

Study Abroad Advising Guide

Semester Abroad

Semester or Year Studies at a Partnering University Abroad

Two Types of Experiential Partnerships Offering Academic Study in Immersive Cultural Settings

Affiliate Programs & Partners

Study on programs designed to host visiting U.S. students, typically with dedicated support staff and large American living and learning groups.

Exchange Partners

Study at partner universities that also send their students to study abroad at HPU! Enjoy immersive, cultural experiences as you live and engage regularly with local students and faculty. Requires a high level of independence and growth mindset.

Finding Your Study Abroad Program

Planning effectively for studying abroad requires detailed academic planning. The decision of where to study abroad should stem from the academic fit to your degree program. Because of this, academic advising, from both your academic advisor and study abroad advisor, is critical.

Affiliated or Exchange... Which works best for me?

It is important to consider all factors relevant to your program. As you make your decisions, consider the following:

Affiliated Partners

Better options for students wanting more assistance with student and academic services designed specifically for U.S. study abroad students.

May enroll U.S. students only or offer limited opportunities for engagement with local students.

Cannot receive and apply HPU scholarships & grants towards fees.

Exchange Partners

Rewarding options for students who are willing to navigate their experience with less on-site support. While support will be available, it may be culturally different from what is found in the U.S.

Typically foster more engagement with local students.

Can receive and apply HPU scholarships & grants towards educational fees.

PRO TIP: Work with your study abroad advisor to:

- develop realistic goals.
- find universities that fits your major/classes.
- understand international credit conversion.
- narrow program options and universities.
- prepare application materials.
- discuss cultural differences and concerns.
- process experiences to develop global life skills.

A note on General Education Courses

Satisfying general education requirements abroad can be challenging. Generally, curriculum abroad does not include general education classes, as students only study their major. Accordingly, you may not find curriculum available to meet your general education needs, or you may be required to study courses within only one discipline or faculty (e.g., School of Business).

Finding Courses Abroad

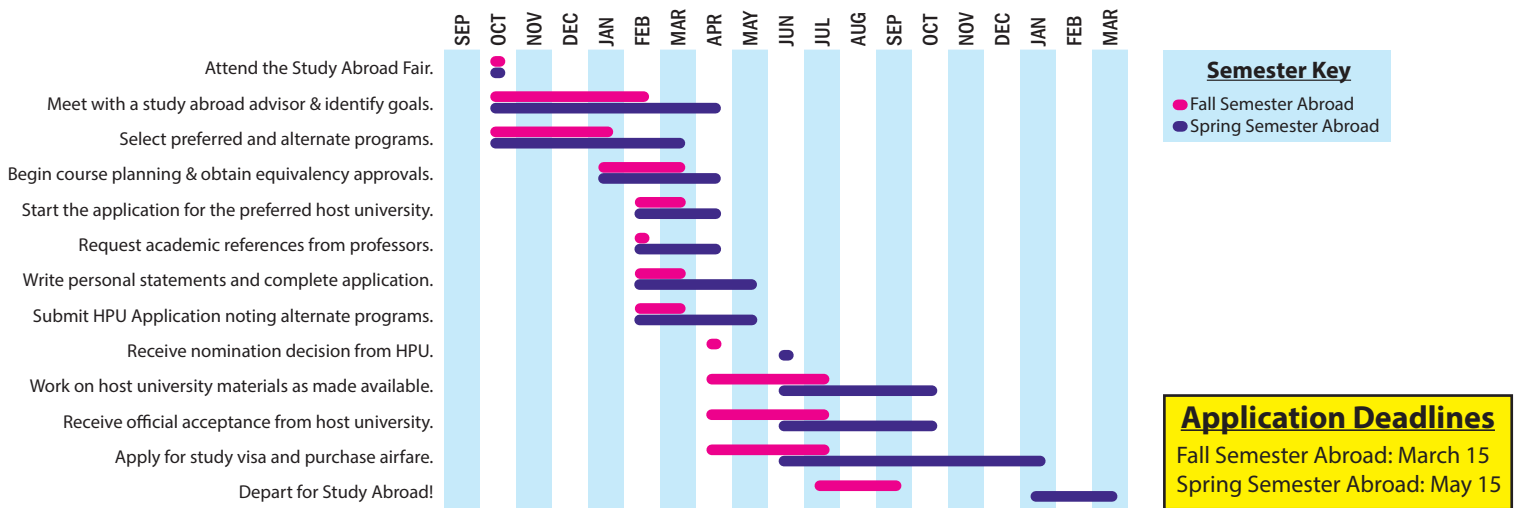
Your studies abroad should advance, strengthen, and diversify your HPU degree. Plan to enroll in relevant coursework at your host university taking the equivalent of 15 or 16 U.S. credits. This can be a very academically-enriching experience, especially when you pursue coursework that broadens your understanding of your major/minor course of study. These courses may be directly equivalent to HPU's courses, or may supplement HPU's courses, and often will offer a more global approach to the content.

