

# Thinking about studying abroad?

**Plan ahead and get started early!**

**If you plan to study abroad during spring term you should complete the following process by November 1st.**

**If you plan to study abroad during fall term you should complete the following process by April 1st.**

Students seeking to study abroad should contact Dick Weis in the International Programs office in Surdam Fine Arts Building for guidance and the appropriate forms needed to complete and successfully transfer your experience back to GMC for academic credit. [weisd@greenmtn.edu](mailto:weisd@greenmtn.edu), Telephone 802 287-8259.

**The first step** is to visit the International Programs office where they can help you:

1. fill out an International Programs fact sheet.
2. understand the research and approval process
3. understand the implications with regard to financial aid
4. understand the differences between:
  - U.S. University/college programs abroad
  - Foreign university programs for foreigners
  - and For-profit-programs

**The second step** after that initial meeting is to research possible programs.

Check carefully:

accreditation, cost, the program calendar, and the way the program might support your own plan of study and your personal interests.

**The third step:** Once this process is completed you should schedule discussions about possible programs with your academic advisor and the International Programs director.

**When you have selected a program you should:**

1. **See financial aid** (this is crucial for most students and should be done before any final steps are taken).
2. **Complete the Study Abroad Form** (*only after the program has been selected*).

The Study Abroad Form informs the academic advisor, the registrar, residence life, financial aid, the business office, the provost, and the Director of International Programs. The Director of International Programs and the student should have a copy of this document while the student is studying abroad.