



STUDY ABROAD AT NEUMANN!

8 KEY THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT STUDY ABROAD:

1. A semester abroad is about the same cost or sometimes *cheaper* than a semester at Neumann!
2. You can apply your financial aid and scholarships that you are already getting from Neumann to your semester abroad (fall or spring semesters)
3. Any major can study abroad (if you plan ahead!) Certain majors are more restrictive than others as to which semester you can fit it in to your course plan so it's important to find out when you can go abroad as early as possible.
4. You'll be taking general electives when you study abroad (i.e. history, philosophy, theology, literature, fine arts, language) so you want to strategically hold off on taking those until you go abroad. You would take four classes abroad for the semester and those credits would transfer back to Neumann. Depending on the program, you may be able to find comparable classes to apply to your major.
5. Most students would study abroad sometime during their sophomore or junior year. However, certain majors are more limited in terms of which semester to study abroad (e.g. nursing majors would go fall semester of sophomore year, education majors would go spring semester of sophomore year, health sciences majors would go spring semester of junior year).
6. You need a 2.75 GPA or higher to apply to study abroad for a semester.
7. Check out some of the study abroad programs Neumann has affiliation agreements with at www.neumann.edu/geo/studyabroad/default.asp
8. Check your email regularly for announcements from Neumann's Global Engagement Office about different opportunities and deadlines!

Ready to go or just want to learn more?:

1. Tell your academic advisor you are interested in studying abroad to strategize about the best semester for you to abroad.
2. Make an appointment with Jen Mintzer in the Global Engagement Office as soon as possible to learn about your options (mintzerj@neumann.edu, 610-358-4547). Jen can guide you through the steps of when you'd fill out the Neumann study abroad application and how you'd proceed.

Why study abroad?

- Stand out to employers! – study abroad looks great on a résumé because it demonstrates you have resilience, open-mindedness, maturity, self-confidence and independence!
- Forge international friendships
- Expand cross-cultural communication
- Gain a broader perspective on both yourself and the world
- Improve your language skills
- Adventure!
- You don't want to regret not doing it! Too many people wistfully say "I wish I would have studied abroad in college!" Seize this opportunity while you can so you don't become one of those regretful people!

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Common questions/concerns:

- **Question: Do I need to speak another language?** No. Most study abroad programs offer instruction in English.
- **Question: Will I be able to afford it?** Since you can apply your financial aid and scholarships you are already getting from Neumann, most programs are a comparable cost to what you are already paying for a semester at Neumann – sometimes even cheaper! You’d be spending that money at Neumann for a regular semester anyway - you might as well go somewhere with it!
- **Concern: I’ll be too homesick to do a semester abroad.** Homesickness usually subsides for most people after a week or so as your brain adapts to all the new things you are experiencing. You’ll be so busy when you go abroad your mind will be on other things. Remember, you can always Facetime with friends and family back home as often as you need to. Some people have said they felt closer to their family when they went abroad because they talked more often about all their adventures!
- **Concern: I’m scared.** Being afraid or ambivalent in new situations is normal. Remember, pushing oneself to be a little uncomfortable and to push past boundaries is how we grow! Great things happen to you when you push yourself to try new things! Students come back from study abroad with greater confidence and a sense that they can tackle any new challenge they face!
- **Concern: I don’t want to be the only one going.** Study abroad has a way of bonding people very quickly. Most study abroad programs offer orientation sessions where you’ll make fast friends with people from around the world who are in a similar situation as you! Even after a week-long faculty-led trip, students who didn’t know each other at all before come back bonded by the new experiences they’ve had.

What Neumann students say about Studying Abroad:

- *“It was honestly one of the best experiences of my life!”* – Maureen B., Communication major
- *“My horizon was just completely expanded. I grew in myself. I grew in understanding the world.”* – Lena F., Nursing major
- *“It was one of the best decisions I made while in college!”* – Jillian R., Communication major
- *“It’s definitely something you won’t regret...if you get the opportunity, take it!”* – Shane G., Nursing major
- *“From just one trip I have grown and changed so much as a person and I have a whole new appreciation for the world we live in. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for having this opportunity because I am so happy about the amount of personal growth I gained from it.”* – Natalie C., Nursing major

Some study abroad programs Neumann is affiliated with...

- St. Mary’s University in London, England, UK
- Mary Immaculate College in Limerick, Ireland
- Australian Catholic University in Melbourne, Australia
- Western Europe semester (5 weeks in Limerick, 5 weeks in Rome, 5 weeks in Paris) with St. John’s University
- Rome semester with St. John’s University
- Paris semester with St. John’s University
- AULA Toledo in Toledo, Spain
- Accademia Lingua Italiana Assisi in Assisi, Italy
- Check out neumann.edu/geo/default.asp for more affiliated programs!
- Want to go somewhere else? No problem! You aren’t limited to the places we are affiliated with. If you find a program you want to do, let’s look into it!

Get a passport:

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