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# SEMESTER & SUMMER STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS





# WHO IS ON THE CALL?

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# OBJECTIVES

- Present options
  - Answer practical questions
  - Give everyone an idea of what to expect
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- We're not going to be able to address program-specific questions at a detailed level during this presentation
  - Students are always welcome to reach out to us directly
  - We will do a separate webinar on Winter Term program during the spring semester

# WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

## **Semester and summer study away programs**

- Study abroad
  - 114 distinct programs in 38 countries across 40 distinct organizations
- Study USA
  - Internship-based semester & summer programs in Los Angeles, New York City, and Washington, DC



# OVERVIEW



# MOTIVATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

- Study abroad
  - Take on the challenge of living in a dramatically different environment
  - Deepen academic study with comparative perspective
  - Have profound encounters with difference
- Study USA
  - Considering life after Elon
  - Creating a professional network
  - Trying out life in the city

# WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Critically evaluate one's own culture and biases.
- Develop self-awareness and self-confidence through exposure to and reflection on difference.
- Problem-solve and function within an unfamiliar context.
- Interact and communicate effectively with those from another culture or background using appropriate cultural and linguistic strategies.
- Reflect on how understanding language is essential to understanding other cultures.
- Understand the multiple dimensions of human experience within and across cultures and environments.
- Analyze the interconnectedness of global systems.
- Examine one's responsibilities as an active global citizen informed by multiple cultural perspectives.

# SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- Independence
- Adaptability
- Openness
- Self-awareness
- Listening & observation skills
- Critical thinking
- Career-related skills



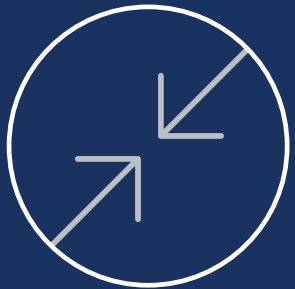


# TYPES OF STUDY AWAY PROGRAMS



## Independent

- Exchange & direct-enroll programs
- ICADE, Kansai Gaidai



## Middle ground

- Hybrid programs
- FIE Dublin, CIEE Ghana



## Structured

- Island-style programs
- Sant'Anna Institute, DIS



## Center

- London, Florence, School of Ed NZ



## STUDY USA

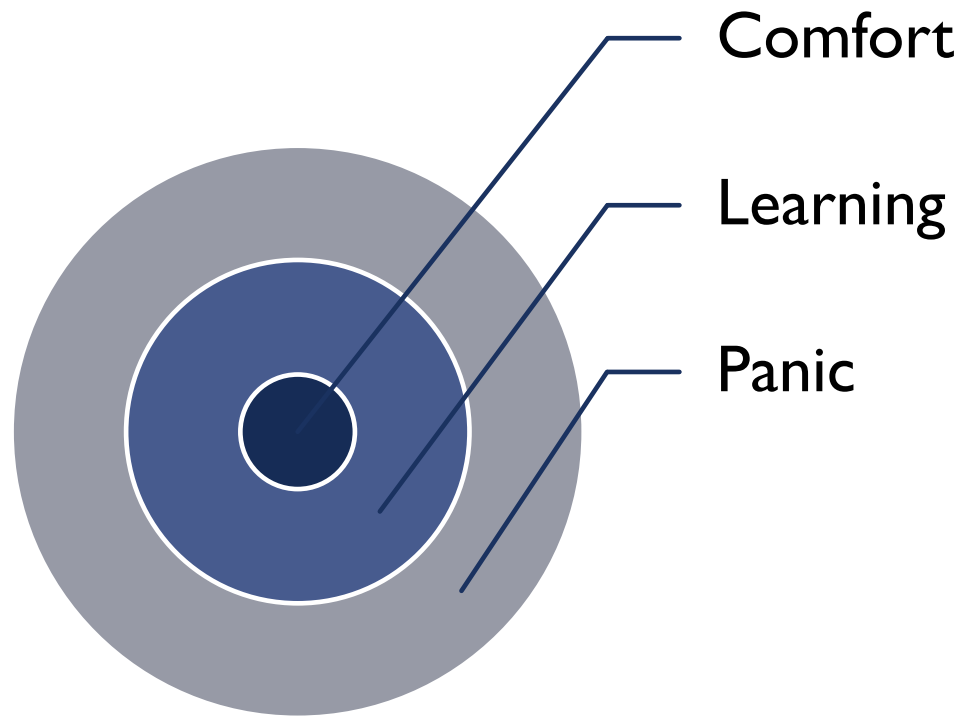
- LA, NYC, DC
- Internships
- Courses
- Networking

