



INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Your student has access to more than [50 Binghamton programs](#) and over [1,000 SUNY programs](#)! They can study, intern, or conduct research for credit almost anywhere in the world!

WHY YOUR STUDENT SHOULD CONSIDER EDUCATION ABROAD



Academic Benefits

Students have the option to obtain major, minor, general education, and/or elective credit



Personal Benefits

Participants experience an increase of their cultural awareness and expand their understanding of self and others



Professional Benefits

Students can enhance their résumé and fine tune skills employers are looking for such as flexibility and problem solving

"Studying abroad in Norwich, England was by far the most transformative experience I've had since studying at Binghamton. I got to see so many beautiful places and meet wonderful people... I can't recommend taking the chance to learn about a new culture enough."

- Susanna, Class of 2020



Help your student learn more by encouraging them to engage in the following:

- Visit Virtual Advising Hours
- Attend an Information Session
- Participate in the Education Abroad Fair

F.A.Q. FOR PARENT-STUDENT CONVERSATIONS

Support your student – quick answers to complex questions



Q: I am X major. Can I study abroad?

A: Yes, of course! You can take major, minor, general education, and/or elective credits while you study abroad. If you cannot fit a full semester into your schedule, you can look into winter, spring break, or summer programs.



Q: When should I study abroad?

A: Most students study abroad in their sophomore or junior years; however, the sooner you start planning, the easier it will be to figure out what works best for you and your degree! Plan to discuss this with your academic advisor.



Q: How much will the program cost?

A: It depends on the program, but there are many affordable ways to study abroad! Shorter programs have lower costs and exchange programs have the same tuition as Binghamton. Financial aid is generally applicable and scholarships are available.

For additional information on these topics, direct your student to the following resources:

- [Binghamton Education Abroad Programs](#)
- [SUNY Education Abroad Programs](#)
- [Education Abroad Course Equivalencies](#)
- [Information on education abroad scholarships and financial aid](#)
- [Additional Education Abroad FAQs](#)

Encourage your student to visit IEI's Virtual Advising Hours, even before they get to campus! Virtual Advising allows your student to meet one-on-one with a member of our team and to discuss program options and next steps. It is never too early to start planning! Semester advising is available via [Zoom Room 914 1996 3980](#), M-F from 1:00 to 4:00pm.

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We hope that these resources will be helpful to your student as they start to plan for their education abroad experience.

Encourage your student to contact iegi@binghamton.edu or visit Virtual Advising Hours to learn more!

