city or small town, you will be engaging with clientele, suppliers and associates across the globe. More than 11.5 million jobs in the U.S. are supported by international trade. Skills in communication, problem solving, critical thinking and cross-cultural awareness are necessary in a 21-century knowledge-based economy.

Professional Benefits of Off-Campus Study:

- Students earn approximately $7,000 more than the national average starting salary.
- 97% of students secured employment the first year after graduation.
- 90% of students were admitted to 1st or 2nd choice graduate programs.

Professionalize Your Off-Campus Study:

- Many programs offer internships in diverse fields and industries.
- Field research lets you dive deeply into your discipline and results in a tangible work product to add to your portfolio.
- Service-learning or service-internships can get you connected to NGOs and non-profits where you can make a difference!
- Gain proficiency in the local language and develop a vocabulary that is applicable to your future career!

Enhance Soft Skills:

- Leadership
- Ability to Work in a Team
- Communication Skills
- Problem-solving Skills
- Strong Work Ethic
- Analytical Skills
- Initiative
- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Interpersonal skills

“Because of my off-campus experience, I have learned a lot about professionalism that today I have utilized to secure a job after college. … My internship helped me discover how I wanted to be involved in politics after college. … The program is rigorous, fun and rewarding!”

- Jorge Pule ’14
  Off-Campus Study, Philadelphia Center
Who Studies Off-Campus?

Every year, about 150 DePauw students study off campus for a semester or more. A semester off-campus is a great opportunity to gain new perspectives on your academic studies and refine your potential career path!

- Rising seniors, it’s not too late! Most students study off-campus in their junior year; however, 10% of students who do study off-campus do so in the fall of senior year.

- No foreign language required! More than two-thirds of all semester off-campus participants select a program with no language requirement. We expect you to study the host language on site, but you should not consider language to be a barrier to studying off-campus.

Every major can study off-campus!

Off-campus study is more than studying a different culture or language. Students can take classes in their major and graduate on time! All majors can study off-campus; here is a breakdown of the most common majors among students studying off-campus in 2014-15:

Don’t see your major? There is a program for you! Find it on Horizons (accessible through e-services).

“People say studying abroad changes your life and you truly do not understand it until you experience it yourself. I grew in many different areas: personally, academically, professionally and inter-culturally. This program specifically challenges you in many of these areas, but this results in great growth. I learned more about myself in that one semester than any other semester thus far.”

- Cassandra Brocksmith ’15
  Biology Major
  School for Field Studies (SFS) Turks and Caicos

Double major and study off-campus

Planning to double major and think you can’t make time to study off-campus? Think again: 1 in 5 students studying off-campus is a double major. Some sample double major combinations:

- Economics & Mathematics
- Spanish & Communication
- English & Film Studies
- History & Biochemistry
- Music Performance & Environmental Geosciences
Can I Afford Off-Campus Study?

DePauw is committed to ensure off-campus study is an affordable option for every student. In an increasingly globalized economy, students can’t afford not to study off-campus!

Here’s how it works:

- 100% federal financial aid and DePauw scholarships can be applied to the cost of off-campus study (including Posse and Bonner!).
- DePauw offers generous scholarships to students with demonstrated need specifically for off-campus study.
- External scholarships and grants can also be applied to the cost of off-campus study.

Funding for Off-Campus Study

- Many programs offer both merit- and need-based financial awards
- Nearly 50% of all participants received additional scholarship funding from DePauw for a semester off-campus during 2014-15.
- Pell Grant recipients can also receive matching awards from program partners such as the School for Field Studies (SFS) and School for International Training (SIT).
- Morehead-Givens Scholarship for non-Art History majors to study Western Art History in Western Europe provides funding to 10-15 students per year.

Recent Scholarships Awarded to Off-Campus Study Students:

- Benjamin A. Gilman Award for Pell Grant Recipients: $3,000 - $8,000
- JASSO Award for study in Japan: $800/month stipend + airfare
- IES Abroad Need Based Scholarships: $2,000 (average award)
- Danish Institute for Study Abroad Need Based Scholarships: Up to $5,000
- School for International Training-DePauw Scholarships: $2,000-$3,000
- School for Field Studies General Scholarship: $2,500
- CIEE Need & Merit Based Scholarships: $1,500 - $2,500

“This experience has encouraged me to finally get out of the Midwest. I loved the big city feel and am set on moving to the west coast... [While in San Jose,] I went to meet some Costa Rican friends the last weekend to go to La Festival de Luz, which is sort of similar to the Macy’s parade.”

- Nate Fox ’16
  Biology Major
  International Studies Abroad (ISA)
  San Jose, Costa Rica
DePauw International Travel Grant

- A generous benefactor established a travel grant which awarded more than 60 scholarships to students for 2015. Eligible students received between 60 and 90% of estimated travel costs.
- Students receiving the DePauw International Travel Grant are studying in Austria, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Greece, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa and Spain.

Ready to Apply for Off-Campus Study?

The deadlines for scholarships and awards to support off-campus study vary based on program. The application process also can vary, though many include a personal statement for you to explain how your proposed off-campus study program connects with your academic and post-graduate goals. You should start planning to pursue these resources early to ensure that your application materials are as strong as possible. Meet with your faculty adviser and with a Hubbard Center adviser to discuss your goals and ask for support in preparing your application materials.

“I was nervous about the language barrier because I knew very little Spanish and I knew I would still be held to high standards at school. I overcame this obstacle by talking to my professors and getting help from my classmates and friends. Having local friends helped me to pick up the language quickly.”

- Tiffany Tat ’15
  Political Science Major
  Santiago, Chile

“My most memorable experience was going to Varanasi, which is considered the most holy city to Hindus. … In terms of my long term plans, my semester in India has prompted me to apply to the Fulbright Fellowship (in) efforts to return to India to teach English. Beyond that, my time abroad has solidified my pursuit in a career in the field of international development to one day work as a diplomat.”

- Savon Jackson ’15
  Religious Studies Major
  Gilman Scholar
  New Delhi, India
  2015 Fulbright Winner

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