Expand your global awareness and intellectual curiosity through a range of study abroad programs. You can earn college credit, live, study, and travel with a group of students, while experiencing other cultures through planned field trips and other learning activities.
Explore...  
A good starting point in exploring a study abroad opportunity is to ask yourself a few questions.

- Why should I study abroad?
- What study abroad program best aligns with my values?
- Where would I like to study?
- How will studying abroad benefit me in my job search?

Although international travel can be a daunting experience, do not let these common study abroad myths hold you back.

**Myth #1: I only speak English, so I can’t study abroad.**
There are many study abroad programs that do not require knowledge of a foreign language because instruction is in English.

**Myth #2: I will not be able to graduate on time if I enroll in study abroad.**
You can typically earn college credits while studying abroad, fulfilling general education and major requirements.

**Myth #3: You have to be a junior to study abroad.**
Although a third of students who study abroad are juniors, the remaining are typically studying abroad anywhere from two weeks to a full semester.

**Myth #4: There are only a few scholarships available for study abroad.**
There are numerous study abroad scholarships (e.g., Gilman and Fulbright) available for merit and financial need. Ask the study abroad advisor for a listing of institutional and external scholarships.

**Myth #5: Future employers do not value study abroad.**
More employers are increasingly seeking workers with cross-cultural competency and the ability to plan logically and think critically – a study abroad program is one of the best ways to acquire these marketable skills.

**International Transient Study**
If you want to participate in a study abroad program that is sponsored by another University System of Georgia institution or by a third-party provider (e.g., American Institute For Foreign Study), then contact the Study Abroad Advisor at Coastal Georgia (globalmariners@ccga.edu) to discuss your plans and the study abroad program you want to participate in and the courses you would like to take.

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**Emily Brown**
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“Studying in Greece for a semester as part of an international exchange program has been an enriching, wonderful and beautiful learning experience. I was able to study in the place where learning began. From my time studying in Greece, I have gained friends from all around the world. The experience gave me a recognition of Greece’s past and present culture. Spending my time going to museums and exploring ruins such as the Acropolis, has transported me to Ancient Greece. I will remember my Grecian experience fondly.”
**Prepare...**

- Meet with your academic advisor to discuss and select study abroad courses that will transfer back into your program of study.
- Complete and submit a study abroad transfer credit form.
- Meet with the Director of Career & Academic Advising to discuss potential career paths or how to begin thinking about careers in relation to your international travel.
- Obtain a passport and ensure it will be valid for at least six months beyond the expected stay abroad.
- Determine if you need to obtain a visa in order to study for a summer, semester, or year.

**Apply...**

- Choose your study abroad program.
- Mark upcoming deadlines and important dates.
- Start your study abroad application.
- Review your application with the Study Abroad Advisor before submitting it.
- Submit your application and any supporting documentation by the posted deadlines.
- Determine if a deposit is required and when program cost payments need to be made.
- Complete all travel requirements, including visa and vaccinations, if needed.
- Attend a pre-departure orientation session to prepare to go overseas.

**Fund...**

- If you qualify for Federal Student Aid (FSA), you are eligible to use funding when enrolled in a study abroad program.
- If you have Pell Grant eligibility, it will be awarded based on the amount remaining and number of study abroad credit hours in which you are enrolled.
- If you have a HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship, it will only pay the standard tuition rate per credit hour enrolled in a study abroad program.
- You can apply for the Gilman Scholarship that offers grants for students of limited financial means to study abroad who are receiving Pell Grant funding.
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"My study abroad trip to Ireland was completely beyond my comfort zone as I had neither been on a plane before nor traveled outside the United States. Overall, the experience was an amazing learning opportunity. The classes and instructors were engaging and lively, epitomizing living and learning in Ireland. I met a lot of people from different cultures who held different worldviews, values, and beliefs that gave me a greater appreciation for diversity and helped me grow as an individual and global citizen. I would recommend studying abroad to anyone and everyone!"

Questions for your study abroad advisor
• How can I get the most from my experience?
• What funding is available to support my study abroad?
• How can I reach someone if I run into an issue abroad?
• How long will I study abroad?
• What are the admission requirements?

Questions for your academic advisor
• What requirements do I need to complete to graduate on time?
• Which study abroad program is a good fit for me and my major?
• How much flexibility do I have in selecting courses?
• What can I do during my study abroad program to make me more marketable on my resume?