

Study Abroad Guide for Decker Students

What are my options?

Students are able to participate in study abroad programs sponsored by Binghamton University, other SUNY schools, and many other non-SUNY colleges. We recommend thoroughly reviewing the [study abroad website](#) to look for programs.

Students should meet with their assigned professional advisor to discuss when the best time to study abroad is as well as what program requirements can be met while studying abroad.

When is the best time to study abroad?

The best times for students to study abroad are winter and summer terms. Students who wish to study abroad for a major term are strongly encouraged to consider their sophomore fall semester first. Any other semesters abroad would have significant impacts on timely program completion. Junior and senior nursing students are not permitted to study abroad during fall or spring semesters. It is important to note that studying abroad during fall or spring semesters is highly likely to require students to need to complete prerequisite courses during winter or summer terms to stay on track for timely degree completion.

Sample Plan to Study Abroad Fall of Sophomore Year

	Fall	Spring	Summer
Freshman Year	Composition (C or J) HSCI 101 PSYC 111 Gen Ed (4 cr)	BIOL 113 HSCI 102 PSYC 220 Composition (C or J)	BIOL 251
Sophomore Year	Study Abroad: Gen Eds Electives	HSCI 201 or BIOL 347 HSCI 319 MATH 147 Gen Ed (4 cr)	

Sample Plan to Study Abroad Spring of Sophomore Year

	Fall	Spring	Summer
Freshman Year	Composition (C or J) HSCI 101 PSYC 111 Gen Ed (4 cr)	BIOL 113 HSCI 102 PSYC 220 Gen Ed (4 cr)	
Sophomore Year	Composition (C or J) HSCI 200 MATH 147 Gen Ed (4 cr)	Study Abroad: Gen Eds Electives	BIOL 347 BIOL 319

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What courses should I take?

Most students attempt to complete gen eds while studying abroad while others sometimes just take elective credit. It is strongly recommended to discuss this with an academic advisor.

General Advising Guidance for Degree Planning	
Most readily available abroad:	Aesthetics (A) Humanities (H) Social Science (N) World Language (WL) Elective credit
Sometimes available abroad:	Global Interdependencies (G) Physical Activity (Y/B) Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice (D)
Most difficult to take abroad:	Composition (C) US Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice (USD) Nursing prerequisite courses

What do I need to do after I return from studying abroad?

- Complete any post-study abroad forms and evaluations required by your program
 - Confirm that your transcripts have already been sent or will be sent once available
- Note: It often takes several weeks for study abroad transcripts to be reviewed and processed after the University has received them.

Additional questions? Contact your assigned academic advisor or decker@binghamton.edu.

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