

Things to Consider for Study Abroad

There are many factors to take into consideration when choosing a program such as type of program, location, and coursework to name just a few. In order to help with this process, the Education Abroad Office has compiled a list of questions for you to consider when reviewing program options.

Before deciding on a program, please consider the following:

1. Studying in Non-Traditional Locations can increase scholarship eligibility and be cost effective!

- **Asia** - Thailand, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, China, Japan, Nepal, Bhutan, Mongolia, South Korea
- **Africa** - Morocco, Kenya, Tanzania, Senegal, Tunisia, Madagascar, South Africa
- **Middle East** - Turkey, Jordan, Oman, UAE, Israel
- **Eastern Europe** - Czech Republic, Romania, Hungary, Croatia, Turkey, Poland, Latvia, Estonia
- **Northern Europe** - Iceland, Greenland, Sweden, Finland, Norway
- **South America** - Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina
- **Central America & West Indies** - Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Turks & Caicos Islands

2. Compare Cost of Living around the Globe!

- Access to more scholarship funding!
- Cost of living is **less** in small cities vs. large cities
- Consider [Cost of living around the world](#)
- Check out our [Cost Effective Programs](#) list!

3. Scholarships are available for studying Critical Need Languages:

- Arabic (all dialects)
- Japanese
- Chinese (all dialects)
- Russian
- Korean
- Turkic (Azerbaijani, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Turkish, Turkmen, Uzbek)
- Swahili
- Persian (Farsi, Dari, Kurdish, Pashto, Tajiki)
- Indic (Hindi, Urdu, Nepali, Sinhala, Bengali, Punjabi, Marathi, Gujarati, Sindhi)
- Bahasa Indonesia

4. Program Options by Major

- [Major Advising Pages - Program Options by Major](#).
- Are there certain language skills that will improve my job outlook?

5. Reviewing my Degree Evaluation in Web4U and completing courses for the following abroad:

- Major
- Minor
- [International Studies Minor](#)
- GURs
- Honors/Fairhaven
- Internship/Service Learning
- Research/Field Study
- Electives

6. What are my Goals for this experience?

- Gain/Improve Language skills
- Field Study/Research
- Resume Builder- Internship
- Service Learning

7. Do I prefer a:

- Large city or Small town
- Large or Small University
- Outdoor Field Study Experience

• Who do I want to study abroad with?

- International students
- A mix of US & International Students
- Primarily other US/American students
- Other WWU students

• The benefits of different housing options?

- A homestay family * *better language skills!*
- In an apartment with international students **access to local culture & international friends!*

• The benefits of how long I am abroad?

**Better language skills & investment value the longer I am abroad!*

- Year
- Semester
- Quarter
- Summer

8. My Graduation Timeline?

- How flexible are my Depts. with study abroad?
- Do I have a “tracked” major that may limit me?
- Students can go abroad their last term if available based on major!

	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Program			
Location			
Length: Number of Weeks			
Program Cost			
Roundtrip Airfare			
Number of Credits			
Courses related to program			
Language Requirements			
Housing options			
Excursions			
Internship/Service Learning			
Scholarships available			
Additional notes			

My Financial Resources	\$	Program #1	\$	Program #2	\$	Program #3	\$
Grants:		Tuition/Fees:		Tuition/Fees:		Tuition/Fees:	
Loans:		Housing/Meals:		Housing/Meals:		Housing/Meals:	
Scholarships:		Airfare/Travel:		Airfare/Travel:		Airfare/Travel:	
GI Bill/VA:		Books/Supplies:		Books/Supplies:		Books/Supplies:	
Family Support:		Personal:		Personal:		Personal:	
Personal Savings:		Excursions:		Excursions:		Excursions:	
Other:		Other:		Other:		Other:	
Total:		Total:		Total:		Total:	