SYA & College Admissions
GIVING STUDENTS EXPERIENCES THAT HELP THEM EXCEL

THE SYA ADVANTAGE

SYA students find their voices overseas. This self-assurance helps them identify the colleges and universities that will best advance their future goals. In presenting themselves to colleges, SYA students have the advantage of a distinctive story to tell. An SYA capstone project or personal discovery often becomes the focus of a college essay. Among college admissions officers, SYA students are widely known to demonstrate maturity, independence, creativity and critical thinking skills.

“The SYA program really was essential to my college process. I probably would not be at NYU if it weren’t for the experience that I had abroad. Thanks to SYA, I applied to the top institutions that held an international/global philosophy program and was lucky enough to be accepted to nearly all of them.”

– August, New York University Class of 2024, SYA Italy Semester 2019

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE FROM ABROAD

Students stay engaged in the college process in a variety of ways while they are abroad. During their time at SYA, students have the ability to:

• Take standardized tests (PSATs, SATs and AP tests).
• Complete and submit college applications.
• Take online SAT prep courses.
• Meet regularly with the SYA College Counseling Liaison to discuss post-graduation goals and expectations for college applications.
• Work with the SYA College Counseling Liaison to draft their college essays.
• Connect with their college counselor from their sending school to ensure that they will be on track with their peers.

79% of alumni agree that SYA strengthened their college/university application.

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COLLEGE MATRICULATION

SYA alumni have enrolled in undergraduate programs at the following schools from 2017-2021:

**Ten or more SYA alumni:**
- Brown University
- Cornell University
- George Washington
- Georgetown University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Tufts University
- University of California
- University of Chicago
- U. of Southern California
- University of St. Andrew’s

**Five or more SYA alumni:**
- American University
- Barnard College
- Boston University
- Bowdoin College
- Claremont McKenna College
- College of William & Mary
- Colorado College
- Columbia University
- Emory University
- Harvard University
- Macalester College
- McGill University
- Middlebury College
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- Tulane University
- U. of Colorado
- U. of North Carolina
- U. of Pennsylvania
- University of Texas
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University

“WE’RE REALLY EXCITED WHEN WE SEE STUDY ABROAD ON AN APPLICATION. IT IMMEDIATELY GIVES US A SENSE THAT THE STUDENT IS AWARE OF A LARGER WORLD AND A LARGER WORLD PERSPECTIVE.”

– LOGAN POWELL, DEAN OF ADMISSIONS, BROWN UNIVERSITY

“HE CAME BACK MUCH STRONGER AND MUCH MORE CAPABLE OF GOING THROUGH THE COLLEGE PROCESS BECAUSE HE HAD GREATER DEFINITION OF HIS INTERESTS AND HIS SKILLS.”

– PARENT OF PETER S., PRINCETON UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 2021, SYA ITALY 2016

Listen to what college deans have to say about the advantage of studying abroad in high school. Watch the video and learn more at sya.org/college.