How to Choose a Program

How Should I Begin?

Students study abroad for a variety of reasons—to see the world, learn about themselves, enhance their resumes, learn another language, or to gain professional experience. Before you start to research your options, consider the following questions to think about what you want to get out of your experience.

- What do I want to study?
- Where do I want to study?
- How long do I want to be abroad?
- Do I want to learn another language?
- Do I want to travel independently or with a group?
- Do I want to live with locals or Americans?
- How will this benefit me professionally in the future?

Learn about Our Programs

We offer hundreds of programs in over eighty countries, which are categorized as follows:

**Faculty-led programs** are short-term study tours over breaks, intersessions, or summer in which you learn and travel with a K-State professor and students. Cultural activities and excursions are often included.

**Exchange programs** allow you to pay in-state tuition and fees while attending one of our more than eighty partner universities. These programs offer you a more independent experience and are generally for a semester or year.

**Direct enroll programs**, like exchange programs, offer you a more independent experience. These programs are generally for a summer, semester or year, provide additional options for students, and tuition and fees are paid directly to the partner university.

**Program providers** organize study abroad programs that offer additional assistance throughout your international experience. These programs are offered for various lengths of time during the year and provide a more structured experience, often with cultural activities and excursions.

**Volunteer, service-learning, internship, research, or teach abroad programs** allow you to engage in other experiences for one week to one year or more, either for credit or not for credit.
Search Our Online Database

Now that you’ve thought about the type of experience you want to have, search our online database to find the programs that fit your interests.

1. Read the database search instructions at k-state.edu/studyabroad/gettingstarted/database.
2. Click on Search for a Program, which will open StudioAbroad, our program database, in a new window.
3. Choose the term, country, city, major, or other parameters that match your interests. To select multiple options in any drop-down menu, hold down Ctrl and click on the desired options.
4. Click Search.
5. Click on a program name to view its information brochure. Brochures include basic information about a program or a link to the program’s homepage.

Notes on results:
• A gold star by a program name indicates an exchange program.
• If your search yields very few or no results, reduce the number of selected parameters.

Browse by Major or Minor

Visit our webpage at k-state.edu/studyabroad/gettingstarted/maps, or pick up a Major or Minor Advising Program (MAP) for your program in the Study Abroad Office in 304 Fairchild Hall.

What to Do Next

☐ Explore Past Student Experiences
   Read testimonies of K-State students who studied abroad to get a better idea of what you would like to study and where you would like to go at k-state.edu/studyabroad/gettingstarted/experiences.

☐ Contact a Study Abroad Advisor
   If you have questions, or are ready to talk one-on-one about your options, make an appointment with a Study Abroad Advisor. You may call us at (785) 532-5990 or email us at overseas@k-state.edu.

☐ Find Courses
   Research available courses in your chosen program to find those you would like to take while abroad. Begin your search with some hints and tips at k-state.edu/studyabroad/gettingstarted/courses.

☐ Contact Your Academic Advisor
   Make an appointment with your Academic Advisor to discuss coursework. Be prepared to share specific course descriptions with your Academic Advisor, in order to complete an Academic Approval Form.

☐ Apply for a Program
   Visit our website at k-state.edu/studyabroad/apply, refer to the How to Apply for a Program guide, or meet with a Study Abroad Advisor to learn how to apply.