

Everything you need to know about Study Abroad when Advising Students

Why should students study abroad?

- The Academics: courses in any major, perspectives, ALEs, electives, classes that aren't offered at Berea
- The Culture: intercultural competency, languages, a global perspective
- The Resume: confidence, experience, critical thinking and problem solving skills that will make students more competitive for graduate schools and professional positions

When should they go?

- It will depend how it will fit in with Berea coursework/major.
- The earliest students can go is after their first two semesters at Berea... the latest is their next-to-last semester.
- It is best to go after studying the language of the country. If offered at Berea, we recommend coursework here before departure. If not, language classes during the study abroad experience are encouraged, in addition to using the Library's free MANGO language-learning software beforehand.

What options are available to students?

- Summer:
 - Berea International Summer Term (BIST) BC faculty-led programs worth 1 BC credit
 - Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS) Kentucky (sometimes Berea) faculty-led programs. Students need to take 2 courses/6 credit hours to get 1.5 BC credits transferred back. All courses need to be needed for graduation (even if electives) so that student is Federal loan-eligible
 - Summer Sloane Shelton for Arts & Humanities
- Semester:
 - Tuition Exchanges with schools in Japan, South Korea, Ireland, Greece (summer option available as well), Malaysia, Thailand: <https://www.berea.edu/cie/exchange-programs/>
 - Outside Providers
- Graduate fellowships:
 - Watson, NUI Galway, Fulbright, Marshall, Rhodes: <https://www.berea.edu/cie/postgraduate-scholarships-fellowships/>

How do they go about the process? Apply!

- Deadlines come up sooner than you would think...
 - For Spring/Winter and graduate opportunities: September 15
 - For Summer BIST: October 21
 - For Summer KIIS and Sloane Shelton Arts & Humanities: December 1
 - For Fall Semester and any *other* summer experience abroad (classes, internships, research, volunteer): February 15
- Applications take a couple of weeks and include (among other things):
 - getting faculty recommendations and
 - curriculum plans approved (semester only)
- Orientations, procedures/forms (passports, transfer of credit, payment, scholarships & loans) are all coordinated through the CIE

There's a generous Berea Scholarship available to every student who gets approved to study abroad

- Berea grants anywhere between \$500-\$10,000 for a term abroad (adjusted by time and major)
- Plus Pell monies can go toward study abroad, low- and no-interest loans; sometimes KEES comes into play
- And there's support to help students win outside scholarships; providers often offer discounts, free airfare and scholarships, and national prizes like the Gilman, Freeman-ASIA, FEA can top \$5K

How can the CIE help you and your students?

Partnering with Us

- Classroom visits available
- One-on-one study abroad advising (with peer advisors or Education Abroad Advisor)
- Events:
 - *Think Globally—It's Friday! (TGIF)* lunch series on Fridays at noon
 - *Mundo Monthly* dinner events
 - Application Workshops during peer advising hours

CIE Online Resources: Quick links from our webpage: <https://www.berea.edu/cie>

- Steps to Studying Abroad: <https://www.berea.edu/cie/steps/>
- Study Abroad Programs: <https://www.berea.edu/cie/programs/>
- Study Abroad Applications: <https://bera.abroadoffice.net/welcome.html>
- Study Abroad Deadlines: <https://www.berea.edu/cie/deadlines/>
- Search engines for study abroad:
 - By country (only) <https://bera.abroadoffice.net/welcome.html>
 - By major/country/term: www.studyabroad.com

Who's Who at the Center for International Education (CIE)

- Richard Cahill, Director of International Education & History Professor
 - Can talk to you about teaching abroad, faculty development internationally and international programming
- Shai "Kye" Anderson, International Student & Scholar Advisor
 - Can be involved in any and all advising decisions for F-1 International Students
- Jenna Zimmerman, Administrative Assistant
 - Works magic to make things happen
- Ann Butwell, Education Abroad Advisor, Gilman Advisor, Fulbright FPA for Students, Watson Liaison
 - Main point of contact for study abroad students (contact information below)
 - Can talk to students about any aspect of study abroad
 - Can help prepare students for graduate fellowships like the Fulbright, the Watson, Marshall, Rhodes

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