Internatıonal programs @ Boston College
Planning for a transformational experience abroad

Expanded horizons

“My Chinese improved greatly and I’ve learned to think differently about the whole world. The language barrier makes you think about how other people perceive our culture and what we perceive about theirs.”

My summer abroad strengthened my love for political science and has made me more interested in international relations. I believe that having a global perspective is becoming a vital skill in the present day. It broadens your mind and helps you develop empathy and understanding, which is crucial when working with people from different backgrounds.

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Mytime in Chonburi, Thailand has taught me to think about the future in a different way. Thinking differently will prepare me to contribute to meaningful solutions to the global challenges we face. We are the future leaders of the world. That is, it means respect for the diversity of others, the understanding of other perspectives, the appreciation of cultural differences, and the ability to make sense of the world.”

“When I left for Chiang Mai, Thailand, I was unsure of what to expect, but I knew that I wanted to travel to a country that was different from my own. I had heard stories about how the Thai people were friendly and welcoming, and I was excited to experience the culture for myself. I was also looking forward to learning more about Thai culture and food, as well as trying new experiences.”

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“Overall, my experience abroad was very positive and I would highly recommend it to anyone who is considering it. I gained a lot from the experience, both personally and professionally, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have had it.”

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INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS @ BOSTON COLLEGE

Students enjoy a long tradition of going abroad, whether it is to study, conduct research, work, or participate in service learning. These experiences allow students to acquire critical skills such as a greater sense of independence, intercultural competence, adaptability, and language acquisition. The abroad experience inspires personal and intellectual growth and leads students to gain a competitive edge for graduate school and in the job market. Where will you go?

OCCUPATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

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.

Internships

Interning allows students to gain the cross-cultural and professional skills needed in today’s globalized work force, and gives students a competitive edge when applying for jobs or graduate school. A number of BC and approved external programs offer placements that meet a wide variety of students’ career requirements with departmental approval. Otherwise, some are some of the most commonly asked questions.

Can I study abroad with any major/minor? Programs are available to accommodate all major/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? Many students and parents are understandably concerned about the cost of going abroad. While 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. Boren NSP, 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.

After returning from campus to avoid missing the February deadline. All other students are encouraged to set up an appointment with the OIP in the fall of their sophomore year in order to go abroad during junior year. Students considering a semester or academic year program must begin by attending a required meeting with an advising assistant. Following this initial meeting, students meet with an international study advisor who specializes in their regions of interest. A meeting is not required for a BC summer pro-

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Service Learning:
Engagement in service learning enhances the off-campus experience, gives students an opportunity to actively apply Jesuit ideals while abroad, and is mutually beneficial for students and the local community. A select number of semester and summer programs include volunteer and service components. More details can be found on the OIP website.

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. These are some of the most commonly asked questions.

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OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD
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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)

Chile
- BC in Santiago: Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC), Universidad Alberto Hurtado (UAH)

China
- BC in Beijing: Alliance for Global Education
- 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), Paris IV, Paris IX, L’Ecole Supérieure de Commerce (ESC), Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)
- BC in Strasbourg: École de Management de Strasbourg (EML), 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
- University of Bristol

Greece
- American College of Thessaloniki

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

Italy
- BC in Parma: Istituto Dante Alighieri, Università degli Studi di Parma
- Università Bocconi
- Università per l’Internazionalizzazione della University
- Bocconi University
- Università della Svizzera Italiana
- Bocconi University
- Università degli Studi di Milano
- Istituto Dante Alighieri
- Università degli Studi di Milano

Japan
- Sophia University
- Waseda University

Korea
- Seoul National University
- Sogang University

Morocco
- Al Akhawayn University

Nepal
- BC in Kathmandu: Center for Buddhist Studies

New Zealand
- University of Otago
- Victoria University
- Auckland University
- University of Canterbury

Norway
- University of Bergen

Poland
- Jagiellonian University
- University of Warsaw
- National Institute of Education

South Africa
- BC in Grahamstown: Rhodes University
- BC in Cape Town: University of Cape Town

Spain
- BC in Barcelona: ESADE, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF)
- BC in Granada: Granada Institute of International Studies (GIII)
- Blas de Lezo, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Carlos III, Pontificia Comillas de Madrid
- Universidad de Deusto
- Universidad de Deusto

Sweden
- Uppsala University

Turkey
- Bosphorus University

Vietnam
- University of Da Nang
- Ho Chi Minh City University of Education

Zambia
- University of Zambia

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 2015 programs will be offered in Australia, Bali, Chile, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, Great Britain, India, Ireland, Italy, Kuwait, Spain, Turkey, Vietnam, and Zambia.

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, Paris, and Madrid.

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

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