

Study Abroad Resource Packet

School of Continuing and Professional Studies



If you are an SCPS student interested in study abroad options, here is what you should do:

First Steps:

- Keep checking the study abroad offerings by visiting:
 - <https://offices.depaul.edu/global-engagement/student-resources/study-abroad/pages/default.aspx>
- Discuss optimum placement of study abroad course credits/competences with your academic advisor
- Make sure you have a FASFA form on file with the financial aid office. Even students who do not normally receive financial aid are considered for travel scholarship if they have a FASFA on file.

Once you have decided on a particular study abroad program, here is a timeline:

6 Months Prior to the start of your study abroad program:

- Contact the listed Faculty Director for more information about your desired Study Abroad course
- **DePaul-sponsored programs:** [Find the program](#) you are looking for and click the “Apply Now” button to start the online application process.
- Gather Application materials for Study Abroad Site, including letters of recommendation (if applicable)
- Apply for a passport, if necessary
- Prepare for admissions interview

5 Months Prior to Desired Travel Dates

- Investigate Financing options. See scholarship information [here](#)
- Check the World Health Organization website (<http://www.who.int/en/>) to check for any health precautions you should take before you visit the region(s) of your program
- See your doctor to check your overall fitness and to ensure that your immunizations are up to date
- Register for the course directly through SCPS. Discuss registration options with faculty program director and your SCPS academic advisor.

3 Months Prior to Desired Travel Dates

- Access D2L Course Site to begin academic preparation for your program
- Make sure you are aware of mandatory pre-departure course sessions, meetings and activities

SCPS Study Abroad Student Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How many credits/competences will the travel course satisfy?

A: Most SCPS students use the travel course to satisfy 6-8 credit hours (3-4 competences). **For SCPS students in the BAPS, BADA and BA in Leadership Studies or Applied Behavioral Sciences**, study abroad can fulfill 8 credit hours toward your program. Options include: 4 credit hours of Externship; 4 credit hours of Integrative Learning Seminar; or 8 credit hours of open electives.

For non-SCPS students from any school or college, this study abroad courses can fulfill 8 credit hours of open electives or advisor approved program requirements

Consult with your College Academic Advisor before enrolling in this travel course to ensure correct placement of credits.

Q: What are the academic prerequisites for studying abroad?

A: Must have taken at least on one course at DePaul University in order to be eligible for SCPS study abroad program. Check specific program requirements for courses outside of SCPS. You must be in good academic standing, with a minimum 2.5 GPA. If you are taking the course for either Advanced Elective or Externship, you must have also completed Research Seminar.

Q: Is studying abroad a good fit for me?

A: Certain personality traits are necessary to be considered a good candidate for study abroad. Some of these characteristics are flexibility, maturity, ability to work well with others, tolerance and acceptance of different cultures, and independent initiative.

Q: Can I spread out my credits/ competences for the travel course between two quarters?

A: Yes. However, you **MUST** register for at least one competency in the quarter preceding the actual travel portion of the course. For example, if your course takes place in December term, you **MUST** register for at least 2 credit/1 competency for that course during the Fall term.

Q: How will I fund my travel course?

A: There are many scholarships available for perusal on the DePaul Study Abroad website, <http://studyabroad.depaul.edu/>. All SCPS students are encouraged to apply for the John P. McGury International Travel Scholarship as well as many other SCPS student scholarship opportunities at <https://offices.depaul.edu/global-engagement/student-resources/study-abroad/financial-aid->

[scholarships/Pages/default.aspx](#). Contact SCPS International scpsinternational@depaul.edu, for more information on the John McGury scholarship.

Q: Is the course part of a larger 10 week classroom course, or is the trip itself the course?

A: There are often approximately 3-4 pre-travel and 2 post-travel classes that bookend the intense onsite international learning period. There is some flexibility in the way that each Faculty Director structures his or her course. The pre-travel classes are intended to prepare students and the post-travel classes are to support and evaluate final course products. These classes are supplemented and or substituted by work on the program's D2L course site.

Q: Will the pre and post-travel classes interfere with my other courses I'm enrolled in for the quarters preceding and following travel?

A: No. In order to give students the flexibility to freely take other classes, we schedule the classes by mutual agreement of the group rather than by reserving a specific day of the week in advance. The workload tends to be heavier during the preparatory quarter and lighter during the post travel quarter. Instructors recognize that students will be taking other courses and so try to keep the workload manageable.

Non-SCPS Students Partaking in SCPS Study Abroad Programs

Q: Other than applying for my desired program on the study abroad website, do I need to take any additional steps to complete my application?

A: Yes. Before your interview with the program director, you must meet with your academic advisor to approve the distribution of your credit hours. The travel course can be used to satisfy open electives, or, if appropriate, to satisfy major or minor requirements.

Q: How many credits will a short-term SCPS travel course satisfy?

A: Non-SCPS students will receive 8 credits distributed across the quarter preceding travel and the quarter the trip actually takes place.