



Study Abroad Worksheet

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Current Year/Status: _____

Advisor(s): _____

Email: _____

Where do I even start??

Benefits of Studying Abroad

Studying overseas is one of the most challenging, interesting - and yes! fun! experiences you can have as an undergraduate. Talk to anyone who has studied overseas and they will tell you about the stories they have about intercultural understanding, interesting differences, unique challenges and experiences utterly unlike anything they could have imagined in the US.

Where can I go?

Unlike other schools, Marlboro does not have a small list of programs students are eligible to go on. Marlboro students can go on any program provided it is accredited and approved by the Committee for World Studies if there are any safety concerns. This means you can choose all sorts of programs:

1. Programs run through an American University such as [Antioch](#), [Butler](#), or [Minnesota](#)
2. 3rd party providers such as [SIT Study Abroad](#), the [School for Field Studies](#), or [CISAbroad](#)
3. Marlboro also has their own exchanges in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, or China!
4. Or you could directly enroll at an overseas university of your choice.

How do I find a program?

You can begin with an overview search on a study abroad search engine. It's a good idea to follow this up by coming to talk to Maggie in Gander. Each program has its own strengths and weaknesses, and each option varies in terms of structure, support, and cost. We are here to help you find a best fit.

What will I need?

1. A passport that expires no less than six months after you plan to return to the US
2. A student visa for the host country you will visit
3. Vaccines, if necessary
4. Insurance

Questions to think about

1. Choice of Program

After researching programs, please indicate your top three choices. Please include **country**, **program** and **field of study**.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



2. Will your program require **language proficiency**? If yes, please indicate below:

- Yes, my program requires proficiency in _____ language.
 - My current proficiency level is: Beginner Intermediate Expert
 - I plan to ensure I have necessary proficiency before the beginning of the program by _____.
- No, my program does not require language proficiency.

3. Have you **discussed** study abroad with your **advisor**?

- Yes, my advisor is aware I'd like to study abroad and we have discussed how this will fit into my Plan.
- No, but I plan to discuss this with my advisor soon.

4. Have you **discussed** your plans to study abroad with a staff member at the **THC**?

- Yes, I've been to the THC and have started on any necessary vaccination series.
- No, but I plan to visit the THC and make an appointment to discuss this with staff soon.

5. Have you been on academic or guided probation in the past?

- Yes, I've been on probation _____ semester(s) [please include year].
- No, I have not.

6. If you're on Financial Aid, have you stopped by this office to speak about how your aid will transfer?

- Yes, I've already schedule a time to see Cathy Fuller.
- No, I have not but if I'm receiving Financial Aid, I plan to do this soon.

Timeline for Next Steps

- Begin researching your study abroad options in **Sept/Jan**. Set up a meeting with Maggie if you'd like assistance or have questions. Speak to your Advisor and/or Plan Sponsors.
- Submit your **Insurance form** and **Waiver form** to the **OIS office** in **Gander**:
 - by **Oct 15** for **Spring semester**
 - by **March 15** for **Fall semester**
- If receiving Financial Aid, visit the Financial Aid office with your Absentia form by **late Oct/late Feb**.
- Attend the pre-departure orientation in **early Nov/early March** in the World Studies Lounge (WSL).
- WSP STUDENTS ONLY**: Set up meeting to discuss proposal with faculty members and OIS Director.
- Visit the THC, submit paperwork and get necessary vaccinations by **early Nov/early March**.
- Complete the checklist you receive in pre-departure orientation and turn into the OIS by **Dec 1/April 1**.
- Submit the appropriate Absentia form at the Registrar's Office by **early Dec/early April**.

Questions? Please email Maggie Strassman, Director of International Services, at mstrassman@marlboro.edu