



SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

STUDY ABROAD QUICK INFORMATION

Schedule an appointment by contacting the Office of Study Abroad and International Student Services

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Southwestern Programs

Fall 2021 Semester

London, England - SU London

Focus: Fall 2021 - Sociology, Anthropology, & Chemistry ● Length: 15 weeks ● Led By: Dr. Maria Lowe and Dr. Emily Niemeyer

Summer 2021

Amsterdam, The Netherlands - SU Amsterdam, *Sexuality and Culture*

Focus: Psychology ● Length: 3 ½ weeks ● Led By: Dr. Traci Giuliano

Buenos Aires, Argentina - SU Buenos Aires, *Advanced Spanish Language and Culture*

Focus: Advanced Spanish ● Length: 6 weeks ● Led By: Dr. Carlos de Oro with API Faculty

Granada, Spain - SU Granada, *Advanced Spanish Language and Culture and International Business*

Focus: Advanced Spanish & Business ● Length: 7 weeks ● Led By: Dr. Katy Ross and Prof. Andy Ross

Lugano, Switzerland - SU Switzerland, *Sustainability in Switzerland*

Focus: Environmental Studies ● Length: 4 weeks ● Led By: Dr. Josh Long

Approved Provider Programs

Options from a wide range of approved providers, including, but not limited to the following, will be discussed during group and one-on-one advising:

API - Academic Programs International

<https://apiabroad.com/>

IES - Institute for the International Education of Students

<https://www.iesabroad.org/>

IFSA - Institute for Study Abroad

<https://www.ifsa-butler.org/>

ISEP - International Student Exchange Programs

<https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/>

SIT - School for International Training

<https://studyabroad.sit.edu/>

Study Abroad Requirements

+ Have an advising session with the Office of Study Abroad and International Student Services prior to applying.

Credit transfer and financial aid may be jeopardized if prior approval for a program is not granted - do not apply for a study abroad program without pre-approval by Southwestern!

+ Have an established GPA of 2.5 or higher at Southwestern prior to studying abroad.

+ Be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university and clear any negative balances on your student account before you study abroad.

+ Be enrolled full time during the semester before you study abroad.

+ Have declared a major if you have completed at least 60 credits prior to studying abroad.

+ Students must also meet any program-specific requirements for the program to which they apply, whether an SU Program or an approved provider's program.

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Credit Transfer FAQ

1. Will study abroad put me behind schedule for graduating on time?

It certainly doesn't have to, provided you work closely with the Office Study Abroad and your academic advisor. You will need to select a program that offers a curriculum which will contribute to your overall degree plan and academic objectives. Natural Science and Education majors will have to look more carefully at courses than will those students from other majors in the humanities and social sciences. Also, keep in mind that study abroad can further your future academic plans as well.

2. What if I have a hard time with classes taught in a foreign language? I don't want to ruin my GPA by studying abroad.

Unless you participate in a direct enrollment program where you are attending regular classes with locals at a foreign university, you will typically be taking courses in the host language that are designed for a non-native speaker. It will be more challenging to take courses in another language, but hundreds of Southwestern University students before you have participated in study abroad and have done incredibly well, while dramatically increasing their language fluency. All courses from approved provider study abroad programs (those not offered directly by SU) yield transfer credit which does not contribute to your SU GPA. You do need to achieve at least a C- in any course in order to transfer and receive credit. Lastly, many programs offer courses taught in English, which eliminates worries about foreign language proficiency.

3. Will courses from a study abroad program count at Southwestern?

If the program is run through an accredited educational institution and is approved as an approved provider program, you can receive transfer credit for those courses. By gaining approval through the Office of Study Abroad, you can be assured that the transfer credit will be accepted at Southwestern.

Financial Aid FAQ

1. Does financial aid apply to study abroad?

Yes, but it applies differently to different programs. There are essentially two financial aid categories for purposes of study abroad:

- a. **Southwestern Programs & ISEP:** if you participate in the SU London Program, the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), or the SU Washington, D.C. Program (CHIP), you will be able to use all of your financial aid award excluding work study or other aid that requires physical presence at SU. For these programs, you pay the cost of SU's tuition, room, and board directly to Southwestern. You retain virtually all of the aid you normally receive from SU, the federal government, outside scholarships, and state agencies. Tuition exchange agreements still apply if you participate in one of these programs.
- b. **Approved Provider Programs:** if you participate in any other study abroad program through an approved provider, you pay the cost of that program directly to the program provider. You do not pay anything to Southwestern during the semester/year/summer that you are abroad. In this situation, you ARE NOT eligible to receive SU merit or need-based aid. However, you ARE eligible to receive federal aid, such as the Stafford Loan or the Pell Grant. Most outside scholarships will also apply. It is important to remember that many approved provider programs cost about the same or less than tuition, room, and board at Southwestern. Thus, depending on your financial aid situation, it may not necessarily be more expensive for you to participate in an approved provider program. Additionally, several scholarship opportunities are available to students studying on approved provider programs.

2. How much does it really cost to study abroad?

That question is answered with "that depends." The total cost of approved semester-long provider study abroad programs (referred to in question 1b) range from about \$12,000 to \$46,000, but most are in the \$18,000-\$28,000 range. Living expenses vary dramatically depending on the area of the world in which you will be studying. Air travel to your host country will also vary given that some destinations always carry a higher airline ticket price. In short, you'll need to start considering costs as you begin to decide on a program type and the area of the world in which you want to study. Remember that if you participate in an approved provider program, you pay no fees to Southwestern for that semester/year/summer. Thus, many approved provider study abroad programs will actually cost the same or less than tuition, room, and board on campus at SU.

3. Is financial aid available for summer programs?

If you qualify for federal need-based financial aid, you may be able to utilize that same financial aid source to fund a summer study abroad program. The Lokey Scholarship and Paideia Scholarship are also available to supplement your financial aid package as well. In order for any aid to cover your summer program abroad, you'll need to file a short summer financial aid application with the Office of Financial Aid.