Students may choose from a BC or approved external courses that fulfill academic requirements and earn credit toward graduation. Students who study abroad receive grades that appear on the BC transcript but are not factored into their GPA. Students enrolled in BC programs pay regular BC tuition, and are eligible for all BC financial aid. Students enrolled in approved external programs pay their program directly, are limited to using federal programs have a BC on-site coordinator. Students enrolled in BC programs are eligible for all BC financial aid, and earn grades that are factored into their GPA. Students enrolled in approved external programs pay their program directly, are limited to using federal programs have a BC on-site coordinator. Students enrolled in BC programs are eligible for all BC financial aid, and earn grades that are factored into their GPA.

OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

Studying abroad for a semester or academic year runs from four to six weeks and credits earned can count extend learning beyond the classroom. Summer programs have their classes count toward major, minor, and/or BC electives. Students from BC and approved external programs may have their classes count toward major, minor, and/or BC electives. Students from BC and approved external programs may have their classes count toward major, minor, and/or BC electives. Students from BC and approved external programs may have their classes count toward major, minor, and/or BC electives.

Students can also apply for a number of off-campus scholarships. Assistance in applying for funding is available to BC students through Advanced Study Grants, Benjamin Gilman, David L. Boren NSEP, Freeman-ASIA, or summer program. Such experiences can serve as a differentiator.

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opportunities abroad

more than 170 programs, which span six continents and accommodate all BC disciplines, are offered during the academic year. Studying abroad for a semester or academic year is an integrated component of the BC undergraduate experience. the abroad experience allows students to take courses that fulfill academic requirements and earn credit toward graduation. Students may choose from a BC or approved external courses that fulfill academic requirements and earn credit toward graduation.

Research

Students are encouraged to conduct research while abroad, whether they participate in a semester, year, or summer program. such experiences can serve as a foundation for a senior thesis project as well as prepare students for research at the graduate level. Funding is available to BC students through advanced study grants, McGillycuddy-Logue travel grants, and other on- and off-campus scholarships. Assistance in applying for funding is available through the OIP.

Frequently asked questions

International programs are open to BC students who are in good academic and disciplinary standing. Opportunities are available to accommodate every field of study, language background, and budget. below are some of the most commonly asked questions.

Can I study abroad with my major/minor?

Programs are available to accommodate all BC majors and minors. Academic guidelines for study abroad are available on the OIP website and with BC’s academic departments. Students are strongly advised to start planning early and check with their major department well before going abroad. Students majoring in disciplines with strict academic requirements and course sequences, e.g., pre-med, nursing or STEM, should speak with their academic advisor early in the process to map out their degree plan.

Do I need to study a foreign language?

Foreign language proficiency allows students to gain valuable skills and engage in host cultures. for those studying in a country in which English is not the host language, students are expected to take at least one course in the local language, either skills or content based. However, no student needs to speak a foreign language in order to go abroad. English-taught courses are available in all disciplines, in both English- and non-English-speaking countries.

Can I fold financial aid abroad?

Many students and parents are understandably concerned about the cost of going abroad. with careful planning, students may spend the same amount—as or sometimes even less than—they would in Chestnut Hill. Students attending BC semester and academic year programs remain eligible for all of their BC financial aid. External program participants can use federal and state aid only. Financial aid cannot be applied toward summer programs, but summer students and others who do not qualify for financial aid may explore various scholarship options.

Are there scholarships and grants available?

the OIP offers advising and support for students applying for a variety of fellowships, scholarships, and grants. Numerous BC and external funding options are available based on the student’s eligibility and choice of program. BC semester, year, and summer program students who receive BC financial aid are eligible for the McGillycuddy-Logue Travel Grant. External funding sources include the Benjamin Gilman, David L. Brower NSF, Freeman-ASIA, and fund for Education Abroad scholarships, among others.

Next steps

Students should attend the OIP Study Abroad Fair, held each year in September, as well as any of the other study abroad information sessions offered throughout the year. the OIP website includes details about programs and policies as well as planning guides.

Freshmen considering a summer program following their first year should continue on to the application stage soon after arriving on campus to avoid missing the February deadlines. all students are encouraged to attend a group advising session with the OIP by the fall of their sophomore year in order to go abroad during junior year. students considering a semester or academic year program must begin their advising process and planning by attending a required meeting with an advising assistant. Following this initial meeting, students are strongly encouraged to meet with an OIP advisor who specializes in regions of interest. a meeting is not required for BC summer programs, though students are encouraged to contact the OIP with any questions. summer internship applicants are required to meet with the OIP advisor.

an overview of the planning process can be found below.
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Can I study abroad with any major/minor?

International programs are open to BC students who are in good academic and disciplinary standing. Opportunities are available in accordance with every field of study, language background, and budget. Below are some of the most commonly asked questions.

1. **International programs include courses in any major?**
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2. **What are the internship opportunities?**
   - International programs are open to BC students who are in good academic and disciplinary standing. Opportunities include internships. A select number of internships are available to accommodate every field of study, language background, and budget. Below are some of the most commonly asked questions.

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Students who participate in approved external programs are limited to using federal student aid to pay their program directly. Students who are matriculated at an accredited institution and have been admitted to a BC study abroad program will be able to apply their federal aid toward BC graduation requirements. Grades appear on the student’s transcript. A select number of students who participate in approved external programs are eligible for BC summer internships organized through the Office of International Programs (OIP). Assistance in applying for funding is available on the OIP website and with BC’s academic departments.

**OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD**

More than 170 programs, which span six continents and offer a wide variety of experiences, are available in Dublin, Hong Kong, Madrid, Paris, and Tokyo. These programs include volunteering, interning, studying, and conducting research in a country in which the student’s major, minor, or area of interest is offered. Students are encouraged to conduct research while studying in a country in which English is not the host language. Foreign language proficiency allows students to gain a competitive edge for graduate school and in the job market. The abroad experience inspires personal and intellectual growth and leads students to gain a professional edge for graduate school and in the job market. The abroad experience inspires personal and intellectual growth and leads students to gain a competitive edge for graduate school and in the job market. The abroad experience inspires personal and intellectual growth and leads students to gain a professional edge for graduate school and in the job market.

**Service Learning**

Engagement in service learning enhances the off-campus experience, gives students an opportunity to actively apply classroom knowledge and professional skills and become further immersed in local culture. Service learning opportunities are available in all six programs and require a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer work. The OIP offers advising and support for students applying for and participating in service learning experiences. Students must complete a service learning application to participate in service learning experiences.

**Application Process**

A select number of programs require an interview with an OIP advisor who specializes in the student’s region of interest. Students who are interested in participating in a BC study abroad program must first participate in an information session offered throughout the year. Students should attend the Study Abroad Fair during the fall semester. Application deadlines vary and can be found on the OIP website. Assistance in applying for funding is available on the OIP website.

**Expanded Horizons**

“Frequently, in the Rhodes University Community Engagement Program (EDC) and several other placements in the local community, I was able to work in fields that I have studied through internships with various individuals and institutions. I was able to see the impact of service learning on local communities.”

— Lauren Groves ‘15, Rhodes University South Africa

**Ricardo A. Sánchez ‘14**

““The ecological aspect of the course of study which I know will be ever more important is the challenge of balancing the needs of the environment with the needs of society.”

— Ricardo A. Sánchez ‘14, “Venice: An Imperiled City in a Changing Ocean,” BC summer program in Italy

**Sarah Malaske ‘14**

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— Sarah Malaske ‘14, “An Impacted City in a Changing Ocean,” BC summer program in Italy

**Plan your study abroad trip.**

OIP offers programs to more than 80 countries, offering opportunities to study, conduct research, work, or participate in service learning. These experiences are available to students in every major, at every educational level. Students interested in participating in a BC study abroad program must first participate in an information session offered throughout the year. Application deadlines vary and can be found on the OIP website.
Where will you go?

See where BC students have the opportunity to study, intern, engage in service learning, and conduct research in the world.

Boston College semester and yearlong programs

Argentina
- BC in Buenos Aires: Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT), Pontificia Universidad Católica Argentina (UCA)

Australia
- Monash University
- University of Melbourne
- University of New South Wales
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Queensland
- University of Western Australia

Austria
- Vienna University of Economics and Business

Brazil
- BC in Rio: Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)

Canada
- BC in Quito: Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)
- BC in Paris: Institut Catholique de Paris (ICP), Université de Paris IV, Université de Paris IX, L’École Supérieure de Commerce (ESCP), Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)
- BC in Strasbourg: École de Management de Strasbourg (EMS), Institut d’Études Politiques (Sciences Po Strasbourg), Université de Strasbourg, Université Louis Pasteur

Chile
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC)
- Universidad Alberto Hurtado (UAH)

China
- University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Denmark
- Copenhagen Business School
- University of Copenhagen

Ecuador
- BC in Quito: Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)

France
- BC in Paris: Institut Catholique de Paris (ICP), Université de Paris IV, Université de Paris IX, L’École Supérieure de Commerce (ESCP), Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)
- BC in Strasbourg: École de Management de Strasbourg (EMS), Institut d’Études Politiques (Sciences Po Strasbourg), Université de Strasbourg, Université Louis Pasteur

Germany
- Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

Great Britain
- BC in Glasgow: University of Glasgow
- BC in London: King’s College, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), Queen Mary, Royal Holloway, SOAS, University College London (UCL)
- Durham University
- Lancaster University
- Oxford University, Oxford College
- University of Bristol
- University of Liverpool

Greece
- American College of Thessaloniki

Ireland
- University of Dublin: Trinity College, University College Dublin (UCD), National University of Ireland (NUI), Maynooth College
- BC in Cork: University College Cork
- BC in Galway: National University of Ireland

Italy
- BC in Parma: Università degli Studi di Parma,
- Università Bocconi
- Venice International University
- Bologna University
- Udine University

Japan
- Sophia University
- Waseda University

Korea
- Seoul National University
- Sogang University

Morocco
- Al Akhawayn University

Nepal
- BC in Kathmandu: Center for Buddhist Studies

The Netherlands
- Amsterdam University College
- Universiteit van Amsterdam

United States
- Boston College: Boston University, Northeastern University

Office of International Programs

Semester and yearlong approved external programs

In addition to BC programs, students have a choice to enroll in more than 100 approved external programs.

Summer programs

BC faculty-led summer programs abroad vary annually. Summer 2017 programs will be offered in Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, Nicaragua, South Africa, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

Internships, service learning, and research

A number of BC and approved external programs offer experiential learning components such as internships, service learning, and research. Summer internship program sites abroad include Dublin, Hong Kong, Madrid, Paris, and Prague.

For details about all programs visit the OIP website: bc.edu/international

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