

STUDY ABROAD PROCESS FLOW – STUDENT STEPS

I'm interested in studying abroad! - 3 years - 6 months before departure

Meet with COF International Programs to learn basics about program selection/application

Meet with academic adviser to establish academic goals for overseas experience and optimal time and duration of program.

Select program and term/semester - 6 months before departure

Meet with COF International Programs to discuss specific program details - fit with goals, application process, finances. Research funding/scholarship options.

If program has multiple course offerings (e.g., exchange), meet with academic advisor to select specific courses to be taken.

Apply to program - 3-6 months before departure

Complete application process. Most programs require transcripts, essays and references. Many require interviews.

Apply for scholarships to support program - if needed, meet with IDEA scholarship adviser

Student accepted into program - 3 months before departure

Complete secondary paperwork for OSU GO and program provider. Confirm housing options, make travel arrangements.

Budget is sent to financial aid, which determines aid amount for overseas study. Meet with financial aid if necessary.

Pre-departure 1-3 months before departure

Apply for visa (if required). Attend required orientations. Visit travel clinic, arrange for any needed medications/vaccinations.

Confirm payment arrangements. Prepare financial arrangements abroad. Register with CRN provided by OSU GO. Pack!

While abroad

Understand academic requirements. If enrolled directly in overseas university, send course syllabus to [??]. Register for following term at OSU.

For exchanges, OSU GO sends syllabi to departmental advisors for establishment of equivalencies, prior to transcription.

Upon return to OSU

Attend any returnee meetings, debrief and encourage others to go. Give feedback to COF International Programs, OSU GO and academic advisers.

Once course equivalencies are approved by academic depts, OSU GO advisors receive overseas transcripts and report credits/grades to registrar.