



I want to study abroad...but how do I choose a program?

You can study pretty much anything anywhere. With all of the opportunities available and decisions to make, choosing a study abroad program can sometimes feel overwhelming. We've created this worksheet to help guide you as you work toward selecting a program abroad.

1. **Think about your goals and needs** in a study abroad program. The Study Abroad Advising Handbook, which you received at your initial advising session, has some questions to help guide you in selecting a program (see pages 4-5). For example:
 - What do I hope to achieve by going abroad? How does this fit in with my academic and career goals?
 - What do I want to study? Do I need to fulfill major/minor or Augsburg core requirements abroad?
 - What foreign language skills do I have? Do they enable me to take classes in the host country's language?
 - When and for how long do I want to go abroad?
 - Where do I want to study? What region or country? Big city or small town?
 - What type of living arrangements? Host family? Residence hall with local students? Shared apartment with other program participants?
 - How much can I afford?
 - What type of program will fit my needs best? Field-based? Direct enrollment? Study center with other U.S. students?
 - Are there any health considerations that might impact my decision?
2. **Come up with a list of your most important criteria** for choosing a program and **write them down on the worksheet** on the back of this page under "My Criteria." What are the "deal-breakers" for me? Is there a must-have class? Can I study abroad only during fall semester of my junior year?
3. **Narrow down your choices** to a few programs that you want to compare and **write them down on the worksheet** under Program 1, Program 2, etc. The brochures in the Study Abroad Library will give you basic information about available programs, and the program providers' and universities' websites usually contain more specific program information, such as what classes are offered during a particular term.
4. **Now you're ready to compare programs!** Check brochures and websites for the information you need, fill in the blanks by writing in specific details or with an "x", and see which programs meet all or most of your criteria.

Study Abroad Program Selection Worksheet

My Criteria (E.g.: Housing Type, Internship, Must-have class, Direct enrollment option, Cost, Term, Language, etc.)	Program 1	Program 2	Program 3	Program 4	Program 5