

Questions about your career and major choice? Not sure where you are headed? Sign up for the 2 credit Career Decision Making class in the College of Education. It is open to first and second year students. The winter section is now full. However, the spring section has seats available.

As a DU student you probably have a variety of questions about your major, your adviser, study abroad, internships etc. This page has been compiled based on feedback from you about what are the **Top** concerns that first and/or second year student's face.

1. Who is my adviser now that I have transitioned from my UDCC mentor?

As a second year student at DU, you will be transitioning away from your first-year UDCC adviser to one of two places. If you are undeclared then you should head to The Center, in the basement of South Driscoll, where many trained academic advisers are there to help you with any questions you may have. If you have chosen a major then your academic advising rests with your department. Please contact them as soon as possible to find out who your adviser is so you can meet and discuss your progress. For further information on advising for your second year onwards, visit Academic Advising's website or call 871-2455. You can also visit their Frequently Asked Questions page for answers to any lingering questions

2. What do I need to do for Study Abroad - when do I apply, where can I go, how do I choose classes?

When do I apply?

The actual application deadline depends upon the program you choose (Fall application deadlines range from January 15th to April 1st). A few programs have rolling admission, which means that the program may be full before the stated deadline. For detailed information about deadlines, please refer to the study abroad website or contact the Study Abroad Office at (303) 817-4912. Remember that your study abroad application may require a letter of recommendation or other items that take several weeks to obtain; therefore, you should meet with a study abroad advisor well before the designated deadline to gather your application material and requirements.

Deadlines

January 15 – All ISEP applications; DU Spring Term in Bologna applications; and all spring quarter applications

March 1 – Fall or academic year Petitions for Exception to Cherrington Eligibility Requirements

March 1 – Fall or academic year southern hemisphere program applications; DU faculty-led program applications; and applications for Berlin, India, Japan, Russia, Thailand, and Vietnam

April 1 – All other fall or academic year northern hemisphere program applications

October 1 – Winter or spring quarter Petitions for Exception to Cherrington Eligibility Requirements

October 1 – Winter quarter or spring semester program applications

Where can I go?

You have 150+ choices for DU study abroad programs. Check out the interactive world map to get more information about programs in the countries and cities most appealing to you.

How do I choose classes?

You have several tools at DU to help you determine which classes to take while abroad. First is your APR, which you can view in MyWeb to see which credits you need to fulfill for your degree plan. Next is your academic advisor, who can help you determine which types of classes you should reserve for your term abroad. Also, you will have some guidance from your study abroad advisor, who can show you where to obtain potential class listings from your chosen study abroad program. Finally, DU has designated advisors on campus, who will review and approve your study abroad class choices. The Planning and Process link from the study abroad website will list out your steps for planning and obtaining faculty approval for your study abroad program.

You should also attend a General Advising Session, held every day at the Study Abroad Office. After that Session, you will meet with a study abroad advisor to gather information about specific programs in your region of interest.

Session times for Fall will be released in early September after school starts. Please check the study abroad website for up to date information on the sessions. All sessions will be held at the International House. Just come by - no appointment necessary! There are also study abroad fairs held twice a year, one in the Fall and one in the Winter quarter. Check you Student Planner for the dates or visit the study abroad website for dates.

For more information about DU's study abroad options and its unique Cherrington Global Scholars program, please refer to www.du.edu/intl/abroad.

3. How do I get an internship? Where do I need to go and who should I speak to and when?

How to find an internship is not terribly difficult but it does require some persistence and preparation. Before you either search for, or create, an internship you'll need to know something about what you want and why.

Large numbers of students start the internship search/preparation process in January. Get an early start since it may take a number of days to schedule an individual appointment. If you don't have a resume yet, review our resume guidelines in the Career Links section of our website and then schedule an appointment with a career counselor by calling 303-871-2150. If you have completed your resume, you may ask to schedule an appointment with John Haag.

The Career Center website has a wealth of information, including workshops, to help you begin answering the following questions that will help you determine what kind of internship is right for you.

- What is my major area of study?
- Have I identified one or two 'ideal' career areas or job titles I want to pursue?
- How much do I know about these careers or job titles?
- Where would I like to intern? Organization? City?
- When, and for how long, do I want to intern?
- What specific things do I want to learn?
- Why should an employer be interested in me?
- Could I work an unpaid internship if it was a quality experience?
- Do I want academic credit for the internship?
- Do I know how to write an effective cover letter and resume?
- How sophisticated are my interviewing skills?

So where do I find an internship? You can find information on internships online at DU Careers Online. This site lists 100s of internships across the country. It is a great way to find internships for the summer in different locations. You should also take a look at the DU Internship web pages where other internship opportunities are listed, as well as international opportunities.

Another way to find internships is by asking people in your field, your professors or friends who may have contacts or leads. In general, 2/3 of internships and jobs are found through networking and word of mouth. Talk with everyone about what you want!

