

Study Abroad @ Neumann

FAQ

Why should I study abroad?

- To forge international friendships with people whose experiences are distinctly different from yours
- To gain a broader perspective about culture, commerce, government, education and geography
- To improve your foreign language skills
- To expand your cross-cultural communication and problem-solving skills
- To experience unique and exotic sights, sounds, tastes and smells
- To prepare yourself for a life of engagement as an effective global & local citizen
- To demonstrate initiative and risk-taking
- Because employers value the critical professional skills you learn abroad, such as resilience, open-mindedness, humility, maturity, self-confidence and independence.

Do I have to be fluent in a foreign language to study abroad?

No. The language of instruction at most programs is English.

When should I study abroad?

The best time to study abroad for a semester is during your sophomore or junior year. Summer programs are also an option.

Can I afford to study abroad?

YES! Some semester abroad programs cost less than a semester at Neumann and include room and board... plus your aid and scholarships still apply. Early planning for study abroad helps you prepare your finances through scholarships, savings and student loans.

Can study abroad fulfill some of my degree requirements?

Yes, study abroad programs offer many exciting courses that fulfill Neumann core course requirements, such as art or history, as well as some requirements for your major. Many programs provide unique opportunities for intensive language study.

What about courses in my major?

Depending on your major, there may be pre-approved courses offered at some of our program sites. If you think you may be interested, please meet with the coordinator of Global Engagement and your academic advisor as soon as possible to determine which program is best for you. Advance planning is crucial to identifying which requirements you can fulfill abroad and which you should fulfill on campus, allowing you to graduate on time.

Are there non-academic program options?

Yes. If you are interested in gaining global experience but not necessarily earning credit, you might consider an overseas service-learning, work, internship, volunteer, or travel experience during breaks. Due to the increasingly global nature of our community, all students are strongly encouraged to seek experiences abroad either during or after their undergraduate career.

What are my first steps?

It is never too early to start planning. The earlier the better.

1. Maintain a good GPA

Most programs require a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better.

2. Write down your goals for study abroad

There are many good program options abroad, and the best one for you depends on your individual goals and interests.

3. Talk to your advisor

If you plan to study abroad, save some of your core courses to take while abroad. (e.g. art, history, theology, philosophy, etc.)

4. Visit the Office of Global Engagement

Global Engagement Coordinator Jen Mintzer will gladly help you choose a program that fits your goals, and she will walk you through the application process.

5. Apply for your passport

Go to <https://travel.state.gov> to learn how to apply for a passport.

6. Complete the Neumann Study Abroad Form

This form is available online.

Whom can I contact for more information?

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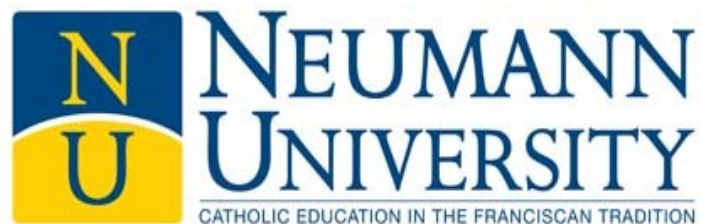
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Please see the back of this page for some sample study abroad program options.



Recommended Study Abroad Programs

Semester Programs

Many programs abroad offer a selection of courses that satisfy Neumann core courses, such as theology, art, political science, psychology and history—all taught in English. Many of these classes take full advantage of the artistic and cultural treasures of their host cities to supplement lectures and readings. Additionally, programs in non-English-speaking countries offer language courses in the host language.

Below are some of the pre-approved programs and courses:

Seville, Spain

University of Wisconsin, Platteville (UWP)

This program, located in the heart of old Seville, is an excellent immersion into Spanish culture, thanks to the courses offered, home-stays, language partners and field trips. Seville, in the heart of Andalusia, is the ideal setting for a semester abroad, close to Portugal, Morocco and Spain's famous Costa del Sol. The program fee is very reasonable. You pay tuition only at Neumann and housing and meals are included at no extra cost.

Pre-approved courses: Spanish, Business, Art, History, Political Science, Flamenco Dance and Sociology.

London, England

St. Mary's University College (SMUC)

At SMUC you have the opportunity to directly enroll in a British university, taking 4 classes, or 'modules' per semester. The campus is located in the suburbs of London, with easy access to the city center by train. Housing options are available in either a student residence or with a local family. The program fee is equivalent to the cost of tuition only and includes room and partial board.

Pre-approved courses at SMUC: Business, Athletic Training, Communication & Media, Performing Arts, History, English, Psychology, Sociology and Theology.

Paris, Rome and Limerick

Western Europe Semester

This unique program allows you to experience life in three European countries in one semester. In each location, you will spend 5 weeks and take 1 to 2 courses. Choose from courses that make the most of local cultural riches, such as the Art & Architecture of France, or Italian Sketchbook in Rome. This St. John's University program houses students in dorms at each site. The program fee is equivalent to the cost of tuition and room at Neumann and includes travel between the 3 sites and some meals. For the same fee, you can choose to spend the entire semester in Rome or Paris.

Pre-approved courses: Italian, French, Business, Anthropology, Art, History, Political Science, Philosophy, Economics and Theology.

Shanghai, China

Shanghai University

This thriving metropolis is one of the business centers of the 21st century and a great place to spend a semester. All courses are taught in English. Housing is arranged in the modern, on-campus international student dorm. The program fee is equivalent to the cost of tuition at Neumann, but includes housing as well as some field trips and 24/7 student support staff.

Pre-approved courses: Chinese language, Chinese culture, Business, Marketing, Finance, Art, and Tai Chi.

Limerick, Ireland

Mary Immaculate College (MIC)

MIC is a small Catholic college located on the Western coast of Ireland. Student services and campus amenities abound. Tuition at MIC is equivalent to the cost of tuition at Neumann, and housing in on-campus apartments is included. Apartments are self-catering.

Pre-approved courses: Business, Communications, Art, History, Political Science, Sociology, English, Math, etc.

Summer Programs

Toledo, Spain

Summer Intensive Spanish Program

This 3-week program in historic Toledo, Spain is a great way to dramatically improve your Spanish. Toledo is a charming, medieval city located just 30 minutes from Madrid. Program features include 3 Spanish credits at your level, small class sizes, cultural activities, flexible start dates and home-stays with local families. The program fee for this 3-week program is very affordable and includes tuition, room and board!

Assisi, Italy

Intensive Italian Program at ALI Assisi

Neumann University has partnered with Accademia Lingua Italiana Assisi to offer university students intensive Italian language courses and an enriching cultural immersion experience, all at a reasonable cost. The setting for this summer language program is the holy hill of Assisi, Italy, birthplace of St. Francis and St. Clare and the Franciscan spiritual tradition. The program fees includes tuition and accommodations in a shared apartment.

Many more international opportunities are available to you. For more info on any of these programs, please go to Bachmann 24C or www.neumann.edu/geo/default.asp

