Frequently Asked Questions

Can all students study abroad?
Yes! But there are differences in the various opportunities and your major requirements to consider. For example, students studying occupational therapy should plan on spring semester sophomore year as the ideal time to study abroad. Student studying nursing should focus on a faculty-led course offered spring semester or a summer experience. English majors might aim for a junior year experience.

Are there GPA requirements?
Most programs require a minimum of 3.0 GPA and good disciplinary records.

When are application deadlines?
Students should begin thinking about study abroad opportunities early in their careers at Alvernia. Applications should be started a year in advance, with final deadlines around October 15 for spring programs and March 15 for fall programs.

What are the costs?
Does financial aid apply?
Students pay Alvernia tuition and fees and the partner program’s room and board. Federal and state financial aid applies; institutional aid may be available up to $3,000. It is important to meet with the Financial Assistance Office early in planning.

How do I prepare for my experience?
Alvernia’s Study Abroad Office is a wonderful resource to assist in planning, preparing and returning from your study abroad program. We remain in close contact with students throughout their experience.

Additional questions?
Contact the Study Abroad Office
610.790.1982

Why Study Abroad?
- Travel to know yourself and others
- Get to know daily life in a different culture while making friends around the world
- Improve interpersonal communication
- Appreciate common human connections
- Reflect on language and culture
- Expand your worldview
- Enhance employment opportunities

Study Abroad Programs

“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.”
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Steps to Studying Abroad

**Step 1**
Visit the Study Abroad Office located in Bernardine Hall 103A.

**Step 2**
Discuss program options with Study Abroad Coordinator.

**Step 3**
Decide when to go: fall semester, spring semester, or summer.

**Step 4**
Meet with Academic Advisor to discuss study abroad courses and academic plan to stay on track with graduation.

**Step 5**
Meet with Student Financial Planning to go over and understand program costs.

**Step 6**
Apply online to the program and through the Study Abroad Office. Be sure to register for study abroad status during Alvernia’s registration period.

**Step 7**
Apply for your passport, Visa and required travel documents.

You can start planning as early as your freshman year!

Alvernia’s Study Abroad office assists students in identifying potential study abroad scholarships, such as Boren, Gilman, and Fulbright awards.

Contact studyabroad@alvernia.edu or go to www.alvernia.edu/studyabroad for more information.

Study Abroad Programs

- Reutlingen Scholarship
- Northern Ireland Exchange
  - Vienna, Austria
  - Brussels, Belgium
  - Dalian, China
  - Quito, Ecuador
- Cheltenham, England
- Marburg, Germany
- Athens, Greece
- Chennai, India
- Derry, Ireland
- Dublin, Ireland
- Rome, Italy
- Xalapa, Mexico
- Tetouan, Morocco
- Dunedin, New Zealand
- Ramallah, Palestine
- Barcelona, Spain
- Valladolid, Spain