Study Abroad 101

The purpose of this presentation is to provide important information about study abroad policies and the application process. The content primarily focuses on semester study abroad, and topics include the types of programs offered, finances, academics, eligibility criteria, acceptance decisions, application deadlines and more.

Students can refer to this PowerPoint when completing the required quiz for the semester abroad application.
Types of Programs

**Partner Programs**
- Study alongside local & international students
- Significantly different teaching and assessment methods compared to Bentley (e.g., larger lectures, assigned but ungraded HW, or heavily weighted exams)
- Highest level of academic & cultural immersion
- Require a great deal of self-sufficiency & independence
- Support networks reflect the cultural values & style of local culture

**Affiliate Programs**
- Administered by highly respected study abroad organizations approved by Bentley
- Enroll in courses that typically follow an American model of teaching & assessment (except for courses taught at host universities)
- You may have the option to take some or all courses at host universities with local students
Check out the full list of programs online.

The program type is found next to “Program Category” on each brochure page.
Tuition & Fees

• Pay Bentley University tuition for your semester abroad
• Your financial aid applies to one semester abroad
• Housing costs vary by program; most housing is billed by the study abroad program or university directly
• Pay an international education fee (administrative fee) of $500
• A “Budget Sheet” can be found on each program’s webpage and contains estimates on tuition, room & board, international health insurance, and other extra costs
• Personal expenses may include travel, books, visa, etc. and vary widely by program and by person

Check out IFSA Pune! One of the most affordable programs
Financial Aid & Scholarships

Students may apply federal, state, local & Bentley aid to a semester abroad. Keep in mind that Bentley aid is guaranteed for 1 semester only.

**Gilman Scholarship**
- Must be a Pell Recipient
- Up to $5,000 for 1 semester
- Deadlines: October & March

**FEA Scholarship**
- Up to $5,000 for 1 semester
- Deadlines: September & January

**Freeman Asia**
- Up to $5,000 for 1 semester
- Deadline: March

**Babbitt Scholarship**
- $2,000 for 1 semester
- Deadline: February

**Study Abroad Ambassador**
- Waive $500 International Education Fee
- Deadlines: November & June

**Many more online!**
- Check our website and do some research on your own.
- Attend a Financial Planning info session to learn more.
Academics

Quick Tips:

- **Save electives for your semester abroad.** This allows for more flexibility when selecting courses abroad.

- **You can take major courses abroad,** but we can’t guarantee they’ll be available. Save major electives for this as well.

- Check out [full academic policies](#) online.
Course Approval Process

All course syllabi must be reviewed by Bentley faculty to determine eligibility for credit. In order to get a course reviewed, you must send the syllabus to your study abroad advisor.

Credits

Students studying abroad in Bentley approved semester programs earn Bentley credits and Bentley grades for all approved courses. If the host program utilizes a different grading system, grades will be translated to the A-F system according to Bentley's equivalency scale.

Grades

Study abroad grades are NOT pass or fail. The Bentley transcript will show the term abroad with all approved course titles, Bentley credits, and Bentley grades in the A-F system. Study abroad grades are not factored into your cumulative Bentley GPA.
Previously Approved Courses
Find them online on each program’s brochure.

University of Glasgow campus tour!

School of Business

XX – 4100 = business elective
XX – 4900 = arts & science elective
Academic Planning
Planning ahead helps to ensure that your semester abroad fits in seamlessly with your graduation requirements.

Declare your major
This is a requirement before submitting your study abroad application. You can do this online.

Check your Degree Works audit
If there is something that you are unsure about, email your academic advisor or study abroad advisor.

Research the academics
Search for the best academic fit for your interests and major. Consider how the courses fit in with your degree requirements.

Complete a Plan of Study
If accepted to study abroad, you will work with both academic and study abroad advisors to plan your remaining degree requirements.
Plan of Study Requirement
Undergraduate Academic Services and the Office of International Education will provide you with information, materials, and support to develop your official Plan of Study.

Include study abroad courses in your plan
Accepted study abroad students will receive information about creating your plan in the spring term.

Academic Advisors will review and approve your plan
Attend a Plan of Study session in the spring term to talk with Academic Advisors and Study Abroad Advisors at the same time.

Attend an Academic Planning for Study Abroad info session
You should become familiar with Degree Works. Attend one of these sessions to ask academic related questions.
Eligibility Criteria

• **GPA Requirement**
  • A GPA of 3.0 or higher is strongly recommended for all programs. Many of our partner institutions require a minimum 3.0 GPA for acceptance.
  • Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 should meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss program options before applying.
  • A GPA of 2.5 is the minimum for consideration.

• **Declared major before applying for semester study abroad**

• **Must be in good academic & judicial standing**

• **Completed and passed one of the following prerequisite courses**
  • GLS 101, 102, 110, 114, 116 OR any Modern Language course
  • AP or transfer credit for any of the courses listed above is acceptable to fulfill the prerequisite.
Acceptance Decisions

Here is what we consider:

Did you meet the requirements?

Check the eligibility criteria slide and any additional program specific requirements.

Are your essays high quality?

Be sure to explain your personal, academic, and professional goals and how they relate to your program choice.
Does your 1st choice have limited spots?

Your 1st choice program is NOT guaranteed. You can only submit ONE application per term which must include your 2nd and 3rd choice programs. Carefully consider each program you list in your application.

Is there balance between fall and spring?

For some programs, we must consider the number of outgoing students per semester.
Acceptance Decisions

Keep in mind what we do NOT consider when reviewing applications:

- Attending the same program/location as your friends
- Personal travel plans or desires outside of host country

We make our best effort to accept students’ first choice program and semester, but this is not always possible. It’s important to be open to other programs and to consider your goals for study abroad independently from those of your friends and your plans to travel outside of your host location.
Bentley Housing
Before/After Study Abroad

Fall Study Abroad Students
• Placed in open individual spaces in on-campus housing in the spring term
• The Residential Center cannot guarantee that students will live with their friends upon their return to Bentley

Spring Study Abroad Students
• Select housing and roommates for the fall term through the normal housing process

Bentley University Housing Process

Ask The Residential Center your Bentley housing questions
Dates and Deadlines
for Fall 2023, Summer 2023, and Spring 2024

Applications Open: Friday, September 30, 2022
$50 App Fee Waiver Deadline: Wednesday, January 4, 2023
Final Application Deadline: Wednesday, February 1, 2023
Decision Announcement: Wednesday, February 22, 2023
Commitment Deadline & Deposits Due: Friday, March 3, 2023

Faculty-led International Course deadlines and information are online.
Next Steps

Get answers to your follow-up questions
- Check out our website.
- Attend drop-in hours on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2–3:20 pm for quick, general questions.
- Speak with an Intern or Peer Advisor.
- Attend an info session.
- Schedule a meeting with an advisor.

Discuss your options and plan with your family
- Share this presentation.
- Share the family resources link.

Start an application in BentleyAbroad
- All students are required to take the Study Abroad 101 Quiz in the semester application
- Use this presentation as a reference when completing the quiz
Thank You

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Good luck with your application!

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