



For Parents Only:

WHAT YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT STUDY ABROAD AT JUNIATA

Is it the right thing for my son/daughter?

Students who add an international dimension into their course of study benefit in many ways. In today's global economy, the best jobs and happiest endeavors go to those who can show just those exact abilities that study abroad makes possible. Students who study abroad generally enhance their Program of Emphasis. They demonstrate increased personal satisfaction and maturity.

Some of the benefits realized through study abroad include: Heightened self-esteem; flexibility in difficult situations; ability to function in an ambiguous environment with confidence; ability to get along effectively within many cultures; developed proficiency in another language—just a few of the impressive qualities seen in study abroad alumni.

How do you choose the right program?

Guidance and advising begin as soon as the student arrives at Juniata. Faculty is extremely supportive and encouraging to students to include international experiences into their curriculum. Students will also benefit from peer mentoring programs and of course on-going support and advising from the international education office. The program that the student will eventually choose will be one that will be the most beneficial to his/her Program of Emphasis and personal goals. With only a little flexibility, there is a fitting program for every student.

What about the cost?

For most Juniata programs, the cost for semester and academic year programs are equal to the cost of the same period at Juniata College. All scholarships, grants, and loans that the student has will apply during the study abroad period, with few exceptions. There are some extra costs involved – transportation, passports, visas, photos, insurance, immunizations and other personal expenses are the responsibility of the student. A few programs also have special programming fees that are listed on those programs web-pages. There are study abroad scholarships that students can apply for to reduce these extra costs. Students will be advised during the study abroad application period if there is a scholarship for which they can apply.

What is the time of period of study?

A full academic year is best because it provides for the greatest possible benefit in the experience. It permits the student to make the necessary adjustments to the different culture, it allows ample time to get over (and benefit from!) culture shock. However, some students' Program of Emphasis will be served well by a semester study abroad. There are many options; one will fit your student! Students with language skills (or those who wish to develop them) are encouraged to consider including one of the short-term programs to enhance their Program of Emphasis in addition to the regular study abroad programs or—in some cases—in lieu of a semester or year study experience.

When is the student ready?

Most students go in junior year; some can go in spring semester of their sophomore year or in fall semester of their senior year. Summer programs can begin immediately after the first year at Juniata or any time during the student's college years. The time of study abroad depends on the individual student and their Program of Emphasis.

What about academic credit?

Not a problem! All courses will transfer onto the Juniata transcript. A notation is made on the transcript signifying that the student was at the overseas university which is an additional highlight.

Will my son/daughter graduate in time?

With appropriate planning there should be no problems about graduating on time. Students studying abroad are carefully advised to make academic progress toward graduation without problems.

What about my "parent worries" for safety abroad?

It is natural to worry about safety. However, Juniata is very attentive to security issues in study abroad sites. We provide pre-departure education, are in on-going contact with overseas directors, and we have a worldwide network to alert us of any potential crisis. Each site is thoroughly evaluated in person by teams of Juniata professors and administration on a regular basis. We are prepared to interrupt a student's study abroad placement if there is any problem or situation that warrants concern in a program. We provide sufficient lectures and sessions to students to make them aware of their responsibilities in not getting into potentially problematic situations. As a result, our students have been competently mature and serious about safety issues.

What's the impact of study abroad in the job search or for graduate school?

Study abroad will not automatically get a student into graduate school, medical school or into a terrific job. It will however help to develop the full potential that the student has. It will give them opportunities to stimulate their intellect, kindle new interests, develop their business and career contacts and incidentally gain a global perspective on world issues. It will help them to write a better application, conduct a confident interview and - with the experience gained by living in another culture -- be so much more an impressive person! You won't regret this for your son or daughter--do encourage them to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!



Still not completely convinced? Do you have more questions? We can help. Call or stop in the office and we'll be happy to tell you why this is really the "Opportunity of a Lifetime" for your fledgling Eagle! Help your Eagle fly: you'll be proud of what they can accomplish!

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