

Study Abroad Essay Questions



Answer the following questions on a separate sheet. Each answer should be about ½ to 1 page typed and double-spaced. Make sure to include:

- Your name (first, last)
 - ID number
 - Phone number (cell or best number to reach you)
 - Study Abroad Program
1. Describe how participation on this program will contribute to your academic, professional, and personal goals. What classes do you plan to take while abroad? Please be specific in explaining how the academic focus of this program relates to your major, minor, and/or other demonstrated academic interests.
 2. In addition to the academic focus, what other aspects of this particular program were influential in your selection? These factors may include program structure, housing options, experiential learning opportunities, and location.
 3. Please describe three aspects of your study abroad experience that you anticipate will be challenging. How do you think you will deal with these?
 4. When you look back on your study abroad experience, what do you hope to say that you accomplished/learned?
 5. In case you are not admitted to your first-choice program, please list two or more alternates, in order of preference. Include a brief (2- to 3-sentence) reason as to why these programs are a good fit for you. ***We may contact you by phone to follow up on these options, so please be sure to list your phone number on the first page of your essays.***
 6. **Applicants for an academic year (DU Partner Programs only)**
Students should have a 3.6 GPA. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please submit the following additional materials:
 - A letter from the student explaining how study abroad for an academic year furthers his or her academic goals.
 - A letter of support from the student's academic advisor or a faculty member in the major department. The academic appropriateness of both the program and length of study should be discussed.

Applications for an academic year abroad (DU Partner Programs only) will be reviewed by the Associate Vice Provost for Internationalization. Not all programs are available for an academic year of study. Please consult your OIE advisor for more information.