



Study Abroad Checklist

Career Development Center
Student Center, Room 209
(630) 466-2368
careerservices@waubonsee.edu

How Do I Get Started?

Step 1: Explore available programs on www.icisp.org. Choosing your program is the most important decision you will make. You will need to find a program that fits your personal and academic goals, as well as your budget. Write down the questions you have regarding programs.

Step 2: Confirm that you meet the program's requirements. Typically, requirements are:

- Minimum 2.75 GPA
- A or B grade in English 101
- Earned at least 12-15 hours of college credit

Step 3: Schedule an appointment with your study abroad coordinator. Call the Career Development Center at 630-466-2368. Bring your list of questions and your excitement! When you decide to apply, the Career Development Center will provide you with the application.

Step 4: Apply for funding. Begin searching for several months prior to studying abroad. Work with your study abroad coordinator to assist you with the search process. Meet with a financial aid advisor to find out if you qualify for additional funding. File the FAFSA for the academic year you plan to study abroad, if you haven't already.

Step 5: Submit your completed application to the Career Development Center. Plan in advance! Documents that are typically required include:

- 2 letters of recommendation (1 from an instructor & 1 from an instructor, work supervisor, or mentor)
- \$500 deposit
- Official transcripts
- Essay

Step 6: Begin making your arrangements. Once you are accepted into the study abroad program, you will receive detailed information and participate in an orientation session. This will help you have a great experience and complete important pre-departure tasks.

Study Abroad Scholarship Application Deadlines

- Fall semester in Austria, England, Ireland, and Spain: May 15
- Spring semester in Austria, England, Ireland, and Spain: October 15
- Summer semester in Costa Rica, Spain, Ireland, and Austria: February 15
- Summer semester in France: March 15