

# Ready Reference C-9 Study Abroad

## Why should I study abroad?

Studying abroad can be an enriching experience academically, personally, and professionally. Students that study abroad can gain a new global perspective on their field of study. Studying abroad is a chance to improve some soft skills that can appeal to employers: adapting to new surroundings, understanding different cultures, speaking other languages, and other skills.

#### Steps to study abroad:

- 1. Attend an information session hosted by the study abroad office
- 2. Schedule an advising appointment through the study abroad website
- 3. Research your options: locations, courses, and times
- 4. Meet with your academic advisor and the financial aid office
- 5. Apply to your selected program

#### Options

Studying abroad is typically associated with spending a semester or year overseas, but that does not have to be the case for everyone. Through OSU, students have the opportunity to go abroad with short-term faculty led trips, semester or yearlong programs, and even for a summer. There is also the option to study at a different university within the United States through the National Student Exchange program.

### **Myths**

<u>I cannot because I am an engineering major- FALSE.</u> There are many opportunities for CEAT students to study abroad through various OSU programs.

<u>Study abroad will delay my graduation- FALSE</u>. It is possible to take courses towards your degree while spending a semester abroad. It is also possible to study abroad in the summer.

<u>Studying abroad is professionally enriching- TRUE.</u> Studying abroad will enhance your education, but also it will set you apart professionally.

## **Useful Contacts**

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