Education Abroad Office

Study Abroad Information

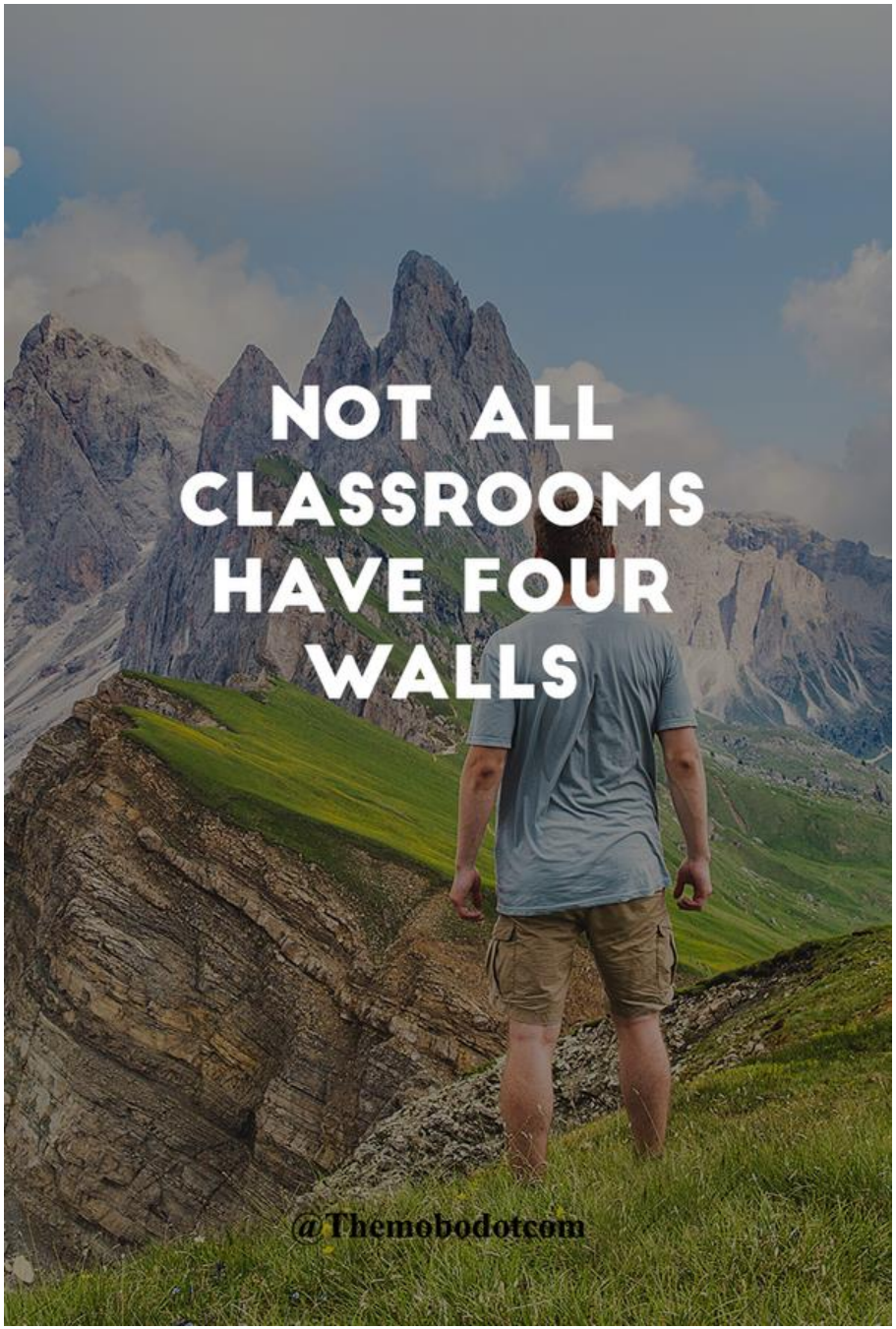
Benefits of Study Abroad

Besides being fun and exciting, study abroad is a unique life-changing experience that will help students grow in three important areas:

ACADEMICS

PERSONAL LIFE

PROFESSIONAL FUTURE



Academic Benefits

Experience a different learning environment

- New professors
- Students from diverse backgrounds
- New perspectives

Learn a new language

- Immersion in a culture where the language is spoken is one of the best ways to learn a new language

Using the world as the classroom

- traveling experience
- visiting cultural spots
- museums

Personal Benefits

There are many personal benefits to study abroad. Some of these benefits include:

- Increase your self-confidence
- Gain independence and maturity
- Grow your global network of friends
- Gain better appreciation of other cultures as well as your own
- Be prepared to face challenges in the future
- Learn to creatively solve problems
- Better understand your personal strengths and weaknesses

“Maturity is not measured by age. It’s an attitude built by experience”.

