

# Study Abroad Programs

## Types of Study Abroad Programs

There are thousands of study abroad programs available to students. Below is a basic categorization of study abroad programs by sponsor:

- **Affiliated Programs** - Builders Abroad maintains a list of programs affiliated with Southwestern (coming soon), that are approved for transfer credit. Students participating in a Southwestern College affiliated program may use their Southwestern College financial aid during their period abroad. Students participating in an affiliated program will pay tuition and fees, and in some cases room and board, to Southwestern College.
- **Approved Programs** - Builders Abroad maintains a list of programs that are approved for transfer credit but are not affiliated. Students participating in a Southwestern College approved program may use their state and federal financial aid, but do not receive any Southwestern College financial aid during their period abroad. Students participating in an approved program will pay tuition, fees, room and board to the organization administering the program, not to Southwestern College.
- **Proprietary and Non-Profit Programs and Consortia** - Non-affiliate and non-approved companies, organizations, and consortia create and administer their own study abroad programs. These programs generally offer elements of [total immersion](#) and [island](#) programs. Deadlines and costs vary between programs.
- **Programs offered through other American Colleges and Universities** - Many universities in the U.S. have their own study abroad programs which are open to students of other universities and colleges.
- **Programs offered through Foreign Universities** - Many overseas institutions will provide services that allow American students to participate in "international" programs. Some may provide courses in English and ease in credit transfer.

## Study Abroad Program Directories

To help with the process of researching study abroad opportunities, many institutions and organizations have developed on-line search engines to allow students to explore the realm of study abroad options for programs with specific characteristics. A listing of these search engines is provided below. This list has been adapted from a [Transitions Abroad](#) article entitled "Key Internet Sites for Education Abroad."

- [The Digital Education Network](#) — This site is a database of international schools organized in several categories.
- [Council of International Education Exchange \(CIEE\)](#) — Lists study abroad programs by region, work abroad opportunities, international volunteer projects. Also includes information and CIEE financial aid and grant opportunities.
- [GoAbroad.com](#) — A comprehensive online resource for study abroad, language schools, internships, international volunteer positions, teaching abroad, U.S. universities, eco-travel, and adventure travel. Includes thousands of programs, online travel guides,

embassy directories, visa information, currency information, etc.

- [International Center's Overseas Opportunities Office, University of Michigan](#) — A collection of articles, annotated links and print resources for study, work and travel abroad, including in-depth reports on work abroad options.
- [International Opportunities Program, University of California Irvine](#) — Extensive directories of study abroad, summer programs, internships, research, teaching, volunteering and work abroad programs with links to many other education abroad web sites.
- [International Study Telecom Directory, The Worldwide Classroom](#) — The Worldwide Classroom lists international study programs and has reports from students. This directory is a primary resource for locating international education throughout the world: language, academics, universities, graduate, internships, volunteer, special interest, etc. Includes a library of listings of over 10,000 schools accepting foreign students; includes contact information, program information, as well as country and travel resources.
- [Language Travel Gazette](#) — A resource for finding study abroad language immersion courses.
- [Mobility International](#) — A non-profit organization that provides information on education and travel abroad for people with disabilities. Site includes extensive links to related organizations worldwide and to providers of travel services for people with disabilities.
- [Passport: Living and Learning Abroad, Institute of International Education](#) — An online directory of study abroad programs and scholarships. The comprehensive searches and full text descriptions make this site an essential tool.
- [Resources for Colleges and Universities in International Exchange, University of Southern California](#) — Comprehensive links for browsing all aspects of international exchange, including study, research, work and teaching abroad, financial aid, grants and scholarships, and much more.
- [StudyAbroad.com, Education Directories Unlimited, Inc.](#) — A commercial directory with lists of study and work abroad programs worldwide plus a good listing of language programs. Also contains the Study Abroad Forum, which provides a multitude of financial aid resources.
- [Transitions Abroad](#) — The online version of the *Transitions Abroad* magazine provides coverage of all education abroad options, from study and work abroad to educational travel. Includes recent articles, annotated guides to resources, and country-by-country listings of programs for study, work, internships, volunteering, language study, etc.
- [The Word at Your Fingertips, University of California, Irvine](#) — An instructional site providing information on how students and advisors can use the Internet to research options for education abroad.
- [Youth for Understanding \(YFU\)](#) — Offers opportunities for young people around the world to spend a summer, semester, or year with a host family in another culture.