

# A PARENT'S GUIDE TO STUDY ABROAD



ST. EDWARD'S  
UNIVERSITY

Office of International Education

# INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AT ST. EDWARD'S

At St. Edward's, we're committed to serving a culturally diverse student body and preparing every student for the challenges of our complex world. The Office of International Education is here to help broaden your student's global perspective. International learning is a vital component of the St. Edward's educational experience and our Holy Cross roots.

## BENEFITS OF STUDY ABROAD

### Personal Growth

Students who study abroad return with a new perspective on their culture and their role in the world. They gain confidence knowing they can navigate an unfamiliar country, even one where they don't know the language. Additionally, they will make lifelong friends from around the world.

### Academic Enrichment

Firsthand experience complements what students learn in the classroom — visiting historical sites, witnessing international business practices and practicing a foreign language surrounded by native speakers. Based on their time abroad, some students choose a new academic direction they might not have considered before. Some are inspired to pursue graduate school, in the United States or abroad.

### Professional Edge

Employers value work and study abroad experience because it demonstrates that students can interact across cultures, an important skill in our increasingly interconnected world. Time spent abroad can expose students to new career paths, build their professional networks and provide insight into their dream jobs.



## STUDY ABROAD: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

### Will It Delay My Student's Graduation?

Many students study abroad and graduate on time. Planning early is key! This will help ensure your student's study abroad coursework is relevant and transfers back to St. Edward's.

### How Much Will It Cost?

Cost depends on the type of program, its location and duration. To maximize your student's financial aid package, plan ahead and remain flexible as to location as well as timing. Students may also apply for study abroad scholarships, such as the Gilman Scholarship and the NSEP.

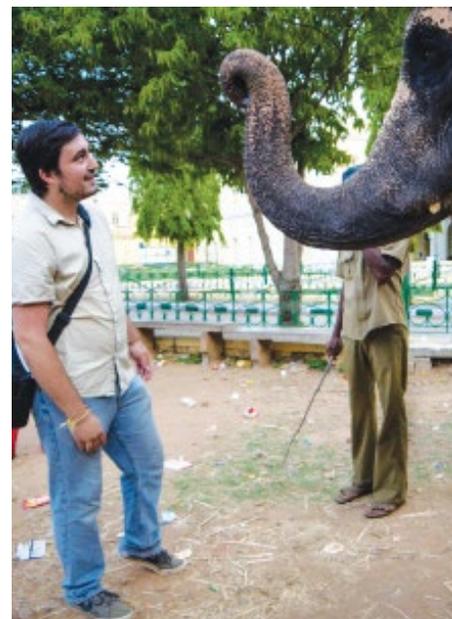
### Requirements

Eligible study abroad students:

- Must not be on academic probation or disciplinary probation.
- Must have a 2.75 cumulative GPA or higher and meet the academic requirements of the specific program for which they intend to apply.

### Safety and Security

At St. Edward's, we have a very careful and considered approach to student safety abroad that includes monitoring the security situation in the countries where our students study. In addition, we discuss issues of personal safety with students throughout the study abroad preparation process. Upon arrival in their host country, students receive local safety information and tips for remaining safe while living and traveling abroad.



*"I am learning to balance my appreciation of home as well as my curiosity and desire to see more of the world. It's a sobering experience to live in an unfamiliar world, but I am appreciative of the opportunity to explore a culture that I have felt a strong pull towards for many years."*

— Matt Nunez '16, Global Studies

*"Matt's worldview has expanded with an increased appreciation for cultural differences. One of the benefits of study abroad is exposure to the reality of living in a different country. It's one thing to visit for a few weeks but something entirely different to live as a resident."*

— Kristen Nunez, parent of  
Matt Nunez '16

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[think.stedwards.edu/internationaleducation](http://think.stedwards.edu/internationaleducation)



## STAYING INVOLVED

- Talk with your student about his or her study abroad goals
- Encourage your student to meet with a study abroad advisor in the Office of International Education (OIE).
- Consult the Office of Student Financial Services
- Review materials provided by the OIE
- Keep in touch with the OIE if you have any questions

## TYPES OF PROGRAMS AVAILABLE THROUGH ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY

St. Edward's is formally affiliated with, or directly sponsors, many study abroad programs. Those programs that are approved through the Office of International Education may allow transfer of credit to a St. Edward's degree. Regardless of the type of program, all students apply through our office and remain registered at St. Edward's during their study abroad experience.

Students can choose among several ways to study abroad. We can help students select from the following options:

### SEMESTER-LONG EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

**Argentina:** Universidad Argentina de la Empresa, Buenos Aires

**Australia:** University of Notre Dame, New South Wales

**Chile:** Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, Valparaíso; Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Viña del Mar

**France:** Université Catholique de l'Ouest, Angers; L'Institut Supérieur de Gestion, Paris

**Germany:** Fachhochschule Koblenz, Koblenz; Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Bavaria

**Italy:** Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan

**Japan:** Asia Pacific University, Beppu

**South Korea:** Catholic University of Korea, Seoul

**Scotland:** Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh

**Spain:** Universitat Jaume I, Castello; Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid

**Switzerland:** Franklin University Switzerland

**Taiwan:** Fu Jen Catholic University

### International Student

**Exchange Program:** Numerous Sites through International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP)

### FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

Chile

China

France

Italy

Japan

Panama

Spain

Thailand

United Kingdom



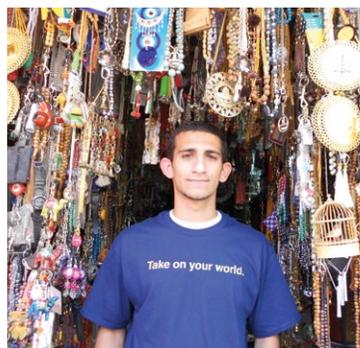
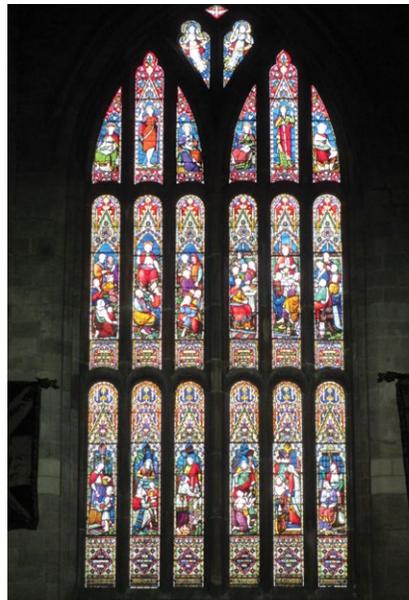
### APPROVED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS through Other Universities and Educational Agencies

We work with an approved list of companies and organizations that offer study abroad options in more than 90 countries. They help students enroll in classes in the host country, arrange housing and provide other student support services on-site.

### DIRECT ENROLLMENT

Direct enrollment in a university abroad may be possible provided the university meets accreditation requirements and the student has supporting documentation needed by the Office of International Education and the Office of the Registrar.

This option is best suited for students who already have experience in the host country or have family that currently resides in the city of study.



While studying abroad, your student might live with a host family. Hear from students at St. Edward's about what it's like.

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