Professional Benefits

Resume enhancement

A study abroad experience on your resume will distinguish you from your peers. Through your experiences you will develop qualities employers value, such as:

- Willingness and readiness to adapt to new environments
- Ability to look at a project or situation from different perspectives
- Understanding of diverse cultures
- Self-confidence and an ability to take risks and show initiative

International experience

- The opportunity to learn from, and network with, people from across the world
- Experience operating in an international setting
- Exposure to global issues
- Cultural competency

Professional Benefits

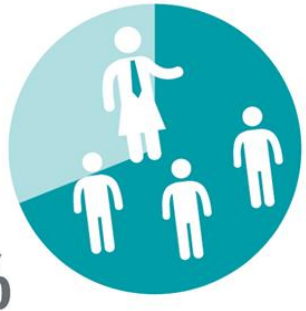
94%
put their study-abroad experience
ON THEIR RESUME

83%
believe the skills acquired abroad
helped their resume **STAND OUT**

75%
said their time studying abroad
influenced their **CAREER PATH**

85%
have used their study-abroad
experience as a talking point
DURING AN INTERVIEW

60%
of those currently employed
FOUND A JOB WITHIN
3 MONTHS after graduation



70%
of those currently employed
are in a position where they
MANAGE OTHERS

How it works

Fitting Study Abroad into your Academic Plan

- Students with just about any major can study abroad as long as they plan accordingly with their academic advisor.
- Some majors have more difficulty than others:
  Engineering; Education; Biology
- Typically students study abroad their sophomore or junior year.

Eligibility Requirements

- 2.5 GPA
  (3.0 is recommended)
- Be in good judicial standing
- Completed 30 credits
  (12 at Rowan)

Study Abroad Terms

- Semester
- Academic Year
- Summer
- J-term

How it works

- Affiliation Agreements with partner organizations/universities – these programs have been vetted and approved by RU based on academic, health and safety standards
- Student researches programs, then applies.
- Student is registered for “Semester Abroad” placeholder course at Rowan for 3-17 credits.
- Student is given a study abroad waiver for tuition & university fees
- Student pays the partner organization for any costs not covered by Financial Aid/loans/scholarships.
- Pre-Departure Program at Rowan
- Go abroad!

Our Organizations/Universities

Partner Organizations

Partner Universities

Financial Information

Partner Organization Cost

ISA | AIFS | Semester at Sea | SEA Semester | SACI

What's Included

- Housing
- Meals (depending on housing option)
- Tuition
- Excursions
- Resident Staff (24/7)
- Orientation
- Health Insurance
- Foreign Transcript

What's NOT

- Airfare
- Some meals (depending on housing option)

Personal Expenses

Books

Visa/Passport

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Rowan University

Financial Aid

Using Financial Aid

- Students can use their financial aid towards their programs. (Summer students must be enrolled in 6 credits, semester students must be enrolled in 12 credits)
- Students can use loans too!
- FA Office will help students with this process.

Not using Financial Aid?

- Pay the Partner Organization directly.

Scholarships

- **Each Partner Organization offers scholarships!**
- **Students are highly encouraged to apply**
- **Separate application with PO**
- **Merit/Need based**
- **Do not rely on scholarship to fund program**

While Abroad

Housing Abroad

- Homestay
  - Students will live with local families.

- Apartment
  - Centrally located throughout the city. Students will share these accommodations with other study abroad students.

- Dorm
  - Accommodations on campus

Safety Abroad

- Mandatory Pre-Departure Program for all students that reviews safety, living abroad, travel, budgeting etc.
- FB groups
- Upon arrival there is 24/7 on site Resident Staff Members
  - Countries on DOS warning list (level 3) are not permitted
  - Students must give staff their travel plans prior
- Rowan email
- Partner Organizations utlize DOS website for travel warnings
- Staff abroad is always in communication regarding the safety of the city in which students are studying

Credit Transfer

Each course is approved by the student's academic advisor as part of their Rowan Study Abroad application.

- All courses are Pass/Fail and will not affect students GPA
- Courses will NOT appear on Rowan's Transcript. ("Semester Abroad" will be indicated on the transcript)
- Student will receive a foreign transcript with the courses and grades earned. (this can be used for graduate applications etc.)

Where do students begin?

How to get started…

- Early planning is the KEY to success!
- Students must dedicate the prior semester to the application process and pre-departure meetings etc.
- All Fridays in October from 2-3pm are reserved for mandatory Pre-Departure Meetings. Student participation is required!

Application Deadlines

September 26th - Spring/January Term/Spring Break Applications

March 1st - Summer Applications

March 26th - Fall Applications

- ❑ Make an appointment with the Education Abroad Advisor.
- ❑ Make an appointment with the student's Academic Advisor.
- ❑ The Education Abroad Advisor will help narrow down program choices that best fit academic, personal and professional goals.
- ❑ Research program options given by the Education Abroad Advisor and choose a program.
- ❑ Meet with your Academic Advisor to obtain credit approval.
- ❑ Meet with the Financial Aid Office to review finances for program.
- ❑ Complete the **online** Rowan Study Abroad Application by the specified deadline.
- ❑ Apply to your partner organization/university & submit all necessary forms.

And next?

- Apply for passport
- Get a visa if required
- Pay for program (work with Financial Aid Office if using FA)
- Study Abroad!!

Generation Study Abroad

Generation Study Abroad is a five-year initiative of the Institute of International Education (IIE) to mobilize resources and commitments with the goal of doubling the number of U.S. students studying abroad by the end of the decade.

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