

Northwestern Study Abroad Fact Sheet

Study Abroad Program Types

Northwestern Programs

Students go abroad for one quarter as part of a Northwestern cohort and take courses on a theme. A good fit for students that want extra support.

GESI Summer Programs

Students earn credit, complete an internship, live in a homestay, and participate in grassroots change alongside local community partners.

Northwestern Exchanges

Students enroll directly at the local university and choose among a wide variety of courses. A good fit for students who want a lot of independence.

Affiliated Programs

Run by other providers or universities. Program structures vary, including: center-based, direct enrollment, and/or field-based programs.

Finances

- Financial aid applies to Northwestern programs, GESI Summer, exchanges, and affiliated programs.
- Every study abroad program brochure on GLO's website provides a cost estimate.
- Many scholarships are available through Northwestern as well as external organizations. Please check the GLO website for a list of scholarships.
- Students can schedule an appointment to meet with Study Abroad Financial Services to discuss the program costs, financial aid, scholarships, and budgeting.
- Sometimes, the cost of a study abroad program can be cheaper than a quarter at Northwestern.

Academics

- Course taken while studying abroad can count towards major or minor requirements (department approval required).
- Students in all majors-and all language backgrounds- can study abroad
- Students are required to meet with their academic advisers before studying abroad to discuss possible courses.
- Students are expected to take a full-time course load while studying abroad.

Health and Safety

- Northwestern's Office of Global Safety and Security supports the health, safety, and security of students studying abroad.
- NU requires all students to have GeoBlue Health Insurance coverage (or a NU approved equivalent) while studying abroad.
- Please consult the GLO website to learn more about our extensive health and safety resources.