STUDY ABROAD


# TYPES OF STUDY PROGRAMS

- Wide variety of program types, styles, and organizations
- Generally, programs fit along the continuum presented on the previous slide
- All students have a GEC advisor and complete an Elon application
- Level of service varies widely
- All students get:
  - General orientation
  - Program-specific orientation
- Depending on the program, some students get:
  - Visa orientation
  - Orientations directly from partner programs
  - Other opportunities for connection
- Varying levels of family engagement

# FUNDAMENTAL TRUTHS OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



- Pushing beyond one's comfort zone inherently causes discomfort
- Discomfort is the goal – not panic
- However, every student's (and family's) tolerances are different



“Living abroad can be a very wonderful, stressful, exhausting, and enriching experience. I learned more about myself than I ever thought was possible whilst studying abroad – I connected with myself, and others, more emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually while away. **Some of it was great, and other times it was awful, but ... in the end, very rewarding**”

- Elon Study Abroad Student



# SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT

- We believe very strongly that a term away is a very powerful developmental experience because students will be required to face new challenges in a different way than when they came to college or when they have traveled internationally for vacation
- Productive discomfort, handled with a growth mindset
- Push your student to take ownership of the pre-departure process to build life skills
- *A Parent Guide to Study Abroad*, published by the Institute of International Education (IIE)



# HELPFUL DETAILS





# BROCHURE PAGES

- Visit <http://www.elon.edu/studyabroad> or <https://www.elon.edu/studyusa>

- Program overview
- Program dates (when available)
- Housing, food, etc.
- Budget sheets

## Quick Links

> Search programs

> Deadlines

> Course planning

> Return to application

> Orientations

> Financial planning

# BROCHURE PAGES



Explore



Plan



Apply

## South Africa, Cape Town: Arts & Sciences (CIEE)



Academics

Housing and a Day in the Life

Costs

Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

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Welcome to the Global Education Center (GEC) Study Abroad homepage. Elon has many program types to consider, which fulfill different needs for different students. There are many tools and resources linked from this page to assist students and their families in selecting a best-fit program.

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## ■ To find budget sheets:

- Search programs on Elon study abroad website
- Visit brochure page

# FINANCES

Spring Budget	
Budget item	Cost
Affiliate Program Fee (click for details)	\$791.00
Elon Semester Study Abroad Fee (click for details)	\$4600
Health and Safety and Sustainability fee (five months)	\$599
Elon semester tuition 2021-2022	\$19109
Billable subtotal:	\$25,099.00
Estimated Passport Cost	\$165
Estimated Ground Transportation	\$550.00
Estimated Spending Money	\$2,280.00
Estimated Entry Visa Fees	\$125.00
Estimated Books and Supplies	\$275.00
Estimated International Airfare	\$1,450.00
Estimated Meals	\$1,800.00
Estimated Visa-Associated Expenses	\$500.00
Non-billable subtotal:	\$7,145.00
Total:	\$32,244.00
Notes:	
This budget sheet is valid for spring 2022.	

## Billable Costs

The billable costs for this program include tuition and fees, international health insurance, housing, visa fees\*, an optional on-site airport meet and greet, full-time leadership and support, orientation, cultural activities, local excursions, pre-departure advising, and a CIEE iNext travel card which provides insurance and other travel benefits.

Meals are not included for dormitory and off-campus houses or apartments; homestay students only need to budget for lunches during the week, estimated at \$660 per semester.

Students will have access to internet in computer labs or in the form of wired connections in the residence halls. Wireless internet may be purchased at an extra cost.

Fees are subject to change due to [exchange rate fluctuation](#) and changes in cost by the host institution.

## Non-billable/Estimated Costs

Estimated costs listed above are not included in what is billed to the student account. These estimates are mid-range amounts, subject to change at any time, and are dependent upon personal preferences. Design a budget based on your semester expenditures at Elon and take into account additional travel expenses and exchange rates.

### Estimated Entry Visa Fees and Visa-Associated Expenses

Estimated entry visa fees include the cost of the visa application, required money order, additional required insurance, and mailing expenses.

Estimated visa-associated expenses are for students that have to travel to the consulate for their visa. Full visa instructions, including whether appearing to the consulate in person is required, are provided by CIEE after acceptance to the program.

### Spending Money

Spending money for this program includes meals not covered, travel, baggage fees, gifts, cell phone, entertainment, and miscellaneous.

