Exploring Programs

How Should I Begin?

Students go abroad for a variety of reasons— to explore other cultures, learn about themselves, enhance their resumes, learn another language, or to gain professional experience. Before you start to research your options, consider your priorities and preferences for your time abroad.

☐ Academics Abroad

☐ Location

☐ Length of Program

☐ Language Learning

☐ Budget

☐ Immersion

☐ Goals & Value

Learn about Our Programs

Faculty-led programs allow K-State faculty to take K-State students abroad to fulfill a specific course work. This are typically short-term programs, ranging from one to six weeks usually, students travel during fall, winter, spring or summer break.

Exchange programs are reciprocal exchange with student from designated universities. Student pay KSU an exchange rate fee for the tuition, based on in-state rates, and on a rare occasion pay KSU for housing too.

Direct enroll programs, are more independent, where a KSU student is applying to be a temporary international student abroad. There are many opportunities through direct enroll options that may not be available with the exchange program type.

Program providers are third party organizations that help facilitate going abroad. They can open the number of options that a student has in terms of countries and other programs like internship, service learning or volunteer work. They often include excursions as part of the program.

Volunteer, service-learning, internship, research, or teach abroad programs are more hands on experiences, which may or may not have course work tied to the program. While some opportunities are available for the semester or longer, the majority of these programs will run during the summer or on a short-term basis.
Visit our webpage at http://www.k-state.edu/abroad/current-students/gettingstarted/maps.html or pick up a Major or Minor Advising Program (MAP) for your program through Education Abroad in 304 Fairchild Hall.

**Browse by Major or Minor**

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**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/abroad/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:
- If your search yields very few or no results, reduce the number of selected parameters.

**What to Do Next**

- **Contact an Education Abroad Advisor**
  If you have questions, or are ready to talk one-on-one about your options, make an appointment with an Education Abroad Advisor by calling us at (785) 532-5990.

- **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 https://www.k-state.edu/abroad/current-students/gettingstarted/courses.html.

- **Contact Your Academic Advisor**
  Make an appointment with your Academic Advisor or the relevant department(s). Be prepared to share 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/abroad/apply, refer to the How to Apply for a Program guide, or meet with an Education Abroad Advisor to learn how to apply.