

Semester or Year Long Study Abroad

Are you interested in studying abroad for a semester or a year while in high school?

Next steps:

- Parents and students should take time together to talk about plans, review materials and discuss options!
- Set a meeting with Mrs. Greenleaf (greenlm@gowcs.net) to go over courses.
- Determine when you will study abroad based on the conversation with the counselor (junior or senior year only for during the school year)
- Contact Greenheart or another company of your choice. (ayates@greenheart.org) and <https://greenhearttravel.org/>
 - WHS has worked with Greenheart in the past and are familiar with them, but if you want to work with another company, you can. See Mrs. O'Rourke to talk about it. (Orourkm@goecs.net)
 - Decide on a country and length of program.
 - Begin application process
- Apply for the Pfiefler foundation scholarship if you are studying during the semester or year. Found in this packet. Turn in to Mrs. O'Rourke and have a parent meeting with Mrs. O'Rourke
- Complete study program application and work with Greenheart, counselors, and Mrs. O'Rourke to finalize your program

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

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10th	English 10 A English 10B	World A World B	Alg 1A Alg 1B Or Alg 2A Alg 2B	Life on Earth A & B		Options: Gym .5 Health .5 VPAA .5 VPAA .5	
11th	English 11 A English 11B	Civics Economics	Alg 2A Alg 2B Or Pre Calc A&B AP Stats A&B	Chemistry of Earth A & B		Options: Gym .5 Health .5 VPAA .5 VPAA .5	
12th	Abroad (English 12 A MVU) English 12 B	Abroad (Elective) Elective	Abroad (Elective) Senior Math	Abroad (Elective) Elective	Abroad (Elective) Elective	Abroad (Elective) Elective	

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STUDYING ABROAD- notes from Mrs. Greenleaf to consider

Things to consider:

Is your child:

Outgoing?

Open to new experiences?

Independent?

Mature?

Been away from home/family before?

Pros:

International Experience early

Meet new people

Adaptable lifestyle

Familiar Support Network

Independence

Cost (scholarship)

Boost College Application

Appreciate life at home

Cons:

Miss school events

Leave Friends

Different lifestyle

New Support Network

Hard to come back

Cost (extra)

Curriculum will be different

Homesick

Parents:

It is scary to let your child go far, far, away.

Research the destination.

Help your child choose destination.

What if:

My child doesn't like their host family?

My child is homesick?

My child doesn't like school?

My child gets sick?

My child needs money?

Will my child be safe? Common Sense.

What if there is an emergency? Greenheart has a process.

Can parents visit?

Advice

Contact Host Family. Share information. Communicate often but not too often.

Breathe.

Counselor Information:

Planning for student's trip: Scheduling (charts), return, transcript, credits.

Graduation still on track.

Classes to take abroad.

MVU class through Williamston required. Usually English (12A)

Sports participation- depends on departure and return dates.

Semester and Academic Year Study Abroad Application

If you are interested in going on a study abroad exchange for a semester or more, please fill out the following form and attach your completed essays. The funding for these scholarships will be given on based on your essays and available *funding at the time of your application*. The Pfeifle Foundation Study Abroad Grant could cover most of your program fee expenses up to \$12,000, with your family paying at least \$1,000. We estimate there will be about five (5) scholarships given for the school year and these scholarships are only available to those students studying for a semester or full academic school year during their Junior or Senior years.

Full Name:

Grade Level (Circle one): 9 10 11 12

Essays: Please type your answers to the following questions and attach them to your application with a paper clip. Each essay should be at least 2 paragraphs.

1. Which country do you want to study in and why?
2. Mr. Pfeifle has created this memorial fund to promote exchange and increase global awareness. How will you use your experience in the exchange trip to benefit the Williamston community and WHS? How will this study abroad help you meet your personal and academic goals?
3. *Only for students not working with Greenheart Travel:* Which exchange program are you hoping to go through and what have you done to prepare?

Graduation Planning: Please review your academic plan with your counselor to confirm you will be meeting all of your graduation requirements. If you are in the MSA, you may also be required to complete an additional project or academic piece while you are abroad. Please have both sign off below before the Pfeifle foundation can distribute funding. Please attach your scheduling plan.

_____ has met with me and we have gone through the academic requirements the student will need to meet while they are abroad and have an academic plan.

Signature of Counselor

Date

Signature of MSA Head

Date

Or I am not in the MSA

Parental Consent: I have reviewed my son/daughter's application to the Study Abroad Program. I am aware of their interest and support their exchange trip to another country to live and study during the next school year. The student agrees to meet all academic requirements agreed upon during the study abroad and will also submit all academic paperwork, and transcript to the counselor within one month upon of return.

Signature of student

Date

Printed name of parent/guardian

Signature of parent/guardian

Date