

Study Abroad

<http://abroad.eiu.edu>

General Mission

International academic experiences help students develop the personal and professional skills required to become effective and viable global citizens in a diverse world. Eastern Illinois University recognizes study abroad as a fundamental component of excellence in higher education and encourages all students to take advantage of the many high-quality opportunities available. It is the desire of the University to move study abroad from the exception to the norm and to emerge as a leader of international education within Illinois, the nation, and the world.

Office of Study Abroad

The Office of Study Abroad, in consultation with the International Education Council, establishes and monitors policies and procedures for credit-bearing experiences that take place outside of the United States. The Office of Study Abroad is dedicated to providing EIU students with affordable, high quality international academic opportunities that allow them to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for leadership in an interdependent world. A resource center and full range of comprehensive services are available for students seeking to integrate an international experience into their studies at Eastern Illinois University. Campus-wide events and information meetings are offered to provide additional information.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Federal and State aid, with the exception of work-study and assistantships, may be used for credit-bearing study abroad experiences. Students may also apply for various national scholarships to study abroad. In addition, the Office of Study Abroad awards approximately \$60,000 in grants and scholarships every year to EIU students who choose to study or intern abroad.

Program Options

Programs are offered all over the world and range in length from one week to an academic year. Students are encouraged to explore opportunities early in their academic career.

EIU and Partner Programs are posted at <http://abroad.eiu.edu> -- These programs have been evaluated and approved to meet the goals of academic departments and the mission/strategic plan of the Institution at large. These programs offer EIU credit toward a variety of major, minor, and general education requirements.

Non-Partner Programs must be approved by the Office of Study Abroad via a Petition for Program Approval.

Admission Requirements

Students should have completed one semester of college (for programs that are not faculty-led or run through consortia) and be in good academic and judicial standing. No student who is on academic or disciplinary probation will be allowed to study abroad on any program through EIU.

Eligibility requirements vary by program. Students must meet eligibility and admission requirements of EIU and Partners in order to qualify for a particular study abroad program.

Enrollment Procedures

Enrollment for all international credit-bearing experiences is processed through the Office of Study Abroad. Information and application materials can be found on the website.

Tuition

For exchanges and faculty-led programs, students pay EIU tuition. For all other study abroad programs, EIU tuition is waived and students pay the host institution's tuition or third-party provider fees.

Insurance Coverage

Health Insurance as provided through the payment of regular academic fees while attending EIU does not cover students while in transit or during the program while in a foreign country. Instead, students who are registered to study abroad are enrolled in a special health insurance/emergency assistance plan. Enrollment in this plan is mandatory and the cost is billed to each student's account. For more information about the cost and benefits, contact the Office of Study Abroad or visit <http://abroad.eiu.edu>.

Fees & Miscellaneous Charges (as of April 2015)

Independent Programs

Study Abroad Administrative Fee \$300/semester

Faculty-Led Programs

Study Abroad Administrative Fee \$54/credit hour

Other Administrative Fees

Credit Evaluation Fee \$600/evaluation

(Only assessed of students who study abroad without proper authorization and then request credit transfer.)

Note: The fees above pertain to all study abroad programs; however additional costs will be incurred. These costs vary by program. See the website for program budgets and detailed information.

Restrictions

Students may not study abroad as follows:

- in their home country (international students)
- in U.S. states or territories
- in a country which is under a U.S. Department of State travel warning
- at an institution not recognized by its Ministry of Education