

# Cornell ABROAD

## SUMMER/SHORT TERM STUDY

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### FINDING PROGRAMS

If you feel that you cannot study abroad during the academic year, there is still a way to integrate an international experience through a summer or January term abroad. Spending a summer abroad doing coursework or an internship can be a wonderful way to enrich your Cornell education.

Cornell Abroad does not administer short term programs; you apply directly to the program and must petition your college to transfer the credit.

#### Programs available through Cornell:

Cornell's School of Continuing Education and Summer Sessions offers a number of short-term study-abroad programs. For a list of these programs, visit [www.sce.cornell.edu/abroad](http://www.sce.cornell.edu/abroad)

#### Programs available through large providers:

Search carefully to find an opportunity that closely fits your interests.

**Field Study:** School for Field Studies (SFS), School for International Training (SIT), Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS)

**Internships:** Boston University, Arcadia, IES, Univ. of Rochester

**Wide Variety:** CIEE, IES, DIS, Arcadia, Columbia, Syracuse

**Visit Cornell Abroad's extensive resource library in 300 Caldwell Hall anytime between 9 – 4, M, W, Th, F (or T after 11am).** Browse detailed IIE Passport listings (see below), program brochures, student evaluations, guidebooks and other resources. *Since short term study is not Cornell Abroad's focus, our advisors are generally unable to answer specific questions about available programs, but you are free to make your own decisions with the information provided.*

#### Program Search Engines & Resources:

**IIE Passport** has the most complete listing of study abroad opportunities available in print at 300 Caldwell Hall and online via [www.iiepassport.org](http://www.iiepassport.org)

[www.goabroad.com](http://www.goabroad.com) (easy to search for summer, winter, volunteer, internship, teaching, intensive language opportunities)

[www.studyabroad.com](http://www.studyabroad.com) (similar search capabilities)

[www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/study/resources/keywebsites.shtml](http://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/study/resources/keywebsites.shtml)

### SOME CONSIDERATIONS

Summer and semester study are different. Summer study can provide a great opportunity to zero in on particular topics (ecology, human rights, intensive language, global health, sustainable development, etc.) but there is not enough time to delve deeply into the history and culture of a place. Costs per week or per credit are often higher and Cornell grant aid is not available (see back page).

#### Program Types:

- **“Direct Enrollment”** options with local students are typically **not** available in the summer, nor are dorms.
- **Internships or Volunteering** can be for credit or not, but usually you must pay for the organization to arrange the experience.
- **Language Institutes** may or may not be accredited and are of variable quality. Depending on the institution, courses may be open to business professionals and people of all ages. Make sure you

know what kind of transcript/certificate you will receive. Understand how credit will be transferred if you are counting on that. (See A&S' section on summer language study below).

- **“Free-standing”** or **“Island”** programs are created especially for American study abroad students and are available any time of year.
- **Field-based programs** may emphasize directed research or independent study.

### EVALUATING STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS/WEBSITES

How can you tell if a program is a good fit for you? How can you tell if it is worth your time and money?

*There are no “right answers” to the questions below. If you don't find what you need online and don't like how things go in a phone call or by email that may be a sign the program is not for you. Programs should be able to put you in touch with past participants.*

#### Ask Yourself:

- What are my goals (academic, personal, professional)?
- What living arrangements and opportunities for community engagement do I want?
- Do I need/want credit? Do I want to study, volunteer, or work?

#### What to look for on a program website:

- Does there seem to be a strong academic focus? Is it easy to find out about classes, professors, credits/accreditation? Will the transcript come from an accredited college or university?
- Does the program have high or low standards for admission?
- Does the program emphasize health and safety?
- If language learning is a goal, do they place an emphasis on language teaching (significant number of credits for the language part of the program; language faculty with training in second language instruction; opportunities for immersion, homestays)
- Are activities and excursions provided in the cost of the program, are they available for an extra fee or do I have to arrange my own?
- Does the program have strong connections with local, national or international institutions (*Note: this is particularly important for service/community engagement*).

#### Don't hesitate to call a program. Things you can ask:

- How many students typically participate on this program?
- What is the background of program participants? (Are there major sending schools? Are they all college age? Are there other international students or only “Americans”?)
- What kind of support can I expect before I go? (visa assistance; pre-departure materials to help prepare for arrival, etc.)
- What kind of support can I expect while I am there (are there one or more dedicated staff members who works just for this program?)
- How long has this program been running? If it is new, how long has the organization been running other similar programs?
- **AND the most important question:** Do you have past participants I can contact?

## FINANCING SUMMER/SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD

Cornell University does not award institutional grant aid for study during summer or winter sessions. *Students may still have some options:*

- Students who have not used loan money awarded for a previous semester may be able to apply those funds to summer study.
- Study abroad programs may offer merit or need-based aid.
- Seek non-need-based loans. (See Office of Financial Aid website).

## AAP

Short-term study abroad guidelines are the same as for academic year study abroad. Students must inform the registrar by the end of the spring term whether they are accepted and intend to attend a summer program.

### • Architecture

Equivalent credit is given for courses taken abroad during the summer term, provided a valid transcript and (letter) grade of "C" or better is earned.

