

# Study Abroad Guide

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Seattle Colleges International Programs division aims to educate our students to become well-prepared members of a global society. Our goal is for all students at Seattle Colleges to have the opportunity to experience other cultures – through travel, study, work or volunteering abroad - or through meaningful interaction with international students here at home. We want to encourage students to learn more about the world around them.

## Reasons to Study Abroad

- Expand your worldview
- Experience new perspectives and cultures
- Increase cross-cultural understanding
- Learn to adapt in unfamiliar situations
- Learn/improve a foreign language
- Increase your confidence and independence
- Create friendships and network
- Enhance your career opportunities
- Strengthen communication, team-building, & communication
- Earn credits towards your degree

## Eligibility

- Be at least 17 years old (18 for some programs) at the time of departure.
- Have completed at least one quarter at the Seattle Colleges.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- A valid passport for travel outside of the U.S. or ability to obtain prior to departure.

## First Steps

We recommend the planning a year in advance or at the latest, apply two quarters in advance (depending on the deadline of the program). You will need to meet with your academic advisor to make sure studying abroad will work with your educational plan. Remember, the courses you will take are typically general education credits. As well, plan to meet with your financial aid advisor for questions about using your financial aid for study abroad programs.