You may also consider creating your own. Some of the best internships are ones you create to fit your specific needs and interests. If you know what you want to learn and where you would like to learn it and why, you can propose an internship

to an organization. Emphasize what the organization is likely to gain from hiring such a motivated and focused person as you. You will be demonstrating initiative and you probably won't have any competition!

4. What should I do about housing in my junior year, especially if I am studying abroad for half the year?

Because upperclassmen are not guaranteed on-campus housing, junior or senior students have three options for housing. These also apply for students returning from study abroad:

1. Find off-campus housing. One great resource is the Off Campus Housing website maintained by DU. This website gives you tips on how to get started as well as providing answers to any questions you have, information on landlord-tenants rights and responsibilities, and listings of apartments and roommates. You can also browse the Off Campus Housing binders in the Campus Life Suite in North Driscoll.

2. As an upperclassman you can enter the housing lottery for on campus accommodation. However, spaces are not guaranteed and in order to increase your chances of securing a space, you should be flexible about where you would like to live (ie: don't limit yourself to only wanting a single in Aspen).

3. For study abroad students, it is possible to submit a winter quarter housing application by the May deadline (before you leave for study abroad) to try and secure a spot. However, as an upperclassman you need to be flexible about what kind of housing you will accept if your application comes up in the housing lottery. See Housing and Residential Education's (HRE) website for more information.

A HRE representative attends the mandatory study abroad orientation to explain this to all students before going abroad. In addition, this information listed on the Housing and Residential Education website.

The earlier you apply, the better your chances of obtaining on-campus housing and using your housing grant. For information on how to be a good neighbor and the expectations that are placed upon you when you move off campus, a handout has been developed for DU students. [Click here to find out more!](#)

5. How do I get involved? Where do I find information on events?

There are many great things going on at DU, so many in fact that it seems hard to find one central location that advertises for all of these programs. This is a common frustration among DU students, staff, and faculty, but it can be resolved just by knowing where a couple of resources can be found.

The DU calendar for Campus Life posts a majority of student events that occur on campus. You can find this calendar by clicking on Calendars under the Quick

Links on the left hand side of the DU homepage. From there, click the Campus Life box on the right side and then click the View Selected Calendars button at the bottom. The calendar for the current month will pull up with all of the events that have been submitted listed under the day that they will occur. (To submit an event to this calendar, click the yellow submit event button in the top right corner of the calendar and fill out the form to have your event posted.)

You can see the events that are happening for any current week by looking at the DU homepage on the right side under the News & Events heading. This section shows the events for each day and then you can click on the More Events >> link to see the campus events for the entire week.

WebCentral is another medium that is used to advertise and publicize campus activities. Once you have logged into WebCentral and you are looking at your Home Tab, there are a variety of places to find interesting and accurate information. One section is specifically called Today at DU and lists out important things that are going on around campus for that day. There are also the Campus Announcements and Personal Announcements which will usually give a preview of events that might be coming up or important information about the campus community.

The University of Denver Programs Board (DUPB) is the primary programming body on campus. This board receives activity fee dollars from AUSA Senate to program for the entire DU undergraduate population. DUPB posts their events on their website and they also send out a weekly e-mail with the events that they are programming for the week. To receive this e-mail you will need to subscribe to the listserv by clicking here and filling out the form online.

To find out about student organizations on campus and to get involved in a group on campus, go to the Campus Activities website and look at the Student Organizations page to see a listing of the 70+ student groups that are licensed on campus.

Finally, there are many programs in the residence halls that are publicized on specific floors and on bulletin boards. Look for flyers in the dining halls, table tents, and mailbox stuffers to find out more about “What is happening at DU”.

6. Should I begin thinking about graduate school now?

Yes! It is never too early to think about graduate school. If you haven't decided on a major this will affect what you want to do in graduate school, so start thinking about that and meet with an academic adviser. Once you have that narrowed down, you can think more deeply about what you would like to do after you graduate. What schools would be good, do you want to stay in Colorado, or somewhere new, or return to be close to your family? Additionally, most graduate programs will require some kind of graduate admissions test whether it is the GMAT (business), GRE (Arts and Social Sciences), LSAT (law school) etc.

These tests can be difficult if you don't study and also cost money to take. Your academic adviser can help you with these tough decisions as well as mentors in your departments. Take a look at the Career Center's handout on Getting into Graduate School for more information.

7. How do I find career information or learn about how my major links with my career choice?

Career and major information is what the Career Center is all about. In addition to our web site where one can access web links to resources on everything from Career Advice, Career and Major Exploration to Graduate School Information under those titles in our "Career Links" section, we also publish many handouts by major, available on our web site or in the Career Center. We have a small Career Library that contains many books on career and major choice. Additionally we encourage students to come in a meet individually with a Career Counselor to discuss in more depth how majors fit with career choices. Please call 303-871-2150 for an appointment or stop by Driscoll South in the lower level.