

Considering your Study Abroad Priorities

The below are guiding questions that may be helpful to consider as a part of planning your study abroad experience.

- Please note that your individual priorities and needs for study abroad may differ. Please adjust this list as needed.
- You may need to prioritize what is most important to you and consider where you may be willing to compromise.

Sharing these thoughts with your Study Abroad Specialist (during or prior to meeting with them) will help them to guide you to the study abroad program that best fits your needs!

Academic Goals: “What are your academic goals for studying abroad?”, “What do you want to study while abroad/what academic requirements do you want to complete (courses for your major, minor, WES, electives)?”

Other Personal & Professional Goals: “What other goals do you have for study abroad?”

Duration & Timing: “How long do you want to study abroad for?”, “When is the best time/term for you to study abroad?”

Cost: “What makes sense for your budget?”, “What might be your financial resources for study abroad (do you receive federal financial aid/Pell grant, scholarships, etc.)?”

Other Priorities: “What else is important to you?” Consider factors like housing, language, location, program type, etc.

What are your top priorities in making a decision on what study abroad program might be best for you? Where might you be willing to compromise?

Have you discussed your interest in study abroad with your Academic Advisor, and how it might fit best into your academic plan?

Other questions or things you want to share with your Study Abroad Specialist?

Next Steps

After taking some time to consider your study abroad program priorities, continue on in your path towards study abroad by doing the following:

- ☐ Explore study abroad program options

<https://broncosabroad.wmich.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ProgramDiscovery>

- ☐ Learn more about study abroad scholarship opportunities

<https://wmich.edu/studyabroad/frequently>

- ☐ Attend a study abroad information session

<https://wmich.edu/studyabroad/informationssession>

- ☐ Schedule a time to meet with your Study Abroad Specialist and/or reach out with questions

Email study-abroad@wmich.edu or reach out to your Specialist directly.

- *Include your name, WIN, major/minor & and study abroad programs you may be interested in (if possible).*
- *Please note that most programs (except faculty-led) require students to meet 1:1 with their Specialist as a part of the application process.*