



How to Advise Students for Study Abroad



1. **Encourage students to study abroad.** Reasons include: learning about their majors and minors from another cultural perspective, development of intercultural skills, foreign-language acquisition, internships and service learning, career opportunities, resume building, problem-solving skills, challenge, adventure.
2. **Help your advisees get started in choosing where and when to study abroad.**
 - **Study Abroad web pages are the place to begin:** If your advisees don't know how to begin the study abroad process, invite them to visit **and even do so with them** Rider's study abroad web pages. Go to the QUICKLINK for "study abroad" or www.rider.edu/studyabroad. These pages provide information about how to choose a program, Rider's program options, financial aid, and scholarships, qualifying and applying for study abroad, and international opportunities at Rider and after graduation.
 - **Study Abroad Information Sessions, Fairs and GO ABROAD THURSDAYS:** The Center for International Education holds information sessions early each semester, fairs with providers each semester and weekly GO ABROAD THURSDAYS (11:30am - 1:00pm) in the CIE (Luedeke 124)
 - **Appointments with CIE staff:** Students can also call 7717 or email cie@rider.edu to make an appointment with a staff member to discuss study abroad. We recommend however that they do some research and attend an information session or GO ABROAD THURSDAY before they come in for an individual appointment.
 - **HELP THEM TO PLAN EARLY (AS FRESHMEN IF POSSIBLE) AND SAVE ELECTIVE AND CORE CREDITS:** This is critical. While students may want to do courses in their major abroad, they can vastly expand their study abroad options (e. g. for many programs in countries where English is not spoken) by saving elective and core courses for study abroad.
3. **Qualifications.** Applicants must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and satisfactory financial and disciplinary standing with the University. Some providers have a higher GPA minimum.
4. **Application and Deadlines.** Online Application or hardcopy from CIE. \$50.00 non-refundable application check or money order made out to "Rider University." Administrative fee of \$100 beginning fall 2010 for spring 2011 or accepted students. Deadlines: October 1 for spring; March 1 for summer and fall.
5. **Program Financials. See our web pages for details.**
 - Students pay Rider tuition for all Rider programs. If their program includes housing, students also pay the current Rider housing fee.
 - Rider financial aid applies to all Rider programs, and is adjusted as necessary and possible depending upon program costs. Rider financial aid does NOT apply for NON-Rider programs in countries where we have our own programs.
 - Many programs cost no more than, and sometimes less than, Rider tuition, room and board.
 - Some Rider programs offer discounts; see attached information
 - Scholarships and grants are available from numerous sources—see our web pages.
 - Students need to earn at least 12 credits during a semester abroad to retain their financial aid.
6. **Transfer Credits.** Study abroad credits transfer as PASS/FAIL, however students must obtain a C grade or better to receive credit. Transcripts indicate location/program/courses taken. Students are encouraged to seek Rider course equivalencies. Signatures required on CIE form are as follows:
 - Academic Advisor(s): for major or minor course equivalencies
 - Department Chair: for course equivalencies in other departments
 - Academic Dean: for core course equivalencies and substitutions

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Length of programs: yearlong, semester, and summer (usually 4-6 weeks for 6-9 credits)

Types of Programs: study, service learning and volunteering, internships, and independent research

Rider University Exchange Programs (Students from these institutions study at Rider as well.)

- Alcalá University – Alcalá (Madrid), Spain (Hispanic Studies, Heritage Program, Global and Area Studies, Business, English and American Studies); requires intermediate Spanish. Courses in English and American Studies IN English (maximum of 2 may be taken)
- American Business School-Paris, France (Business, French and liberal arts)
- CEFAM Business School-Lyon, France
- Karl-Franzens University-Graz, Austria (German, English-language business, liberal arts, sciences and other disciplines)
- KUG (University of Music and Dramatic Arts)-Graz, Austria (German, Voice and Piano)
- Nebrija University-Madrid, Spain (Hispanic Studies, International Business)
- Universidad San Francisco de Quito-Ecuador (science programs in English in the Galapagos & in Mountain Studies program, and Spanish/liberal arts program)
- **PROGRAM STIPEND:** These programs feature a STIPEND, a discount usually of \$2,000-2,500 off of the regular Rider tuition fee depending upon exchange and tuition rates.

Direct Enrollment Partner Programs (for up-to-date listing see the Study Abroad WebPages):

- University of the Sunshine Coast, Australia. This program offers a **10% tuition reduction** (off of the Australian tuition fee), which is deducted from the following semester's tuition bill.

Other Rider programs can be found on the Study Abroad web pages in ASIA, AFRICA, THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE & OCEANIA.

For programs in countries where Rider does not have programs (and in the summer, when financial aid restrictions do not apply), students should visit the study abroad databases at iepassport.org or studyabroad.com for program options.

What You Can Do To Help Us Help Your Students

Please help us help your students gain indispensable knowledge and skills abroad to help them succeed in our global economy and multi-cultural society by doing the following:

- Let us help you create a **custom-designed study abroad brochure** for your majors and minors and highlighting programs that include courses in your majors and minors.
- Discuss study abroad during **course registration every semester** using this advising guide and the study abroad web pages.
- Help your advisees **build study abroad into their four-year program** by mapping out when and where and what they will study abroad early on, preferably in their freshman year.
- **Visit the study abroad web page** yourself for study abroad information and updates.
- **Talk to your students about your travels**, study and research experiences abroad.
- **Know and counteract the 3 “F”s:**
 - **FEAR.** Emphasize Rider and Provider support systems. For our exchanges, we even have our own local advisors on location to assist them. Tell students that courses are PASS/FAIL and that a “C” is a PASS to help alleviate fear that courses abroad may be more difficult.
 - **FAMILY.** Emphasize that the CIE will be happy to talk to parents who are reticent to let their children study abroad.
 - **FINANCIALS.** Emphasize that the CIE can find them an affordable program as long as they are flexible in their destination and plan ahead.
- Encourage students to attend the CIE information sessions each semester, study abroad fairs and our **GO ABROAD THURSDAYS** weekly sessions 11:30 – 1:00 in the CIE, Luedeke 124.
- Remember that the key to helping students study abroad is for them to **PLAN EARLY** and **SAVE ELECTIVE AND CORE COURSE CREDITS!**