

**JUNIATA COLLEGE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS
INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

What is study abroad? Study abroad is a semester, full academic-year, or summer in a foreign country. In most programs, JC students will either take language and culture classes for foreign students or enroll directly in regular university classes with local students. Many of our programs also offer internships, research, field work, or service-learning experiences. A few of our programs, such as the International Business Program in Bocholt, Germany, allow Juniata students to receive a B.A. from a foreign institution in addition to their Juniata degree.

Why should I study abroad? In today's global economy, it is important to develop strong language skills and an understanding of other cultures. Employers and graduate schools now consider these skills to be important credentials in the hiring / admissions process. All graduates, regardless of their major field of study, will likely have some type of international contacts in their careers.

Where can I study? We offer programs on all continents and in several different languages. They include:

Africa: The Gambia, Morocco

Asia: China, India, Japan

Europe: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, UK

North America: Canada, Mexico

Oceania: Australia, New Zealand

South America: Ecuador, Galapagos Islands

For specific program details, please consult the Eagles Abroad Website:

<http://www.juniata.edu/departments/international/ea/programs.html>.

What can I study? Who can study abroad? Everything and everyone! We offer classes in all academic fields, from business to history to pre-med. Most students who go abroad take a mix of classes for their POE (major) and electives. Since all of our programs are Juniata-sponsored, your grades and credit abroad will automatically transfer back to Juniata. For a complete list of courses that students have taken abroad, please consult the international course database on our website:

<http://www.juniata.edu/departments/international/ea/db>.

What are the requirements? Don't I have to be a "straight A" student? No. Our programs are open to all students, provided they maintain a 2.7 GPA and good academic and social standing with the Office of the Dean of Students. Some programs may have specific language requirements (ex. minimum two semesters of Spanish). The programs marked LE (Limited Enrollment) on the Eagles Abroad website are considered honors programs. Due to the nature of our agreement with these schools, Juniata can only accept one or two students per semester, so these programs tend to be competitive.

Isn't it really expensive? No. Juniata College's philosophy is to make international study affordable and accessible to all students. For most Juniata programs, the cost for semester and academic year programs are equal to the cost of the same period at Juniata College. All scholarships, grants, and loans that the student has will apply during the study abroad period, with few exceptions. There are some extra costs involved – transportation, passports, visas, photos, insurance, immunizations and other personal expenses are the responsibility of the student. A few programs also have special programming fees that are listed on those programs web-pages. There are study abroad scholarships that students can apply for to reduce these extra costs. Juniata offers a number of scholarships, including the NYCE Scholarship for study in Latin America, the Bliss-Karns-Schwemmlin Scholarship for foreign language study, and the Philbrook Smith award in History. The CIE advises students and assists them in applying to national scholarship competitions such as the prestigious Boren Awards and DAAD Grants for undergraduate research and internships in Germany.

When should I go abroad? Although there is no required time to go abroad, most students study abroad either in the summer after their freshman year or during their junior year. A few students study abroad first semester of their senior year. Students generally do not go abroad their last semester, as it may interfere with graduation requirements and job searches. All students should consult with their academic advisors to determine an appropriate time to study abroad within their course of study.

When and how should I apply? Juniata uses an online application form (http://www.juniata.edu/departments/international/ea/ea_form.html). In addition, students will be required to submit a short, personal statement and three or four letters of reference – one from POE Advisor, one from General Advisor, one from a General Recommender, and, if the program is a non-English language program, a Language Recommendation. As all applications are due by December 1 for the following academic year and most scholarship applications are due in January, it is important to plan ahead. Students should begin discussing study abroad options with their academic advisor and the study abroad advisor during their Freshman year.

Where can I get more information? Information on our programs can be found at <http://www.juniata.edu/departments/international/ea/index.html>. Feel free to stop by and visit us at the Center for International Education, 2nd Floor of the Oller Center (next to Enrollment) or email us at studyabroad@juniata.edu.

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