

# Roadmap to Study Abroad

for semester study abroad and non-faculty-led study abroad programs

## 1 Meet with your academic advisor

- Determine the best time to go abroad and what classes you will need to take
- Almost all majors can go abroad for a full semester with proper planning
- 3.0 GPA typically required
- Save your **elective courses** to take abroad!

## 3 Consider finances

- **Semester program:** normal UofS tuition fees; scholarships and financial aid are applied
- **Summer or intersession program:** tuition varies
- View scholarship opportunities at [studyabroad.scranton.edu](http://studyabroad.scranton.edu)

## 5 Plan to apply early

- **Spring semester** and **Intersession** applications are accepted starting in July and are due by the end of September
- **Fall semester** and **Summer** applications are accepted starting in January and are due by the end of February or March, depending on the program
- Apply early, as many host universities have limited spaces available and admission is offered on a rolling basis.

## 7 Submit applications

- **Two applications must be completed:** one for the UofS and one for the host university abroad
- Ensure the completed Study Abroad Course Approval form is returned to the Office of Global Education
- Await the acceptance notification from your host university!

## 2 Ensure you have a valid passport

- To study abroad, your passport usually needs to be valid for **at least 6 months** after your expected return date.
- Ask the Office of Global Education about **passport and visa information**.

## 4 Decide on a program using [studyabroad.scranton.edu](http://studyabroad.scranton.edu)

- Decide on **location**
- Decide on **type of program**
- Choose a program that offers courses you need and confirm with your academic advisor.
- Take note of **application deadlines**
- Set up an appointment with the Office of Global Education.

## 6 Compile application materials

- **Ask the Office of Global Education for a pin number** to start the UofS application and for the host university application details
- Order an **official transcript**
- Ask a faculty member for a **recommendation**
- Prepare supplementary materials, e.g. essays, forms, etc.
- Complete the **Study Abroad Course Approval Form** with your academic advisor to determine how study abroad credits will apply to your UofS record. Include backup courses in case of schedule changes abroad. Obtain signatures of approval.