### • Architectural Design

Credits earned at any non-Cornell, domestically-based foreign programs will be applied to elective credit only.

### • Studio Courses in Art

All work done must be submitted along with a petition to a review committee of the art faculty for evaluation and assignment of credit. Students will not be granted credit for studio courses taken outside of Cornell's Fine Arts curriculum that in the opinion of a faculty advisor, essentially duplicates courses already taken with the department.

**Required Courses:** The student must petition the department for courses taken elsewhere to count for required courses. The petition must be accompanied by evidence that the material covered is substantially the same as at Cornell and the work completed is of similar quality. The student petition needs the signature of an instructor who verifies the course is a favorable substitution.

**Out-of College Electives:** If the work was done at an accredited institution and the grade received was "C" or better, elective credit will be given after an official transcript has been received by the college registrar.

**Contact:** Kim Jaenson, Advisor, 235 Sibley Dome . [kaj36@cornell.edu](mailto:kaj36@cornell.edu)

## ARTS & SCIENCES

A & S students seeking to study abroad for the less than one semester follow the same steps as any student seeking to transfer credit from a US institution.

General guidelines for credit transfer can be found at <http://as.cornell.edu/transferring-credits>.

*Credit Transfer* forms are available in both A & S advising offices (55 and 172 GS). These forms go to Robin Perry in G17 Klarman Hall upon completion. Transcripts should be sent to Robin Perry as well. The faculty advisor's approval is required only for major credit. Students should consult with the relevant academic department to confirm that the course or program is eligible for credit.

Students attempting **summer language study** abroad may not always receive credit, since most departments opt to administer a language placement exam to allow the student to place into a more advanced course. It is particularly important to note that the A & S language requirement specifies language study to be undertaken at Cornell - either completion of one course at the 200 level, or at least 11 credits of study in a single foreign language.

**Contact:** Your A&S Advising Dean, Academic Services, G17 Klarman Hall, 255-5004, [pw36@cornell.edu](mailto:pw36@cornell.edu)

## CALS

Students who plan to take courses at another institution should complete the transfer pre-approval form located in DUST: [dust.cals.cornell.edu](http://dust.cals.cornell.edu)

CALS Transfer Credit Policy can be found here: <https://cals.cornell.edu/academics/registrar/policies/transfer-credit>

**Contact:** CALS Office of Student Services, 140 Roberts Hall, 254-5386, [CALS-studentservices@cornell.edu](mailto:CALS-studentservices@cornell.edu).

## ENGINEERING

The College of Engineering deals with summer/short-term abroad credit the same as transfer credit from U.S. institutions.

Engineering students must fill out the *Transfer Credit Application*, available online at <http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/resources/registrar/upload/EN-Transfer-Credit-Form-2015.pdf> or at the Engineering Advising Office. If it is a technical course, it must also be approved by the department offering the course here at Cornell. Students are encouraged to get the application approved beforehand so as to reduce the risk of complications.

**Contact:** Engineering Advising, College of Engineering, 167 Olin Hall, [adv\\_engineering@cornell.edu](mailto:adv_engineering@cornell.edu).

## SHA (HOTEL ADMINISTRATION)

Students do most of the researching and filling out of forms on their own, although they are welcome to discuss a particular program with an advisor.

Students must fill out a *Request for Summer/ Winter session Course Credit* at [sha.cornell.edu/current-students/handbook/documents/summer\\_winter\\_course\\_credit.pdf](http://sha.cornell.edu/current-students/handbook/documents/summer_winter_course_credit.pdf) or in the Office of Student Services Office, 180 Statler Hall.

Hotel students do not often go abroad in the summer because of work credit hours that are required for graduation. Students who would like to study abroad but do not have the GPA to do so during the academic year are encouraged to think about summer study abroad.

**Contact:** Dina Kristof, Registrar, 180 Statler Hall, [dre2@cornell.edu](mailto:dre2@cornell.edu)

## HUMAN ECOLOGY

Students who wish to transfer credits earned during the summer must complete an *In Absentia* form located in the Office of the College Registrar, MVR 145.

College policy limits each student to a maximum of 9 summer credits from abroad. Copies of the official course descriptions must be attached to the *In Absentia* form in order for it to be processed. The transcript with summer credit should come from an accredited US or foreign university.

**Contact:** Paul Fisher, Senior Associate, Director of Admissions, 172 MVR, 255-5471, [psf1@cornell.edu](mailto:psf1@cornell.edu)

## ILR

The ILR School treats credit earned during summer or winter intercession abroad the same as course work taken at other US universities during the summer. Before students decide to enroll in a short-term program, they must first meet with the ILR Registrar and Kevin Harris, Associate Director of Advising and Counseling, both in 101 Ives Hall. Students must have proposed abroad courses reviewed and evaluated. Also, students must notify the office that they will be abroad for the summer/winter session.

**Contact:** Kevin Harris, ILR Study Abroad Coordinator, 101 Ives Hall, 255-2223, [kfh4@cornell.edu](mailto:kfh4@cornell.edu)