



STUDY ABROAD
INFORMATION FOR
FIRST-YEAR
STUDENT ADVISORS

Advising for Study Abroad

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDY ABROAD

We encourage students to start on their Writing Intensive, QSR, and PE requirements as soon as possible to ensure the fewest number of obstacles to studying abroad. Students who complete these requirements by the end of their sophomore year will generally find the study abroad process straightforward and easier to navigate. [See the Eligibility page.](#)

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| WI's, QSR, and PE: Students must have these requirements completed or must be in the final stage of completing them. Students can study abroad with one missing course if they submit an acknowledgment form. If a student is missing more than one requirement, a petition is required. | Study Abroad GPA: The College requires that a student have a minimum 2.7 Study Abroad GPA (not cumulative GPA). The study abroad GPA is the average GPA of the two semesters immediately preceding the last semester at Hamilton before going abroad. |
| Academic & Social Probation: A student on academic probation or social probation with 6 points or more is not eligible for study abroad or domestic off-campus study. Students who are scheduled to have fewer than 6 points after the declaration deadline may petition to study abroad. | Language Proficiency: A student must reach a minimum proficiency level in Arabic, Chinese, French, Italian, German, Japanese, Russian, Spanish if a student wishes to study in a location where one of these languages is spoken. |

ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO TAKE A LANGUAGE

Several study abroad programs focus on a specific subject area and may provide an important opportunity to get an in-depth or one of a kind experience at the undergraduate level. These programs may be located in a country where Hamilton requires a specific proficiency level:

- Through 110: Arabic, Chinese, Italian, Japanese
- Through 140: French, German, Spanish, Russian

Furthermore, language proficiency may allow them to take more advanced courses in a specific subject area, qualify for special academic opportunities or other non-academic opportunities like an internship.

Some examples of pre-approved programs that fall into this category are:

- SIT Switzerland: Global Health and Development Policy (French)
- SIT Chile: Human Rights and Social Justice (Spanish)
- SIT Jordan: Refugees, Health, and Humanitarian Action (Arabic)
- Bard in Berlin
- Art and Theater programs in Italy (Italian)

CONCENTRATION AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Concentration and Minor Requirements

We encourage students to get information about requirements for a potential concentration and/or minor and to make plans to complete a number of these before going abroad. **There is no guarantee that students can find specific courses abroad**, therefore we advise students to consider fulfilling electives abroad instead of specific course requirements.

Pre-health professions students need to plan with great care with the Pre-health Professions Advisor to ensure that they can be abroad for a semester and maintain their progress toward fulfilling requirements for medical school and their concentration.

Cumulative GPA

Most study abroad programs require a 3.0 cumulative GPA. We can assist students in finding programs if their GPA is 2.8 or higher but there are fewer options to choose from.

Pre-requisites

Students interested in taking Art, Economics, Theater, and STEM courses should have taken some coursework in these areas at Hamilton to be admitted into a program by a university department abroad.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDY ABROAD

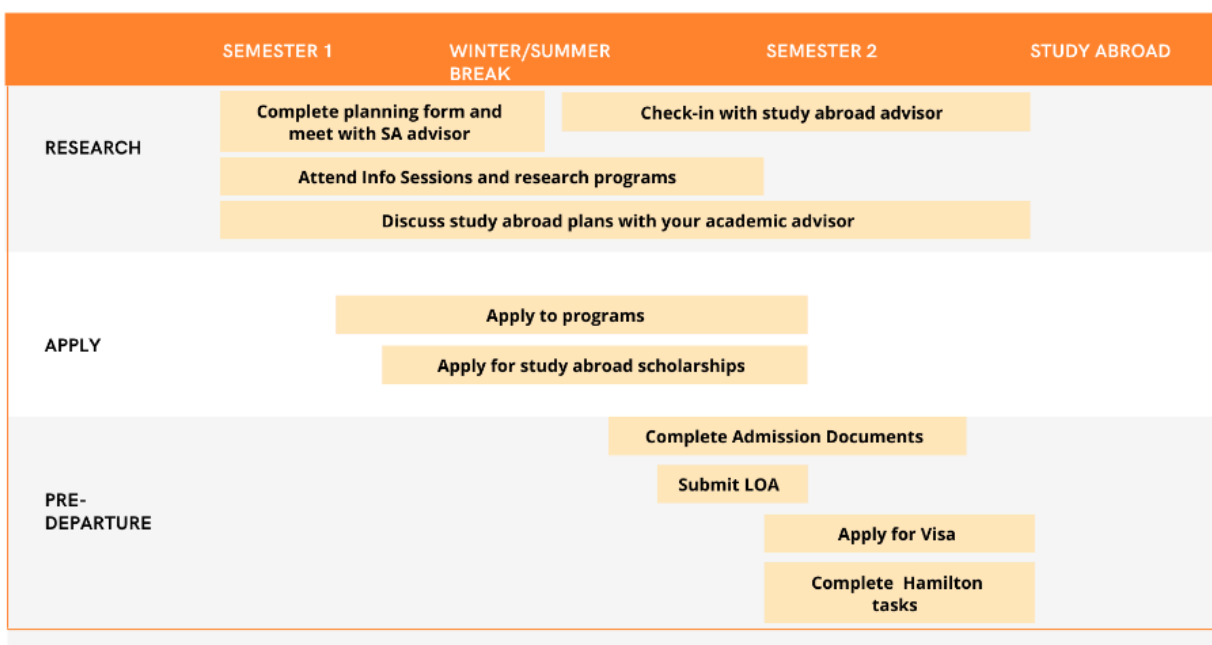
Some students (and their parents) will understandably be concerned about the cost of study abroad.

Students should not be discouraged by the cost of study abroad.

Hamilton allows institutional aid to travel abroad. Cost of attendance stays the same as studying on campus. The Global Learning Office and the Scholarships and Fellowships Office regularly host info sessions and share information about additional funding opportunities. Students interested in national scholarships should start the planning process as soon as possible.

TIMELINE FOR PLANNING

Students should **start planning at least one year in advance** of the semester they plan to study abroad or off-campus.



HOW STUDENTS GET STARTED

We ask students to complete the study abroad planning form and make an appointment with a study abroad advisor. Info can found on the [Global Learning: Getting Started](#) page.

RESOURCES FOR STUDY ABROAD

- ✓ [Hamilton College Guidelines for Transfer Credit and Study Abroad](#)
- ✓ [Global Learning Pre-Approved List](#)
- ✓ [Global Learning Getting Started Page](#)

- ✓ [Financial Aid Office Study Abroad Page](#)
- ✓ IG: [@Hamilton Abroad](#)

GLOBAL LEARNING CONTACTS

The Global Learning Office welcomes your inquiries. We are happy to speak with you about how study abroad is changing, to engage you and your department in curricular integration, and to partner with you on first-year advising. Please contact us if you have any questions.

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