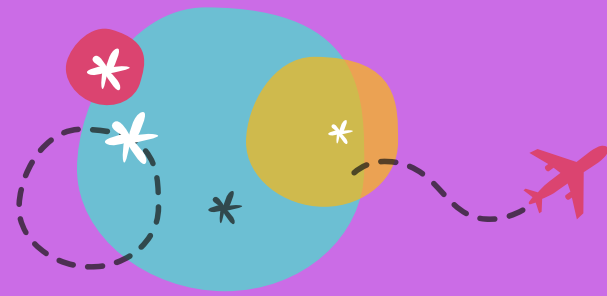


# HOW TO START EXPLORING STUDY ABROAD OPTIONS



## 1 WHERE TO BEGIN?

- The Global Education website at [www.coloradocollege.edu/globalandfield](http://www.coloradocollege.edu/globalandfield) is a great place to explore the types of study abroad offered by Colorado College and our partners!

## 2 ASK YOURSELF KEY QUESTIONS

- The first step in finding a study away program is exploring why you want to go abroad, what you want from the experience and what locations are a good match. Some good questions to answer for yourself first are:

What am I hoping to achieve with a study abroad program?  
What kinds of programs could help me achieve my goals?  
What realities might limit where I go and for how long I go?  
What features in a program would make it valuable to me?

- Some keys to think about:
  - Single block programs are easier to schedule and offer only 1 course, but it is important that the course be one that makes sense for your major/minor, graduation requirement needs, or educational plan for the future.
  - Semester programs typically provide 4 courses for you, only 2 of which should be in your major. The others should help you move towards graduation, but should also help you better understand and adapt to your new host country.
  - Students enrolling in a semester program in a country where English is not the primary language are required to take at least 1 of their 4 courses in the local language, whether that is at a true-beginner stage all the way up to an
  - Financial aid applies to all CC programs, but for block abroad programs, you must apply for aid as part of your program application. With semester programs, it will automatically be applied as usual.

## 3 TALK TO FACULTY

- Whether it is the faculty member leading a program, a faculty member in your major field, or your academic advisor, it is always good to have a conversation about study abroad early in the process. Some questions you will want to consider when you have this conversation include:
  - Is the program that interests me appropriate for my studies, major or educational plan?
  - Will the credits help me progress towards graduation?
  - Is the timing good for me to be away from campus, or will a program clash with a course or courses I need at that time in my college career?

- What other options are good choices for someone with my educational track or goals?
- Is there a time in the major program when a semester or even a block abroad is going to create a lot of scheduling issues?

## 4 ATTEND A STUDY AWAY FAIR

- There are fairs throughout the year for the various types of study away. At the fair you can speak with faculty, sponsors, and students who have been on the program before. You can ask any questions you have or explore options from various tables to help decide. The fairs are held in these blocks:
  - BLOCK 1: Semester Away Fair
  - BLOCK 3: Summer Away Fair
  - BLOCK 5: Study Away Fair (Blocks & Semesters)

## 5 DECIDE ON A SMALL POOL OF OPTIONS

- Use the website and its links, communication with faculty, and the Fair to create a short list of options. You may have one top choice, or a few that you need to pick from. Once you have an idea of what you are looking for, a sense of what kinds of programs are best for you, and a short pool, you are now ready to meet with one of the Global Education specialists in Armstrong Hall.

## 6 MEET WITH SOMEONE FROM THE GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE

- You can set up an appointment by emailing either of the Global Ed Specialists or by visiting the office during open drop-in hours to speak with our student ambassador. Come prepared for your meeting with a list of questions and the names of the programs which most interest you.
- Be sure you know when the deadlines for applications are. It is not easy to schedule a meeting right before the deadline due to the number of students trying to get last minute assistance. It is also not much use to you to schedule a meeting after the deadline unless your questions are more about following up after you have applied.
- Pay attention to due dates!

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