

College of Business Study Abroad Timeline

Freshmen Year

- Talk to your Parent(s)
- Start a financial plan: research scholarships, encourage family/friends to give monetary gifts for birthday and holidays
- Contemplate and reflect on goals for studying abroad: academic, career, cultural and personal
- Research countries and cities of interest
- Meet with academic advisors to discuss your plans to study abroad
- Apply/renew your passport, if necessary (your passport should be valid 6 months after your intended return date). See US Department of State website.

Sophomore Year

- Limit your choices to three locations and do more intensive research (where will you live, meal options, chances of exploration, classroom settings, etc.)
- Speak with program alumni about their experiences (returnee events in Jan/Feb)
- Review application procedures and make certain you will potentially meet eligibility requirements
- Apply to Pro-School when eligible
- Join COB Inc (International Network Club)

Junior Year

- Outline your goals and objectives (see Freshmen year)
 - Why do you want to go abroad?
 - What would you like to gain from this experience?
- Meet with advisor and draft a graduation plan that includes your term abroad.
- Business students going on IB Option exchange – schedule BA352, BA360 and BA390 to be completed before going abroad
- Note application deadlines:
 - October 10th for Spring Business - Germany
 - January 20th for Fall Business exchanges
 - Design programs – check with Design advisor but typically due by March 1st
- Complete applications – prepare for interviews
- Join or continue membership in COB Inc (International Network Club)

Senior Year

- This is most common year to go abroad (for Business students)
- Not too late to consider applying, though:
 - Consider going on exchange after completing all major and bac core requirements - study abroad as your final college experience
 - Maybe a summer term abroad will fit into your plan
 - If double majoring, staying for 5th year – may still fit in your grad plan
- If you went abroad, return to be a mentor to the next group
- Join or continue membership in COB Inc (International Network Club)

Tips for talking with parents/guardians/family members

1. Have a plan – show how it fits into 4 years and how affordable it really can be
2. Explain how studying abroad will help you academically, professionally, and culturally
3. Explain how studying abroad will help you grow as a person
4. Insure that you'll have regular contact with them throughout your time abroad
5. Tell them you want to explore new subjects that are not offered at your university and that graduation is not typically delayed
6. Show them that you know about the importance of safety abroad
7. Explain that you genuinely want a better perspective on the world
8. Say, "I Love You"



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