### Estimated Passport Cost

If you do not have a passport that is valid until six months beyond your anticipated return for this program, visit the [Department of State website](#) to begin the application or renewal process. Also check the Department of State's posted [processing times](#), which vary.

### Estimated Immunizations, and Medications, and Medical Exams

Visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#) to see the recommended and required immunizations and medications for your program. Talk with your family and your physician to decide which immunizations and medications you will get before you travel. Visit the global engagement [Health and Safety webpage](#) for more information on where you can obtain immunizations.

# FINANCES

- For semester programs, any scholarships, grants, or loans your student receives on a regular basis will automatically be applied to the cost of the program
- As a part of the application, your student has the opportunity to request to be considered for additional need-based funding from the GEC
  - Requires FAFSA on file that indicates a gap between family contribution & cost of attendance
  - Available for student's first study away program
  - Available for summer

# ACADEMICS

- **All programs:**
  - Full-time course load (at least 12 credits for a semester)
  - Grades count towards Elon GPA
  - Summer credits vary

Course offerings vary dramatically among programs. Students should work with their academic advisor and a GEC advisor to consider how courses can work with their degree plans.

Ideally, students would start considering how study away can fit with their academic plans as first-year students.

# INTERNSHIPS

- Integral to Study USA programs, possible with some study abroad programs
- Fulfills Elon credits (ELR, degree/major requirements)
- Practical experience for future job searches:
  - Creating materials, Searching for positions, Interviewing
- Professional experience
  - Transferrable skills
  - Opportunity to explore options and connected fields
    - Some programs guarantee placement, but require flexibility in area
    - Other programs allow students ownership of their internship search, but also require more student initiative



# SOCIAL CLIMATE

- Some programs are populated by large groups of Elon students, other programs may have one or two Elon students, some are in-between
- Student social circles vary by program and Elon student group, and also by term
- Experiences vary but just like in the US are informed by students' social networks and identities
  - It's always a good idea for students to inform themselves of the social climate in their host city/country as well
    - Elon identity resources
      - Includes good advice on managing money!
    - Diversity Abroad

# HOUSING

- Housing options will vary by program – some types that our programs offer include:
  - Residence halls
  - Homestays
  - Apartments
  - Rustic/camping
- Usually included, but not always!
  - Detailed on program budget sheets

# LOGISTICS

- **Passport for study abroad**

- All students must have a passport
- Recommend that passports are valid until at least six months after anticipated return from study abroad
- Passports issued to people under 16 are only valid for five years!

- **Visas for study abroad**

- Many programs require students to apply for a visa in advance – please consider when making any personal travel plans!

- **Getting to/from host site**

- Purchasing flights are student's responsibility, Elon Center Abroad programs offer group flight
- General advice is to wait until official program acceptance
- In general, the program dates include move-in, orientation, class, exams, and move-out
- Direction from partner or GEC advisor

# HEALTH AND SAFETY

## ■ Health

- Our partners on site can facilitate access to most types of healthcare required by your student
- All study abroad students have international health insurance
- Best to think about medical/wellness needs far in advance (i.e. prescription medication, mental health, etc.)
- Many disability accommodations can be organized on study away programs
- Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/travel> and <http://travel.state.gov>

## ■ Mental Health

- Mental health is a serious concern while away; these programs are mentally taxing and tends to bring challenges to the surface rather than make them go away
- In addition to adding stress, study away also makes a student's usual support structures more difficult to access
- If your student experiences anxiety, depression, or other mental health challenges please work closely with their care provider to evaluate these experiences and how they can access the care they need while participating

# SAFETY

## **We cannot guarantee your student's safety**

- We partner with institutions who have well developed risk management/emergency plans
- Alert Traveler app (download about one month before departure)
- US Dept. of State STEP Program - <http://travel.state.gov/step>



**Alert**Traveler

## **Risk Tolerance**

- We use a variety of information sources to evaluate risk
  - US Dept of State (OSAC) + other governmental sources
  - Private risk management organizations (Drum Cussac, WorldAware)



# ACTION STEPS





# NEXT STEPS

- First-year students
  - Come to drop-in hours in the GEC for help organizing grad plans
    - 2-4 PM any day class is in session, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Global Commons
  - Explore program options on the website
- Second-year students
  - Make an appointment with GEC advisor(s) for specific programs
  - Continue to update graduation plans
  - Keep an eye on application deadlines and timelines



# QUESTIONS?

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL OR E-MAIL



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