While some universities offer a wide range of courses, other universities offer only a narrow field of study. Where available, you'll be able to select courses to satisfy requirements for your major, minor, general education requirements, or general electives. A brief academic overview is provided on each program's website.

If your host university permits you to enroll in subjects across disciplines, consider that local students will be studying the subject for their major, not for a general education requirement. Taking general education courses abroad may not be as good an option as taking major-specific courses. If you must study general education courses, speak with your study abroad advisor about what program options are best.

Remember, diverse classroom discussions in your field of study can provide relevant insight into local culture and help broaden your understanding of your field and career.

Semester Study Abroad Timeline



Advising Checklist

- ☐ **Build your ViaTRM Profile.**
 - ☐ Log into the Study Abroad Portal at <https://hpu-global-education.via-trm.com/> using your HPU student sign on information.
 - ☐ Complete the Profile Questionnaire and Program Match Survey (first log-in only).

PRO TIP: Add a Profile Picture

Click on the orb on the top right of your profile, click on Settings, and click on the Change Photo button. Pick a picture that shows your face well—it will help your advisors! Save your changes.

- ☐ Upload your passport information. If you do not have a valid passport or your passport is expiring, start the passport application process. If your passport is not expiring, click on Traveler Info in your Profile, then on Passport & Visa Status and enter your information.
- ☐ Enter your Emergency Contact Information into ViaTRM (Click on Traveler Info in your Profile, then on Emergency Contact).
- ☐ **Narrow program options based on academic fit & consider alternate programs.**
 - ☐ Use the Program Match Tool in ViaTRM. Retake the Program Match questionnaire if your answers may have changed.

PRO TIP: Drag Subject Areas to the Top of the Importance List

This will sort programs that will likely offer better courses to keep you on track for graduation.

- ☐ Favorite programs that meet your academic needs and personal/professional goals. On the Program's brochure, click the star next to "Save as Favorite" on the information panel.
- ☐ **Start the Application for your preferred program only.**
 - ☐ Request academic references from professors who are teaching or have taught you at HPU. Be sure to do so in a timely manner, and provide at least a couple weeks for them to write and submit your recommendation prior to the deadline. Recommendations are submitted in ViaTRM. When they agree to serve as a referee, enter their HPU email address in the Recommender Email Address line of your application.
 - ☐ Write your Personal Statements. Each should be at least 500 words and must describe the given topic.
 - ☐ If you receive financial aid, scholarships, grants, or loans for your studies at HPU, meet with your Financial Planning Counselor to discuss financing your studies abroad and have them complete your Financial Aid Clearance form.
 - ☐ Pay your application fee in person at the Office of Student Accounts.
 - ☐ List one or more alternate programs on the last page of the application (after you hit the NEXT button at the bottom of the application).
- ☐ **Submit your Application for Study Abroad.**
- ☐ **Complete Follow-Up Forms and Host University Materials.**
- ☐ **Attend Pre-Departure Orientation Workshop and Materials.**

Goal: Study Abroad!



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