

HAMILTON COLLEGE

First Year Study Abroad Checklist

Studying abroad takes early planning. Use this checklist during your first year at Hamilton to guide you through the preliminary planning process and to help you start thinking about what you might want to study while abroad and where to study.

- Tell your faculty advisor that you are interested in off campus study. He/she will help you integrate study abroad into your academic plan.
- Start fulfilling study abroad eligibility requirements like the writing intensive requirement, the P.E. requirement, and the QSR requirement.
- Pre-Med/Pre-Health Professions students: Work with the pre-health professions advisor to plot your course plan so there will be space in your schedule for study abroad.
- Keep your study abroad options open by considering taking a language course in order to meet the language requirement.
- Inform yourself about pre-requisites since some programs have specific ones.
- Consider applying for the Critical Language Scholarship, a national scholarship competition that pays for summer language immersion study.
- Meet with the Student Fellowships Coordinator to get help in applying for national study abroad scholarships.

- Maintain good academic standing with a GPA of at least 2.7. Many destinations require a higher GPA.
- Attend information sessions about different programs. Announcements about these info sessions are sent by email so look for them.
- Attend an event hosted by the Office of Off Campus Study. There will be events where you will be able to talk to returning students.
- Start looking into Hamilton programs and at the preferred programs list to familiarize yourself with your options.
- Talk with students who have studied abroad.
- Talk with a study abroad advisor and to Hamilton faculty about your study abroad plans.
- Stay in touch with the Office of Off-Campus Study and read your emails.
- Familiarize yourself with the Study Abroad Guidelines so that you understand the process.