

PROVIDER INFORMATION

Where can students study abroad?

- Carnegie Mellon does not have a list of pre-approved Study Abroad programs; therefore, if relevant courses are offered, it is possible for our students to study anywhere and receive credit with department/college approval.

Who can study abroad?

- Any undergraduate with approval from their academic department can study abroad for a semester or a full academic year. All students, including first year students, may study abroad during the summer, winter break, or spring break. Graduate students may study abroad depending on the requirements of their degree. There may be curricular limitations on when students can study abroad. Students should discuss these details with their academic advisor(s).

There are two basic ways to pay for study abroad at Carnegie Mellon, and students should consult a Study Abroad Advisor about both options.

1. Many students pay directly to the overseas university or study abroad program. Federal and state aid dollars as well as all loans can be utilized. CMU institutional aid cannot be utilized. This is called an External Study Abroad Program for billing purposes (which includes Direct Enrollment Programs).
2. Some students may choose to pay through Carnegie Mellon via “Exchange” or “Sponsored” programs (again, these terms are billing designations) and use federal, state, **and** CMU institutional aid and awards.

How should students apply for programs?

- Students should submit their applications *directly* to the university or study abroad program. There is no preliminary study abroad application through Carnegie Mellon. Once a student is accepted to a study abroad program, they are required to attend a Pre-Departure Orientation which includes an overview of the administrative requirements and cross-cultural and practical tips related to study and travel abroad. Students also receive important electronic registration documents to complete.

What about credit transfer?

- There is no pre-approved list of courses. Students must obtain course descriptions and/or syllabi and gain approval from their academic advisor(s) or relevant faculty.
- Students will receive transfer credit for courses taken abroad that are approved by their academic department. Students must attain at least a “C” or above to receive credit. Math majors and Economics majors must earn a “B” or above to receive credit. Grades from abroad are not factored into a student’s QPA and do not appear on their Carnegie Mellon transcript.