Hello and welcome back to Boston College!

As we begin the fall 2022, we at the Office of Global Education are excited to help begin preparing students for their opportunity to study abroad.

If you are planning on studying abroad during the 2023-2024 academic year, planning for next year begins now. All students wanting to study abroad next academic year, must apply by January 5, 2023. This is the deadline for all semester study abroad applications (fall 2022, full year 2023-24, and spring 2024). If you do not apply by January 5, 2023, you cannot study abroad next academic year. Students may also opt to apply for a Summer 2023 faculty-led program or internship abroad by February 5, 2023. Learn more about OGE Summer Programs on our website.

Students should carefully review our “Getting Started” page to learn how to begin. All students will need to complete an Initial Advising Questionnaire and attend a Study Abroad 101 to be eligible to apply to any semester study abroad program. This includes all Boston College and all approved, non-BC external programs. Our office offers multiple Study Abroad 101s each week until the end of the fall semester. Note that summer programs have different eligibility and application requirements and students can proceed to apply directly.
Our website offers more details regarding programs abroad, requirements, academic considerations, financial questions, and other concerns. To complement our general advising and the website, OGE has several Program Managers (Study Abroad Advisors) who can answer your questions, address any concerns, and offer advice regarding abroad locations.

Finally, after a three year hiatus, OGE is looking forward to having our first study abroad fair since 2019. More details regarding the fair can be found below.

We look forward to seeing you!

Regards,
Larry Pickener
Director, Office of Global Education

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**We Are Open**

We are excited to welcome new and returning students to a new year at Boston College. Our office is located in Hovey House across the street from McElroy Commons. We are open Monday through Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. This year we are happy to welcome the Office of Global Engagement and Office of International Students and Scholars to Hovey House as well. For assistance, call us at 617-552-3827 or contact us at globaleducation@bc.edu.

Study Abroad 101 information sessions will be held starting at the beginning of the semester. You can sign up for available sessions here.

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**Study Abroad Fair!**

OGE supports students interested in going abroad on 200+ programs in 50+ countries! Please come out to the Study Abroad Fair to learn more about study, internship, service, and scholarship opportunities. The fair will take place Tuesday, September 13, 2022 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Heights Room at Corcoran Common. Please fill out this form to reserve a timed-entry slot for your visit. While no students will be turned away, this will help us plan better for your arrival, as we are expecting a large number of students to stop by. We look forward to seeing you soon!
IS YOUR PASSPORT UP-TO-DATE?

Planning on studying abroad? Check your passport now! As processing times for U.S. and international passports are longer than normal, please ensure that you have enough time to apply for/renew your passport.

- Processing time for U.S. passports (new and renewals) is approximately 5 months!
- In-person appointments (for first-time passports & lost/stolen passports) are extremely limited!
- Please note: many countries require that your passport be valid for 3-6 months beyond your travel dates, and that you have at least one blank page

SPRING ABROAD STUDENTS: HAVE YOU CHECKED THAT YOUR PASSPORT IS UP-TO-DATE?
This semester the Office of Global Education would like to give students to share their study abroad stories with the BC community and beyond. If you are planning to go abroad in Fall 2022, Spring 2023, or studied abroad in Summer or Spring 2022 and you are interested in sharing your story please [fill out this short form](#). You could be featured on our blog page, Instagram, or podcast.

Follow our IG account [@bceaglesabroad](#) for the latest updates regarding the office and tons of student stories. Be sure to tag your photos with #bcabroad and #eaglesabroad for a shoutout.
The Office of Global Education produces its very own podcast, Soaring to New Heights! This is a great way to hear about the experiences of BC students who are currently studying abroad or recently returned. Hear from students who have been to Spain, Austria, Ireland, and more! You can find the podcast on all major platforms. Click here to listen.

Sara Patel spent a summer in Copenhagen, Denmark completing the course Principles of Public Health: In the Happiest Place/ Public Health in a Global Society. Check out our OGE Blogs page to read more about her experience and other BC students abroad. Check them out here.