

What program is best for you? STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM TYPES

	UVM Bilateral or ISEP Exchange Programs	UVM Semester Program Oaxaca, Mexico	Buckham Overseas Study Program (English Majors ONLY) University of Kent, Canterbury England	UVM Faculty-led Programs (FLPA)	External Programs ISEP-Direct Programs Asian Studies Program at Yunnan University
Term Abroad	Fall or Spring semester Academic/Calendar Year Summer options (few)	Spring semester ONLY	Fall or Spring semester Academic Year	Spring Break Summer Winter break	Fall or Spring Semester; Academic/Calendar Year; Summer options Winter or Spring Break
What Type of Person Are YOU?	Independent Comfortable taking initiative and doing things on your own. Classes with international students.	Less independent Comfortable studying with UVM students & UVM faculty	Independent Comfortable taking initiative. Classes with English and international students.	Less independent. Comfortable studying and traveling with UVM students & UVM faculty.	Somewhat independent. Options for study with US students or with host country or other international students.
Costs \$ 1. Tuition and Fees: 2. Room and Board: 3. Other essential expenses:	1. Pay UVM exchange tuition rate: In-state students, equivalent to in-state tuition; out-of-state students, equivalent to a 40% reduction of their out-of-state tuition. 2. Pay to UVM or to host university (varies based on location). 3. Estimate provided.	1. Pay your regular UVM tuition and fees plus program fee to UVM. 2. Pay to UVM. 3. Estimate provided.	1. Pay your regular UVM tuition and fees to UVM 2 Pay to host university. 3. Estimate provided. Airfare paid by Buckham Program.	1. Pay your regular *UVM tuition and fees for credit hours + program fee. 2. Usually included in program fee. 3. Student must provide. (including airfare).	1. Pay program fee to external program provider for that study site. 2. Varies by program. 3. Estimate provided.
Financial Aid 1. Federal, State aid & UVM loans 2. UVM scholarships & grants 3. Tuition remission	1. Yes, adjusted financial aid is eligible to travel with you. 2. Yes, adjusted financial aid is eligible to travel with you. 3. Yes, eligible to pay your tuition.	1. Yes, adjusted financial aid is eligible to travel with you. 2. Yes, adjusted financial aid is eligible to travel with you. 3. Yes, eligible to pay your tuition.	1. Yes, adjusted financial aid is eligible to travel with you. 2. Yes, adjusted financial aid is eligible to travel with you. 3. Yes, eligible to pay your tuition.	1. May be eligible to travel with you 2. May be eligible to travel with you 3. May be eligible to pay your tuition.	1. Yes, adjusted financial aid is eligible to travel with you. 2. No, not eligible to travel with you. 3. No, not eligible to travel with you.
Type of Experience	University study	University study, field-based trips, service-learning.	University study	University study, service-learning and field-based trips.	University study, study centers, field-based research, internships, service-learning co-curricular activities and community service options.
Second Language Requirement	Varies: 0-6 semesters of host country language	2 semesters of college Spanish or equivalent	None	None	Varies: 0-6 semesters of host country language
Grades & Credit Transfer 1. Type of credit earned 2. Course grades on UVM transcript? 3. Notes	1. Host university credits 2. Grades reported to UVM, but only credit HOURS appear on UVM transcript 3. All courses must be taken for credit and a grade of "C" or better achieved for transfer consideration	1. UVM credits 2. Yes 3. Hours in program considered hours "in residence" at UVM.	1. UVM credits 2. Yes 3. Hours in program considered hours "in residence" at UVM.	1. UVM credits 2. Yes 3. Hours in program considered hours "in residence" at UVM.	1. Host university credits 2. Grades reported to UVM, but only credit HOURS appear on UVM transcript 3. All courses must be taken for credit and a grade of "C" or better achieved for transfer consideration
GPA minimum requirement	Cumulative GPA of 2.75-3.0	Cumulative GPA of 2.5	Cumulative GPA of 3.0	None, but may have prerequisites.	Cumulative GPA of 2.5-3.8
Resources	www.isep.org or www.uvm.edu/oie	http://learn.uvm.edu/travel/oaxaca_abroad/	http://www.uvm.edu/~english/?Page=BOSP.html	http://learn.uvm.edu/studyabroad	http://www.uvm.edu/oie/?Page=study/sa_approved.php

Consider the following general timeline

9-12 months before studying abroad:

- Complete "The First Step Registration" to indicate your interest in study abroad
- Complete Setting Goals and Priorities worksheet
- Attend a "Getting Started" advising session
- Confirm your UVM eligibility to study abroad
- Obtain academic advising
- Confirm your understanding about different study abroad program types, their financial and transfer credit implications
- Complete the Research worksheet
- Meet with a regional study abroad advisor
- Continue researching study abroad programs
- Fully explore financial considerations
- Fully explore transfer credit policies

5-8 months before studying abroad:

- Apply for or renew your U.S. passport
- Draft a UVM budget sheet for your program
- Apply to study abroad program
- Verify your health insurance covers you while abroad
- Research the visa requirements for the country where you want to study
- Receive an offer or apply to another program
- Make an appointment for health consultations and any required immunizations

After acceptance into a study abroad program:

- Accept your offer to participate and fulfill the program/university's enrollment requirements
- Apply for your visa to study in your host country
- Finalize your UVM budget sheet
- Request your Study Abroad Approval Form (SAAF)
- Complete your SAAF and return it to OIE within three weeks
- Enroll in the Overseas Study Program academic course (OSSP)
- Attend a UVM pre-departure orientation
- Register with International SOS
- Register with your host country local consulate or embassy
- Pack with intention, taking entry documents, contact info, etc.