BIG JOURNEYS
BEGIN WITH
SMALL STEPS
YOUR JOURNEY STARTS HERE!

This is not your average travel guide. It’s not about where to eat, what to buy or must-visit sites. The ISA Guide to Study Abroad is meant for the student who wants to study abroad but doesn’t know where to begin. It was put together by people who’ve been in your shoes and understand the process. We know the hardest step is the first step, so let us help you get started!

Let’s Begin!

This helpful guide will take you through what, when, where and why you should study abroad… Your adventure starts here!

Since 1987, ISA has offered quality study abroad programs for U.S. and Canadian students, and we are proud to have joined the WorldStrides family! WorldStrides is the largest and most trusted educational travel company in the world. Founded in 1967, WorldStrides has grown to provide global educational programs for 400,000 students annually.

Why Study Abroad?
Explore the reasons why study abroad is for everyone, including YOU!

The ISA Difference
Learn about the many ways ISA goes above and beyond to help you fulfill your goals and have an unforgettable experience abroad.
Academics
Time to discuss courses, credits and all things critical.

Next Steps
You’ve chosen a program and a location, but there’s a bit more to do. Don’t fret, we’ve got the steps all laid out for you.

Why Study Abroad?
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Program Terms and Types
No matter your goal or graduation date, we’ve got a program for you!

Funding Your Program
We will help you navigate through the twists and turns of financing your study abroad program.

The World Awaits
Now to the fun part...Where do you want to go? Let us give you a sneak peek of our sites around the world.

Meet the Team
When we say we’re here for you, we mean it! Learn how we will assist you during every step of your adventure abroad.

Bon Voyage
Now it’s time to say farewell, and embark on one of the best experiences of your life!
WHY STUDY ABROAD?

1. Explore the world. Become a traveler, not a tourist.
2. Broaden your worldview and change your perspective.
3. Develop valuable career skills and give yourself a competitive edge.
4. Make friends and build your professional network.
5. Experience personal growth.

Study abroad and still graduate on time!
J-Term, Intensive Month and Trimester/Semester options mean programs that fit into even the tightest time constraints.

Over 12 languages, including English
You don’t need to speak another language to study abroad, but it’s the perfect way to learn! ISA offers more than 135 programs with courses instructed in English and over 12 different languages are available to study.

Programs for every major
ISA has 300+ programs for 200+ majors in 20+ subjects.

Cultural immersion
Take courses with local students at over 70 universities across the world.

It’s not too expensive!
All programs include: tuition, housing, medical insurance, cultural activities, excursions and more!* 
Many ISA students use financial aid and ISA awards over $150,000 in scholarships to participating students each year.

131 semester/trimester programs under $13,000
53 semester/trimester programs under $11,000
53 summer programs under $5,000

*Airport reception and excursions are not included for Intensive Month and J-term programs. Additional cost for housing in the Pacific region may apply. Meals and laundry service vary by program site and housing option.
WHY STUDY ABROAD & THE ISA DIFFERENCE

WHAT’S INCLUDED?

- Comprehensive Advising and Support
- Visa Support
- Tuition at the Host University
- Official Transcript from Host University with ISA Cover Letter
- Full-time Resident Staff
- On-site ISA Offices
- Computer and Internet Access
- Orientation and Bridging Cultures Program
- Tutoring
- Airport Reception
- Housing
- Excursions
- Cultural Activities
- Insurance
- 24-Hour Emergency Assistance

ISA DISCOVERY MODEL

A primary objective of all ISA programs is to facilitate the learning and development of our students. We rely on host universities to provide quality instruction in the classroom, but ISA is the main facilitator of learning outside of the classroom. These efforts to promote learning are shaped by an educational framework we call the ISA Discovery Model.

According to this model, student learning and development is organized into five areas of discovery:

- INTERCULTURAL
- PROFESSIONAL
- HISTORICAL
- ENVIRONMENTAL
- SOCIOPOLITICAL

Throughout the duration of all ISA programs, we provide participants opportunities to pursue guided learning in these five areas of discovery through participation in ISA excursions, cultural activities and community involvement.

ON-SITE STAFF

Most of our program locations have an on-site ISA office with full-time resident staff. ISA’s full-time resident directors are there to assist with all aspects of your living and university experiences abroad. On-site staff arrange excursions, cultural activities, language exchanges and more and are available 24/7 in case of emergency. Our on-site offices offer a source of security while abroad by serving as a common meeting place and resource center.

BRIDGING CULTURES PROGRAM

The Bridging Cultures Program (BCP) encompasses the ISA on-site orientation delivered at the start of an ISA program, with key focus in areas related to goal setting, intercultural awareness, diversity and professional development. It’s designed to help make the most of our student’s first few days by providing them tools that will facilitate discovery and learning during the program. It’s an important introduction to a new culture, home and experience, and is specially designed to prepare our students for a successful, positive and rewarding study abroad program that will influence the rest of their life!
ISA makes it easy to search for programs that best match your interests and academic needs. Our Program Search tool helps you narrow down results using a subset of criteria.

HOW TO PICK THE RIGHT PROGRAM
First, ask yourself these questions:

- What are my study abroad goals (cultural immersion, language acquisition, coursework, etc.)?
- What courses do I need to take (major courses, minor courses, electives, Gen Eds, etc.)?
- When would I like to go? What term (fall, spring, summer, etc.) and what year?
- Is there a specific site or geographic region that interests me?

Follow these 4 steps to access course descriptions, syllabi and other important details for each program:

1. After narrowing down results using the Program Search, click on View Courses.
2. You’ll see a list of available courses on this page. You can filter by subject (available for most of our programs) in order to find courses that pertain to your major or minor.
Our helpful Advising Guides are great if you’re interested in finding recommended programs for your specific major or minor. Each unique major-specific guide features descriptions of selected ISA programs including host university accreditation and ranking information and, most importantly, a list of courses that pertain to the chosen major, minor or field of study.

The guides can be found at studiesabroad.com/recommendations

From here, click on the title of a course you are interested in to bring up its description, contact hours, recommended U.S. credits/quarter units and course level recommendation.

Select from the other tab options to find out more information about excursions, housing, host university, ISA on-site staff and more!
PROGRAM TERMS AND TYPES

If you're looking for something more than the traditional semester abroad program, we have options for you!

ACADEMIC PROGRAM TERMS

**J-TERM & INTENSIVE MONTH**
J-Term and Intensive Month programs are available in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

**SUMMER**
Summer programs are available in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, New Zealand, Peru, Scotland, South Korea, Spain and Thailand.

**TRIMESTER**
Trimester programs are available in Australia, Costa Rica, Spain and Thailand.

**SEMESTER**
Semester programs are available in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, England, Fiji, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, New Zealand, Peru, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea, Spain and Thailand.

**ACADEMIC YEAR**
Academic year programs are available in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, England, Fiji, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, South Korea and Spain.
ISA INTERNSHIPS & SERVICE-LEARNING
ISA Internships & Service-Learning provides participants a unique experiential learning program abroad. Internship placements focus on high-quality, customized work experiences while offering career-building guidance before, during and after the program. Service-Learning placements are designed to meet the needs of the local community while developing skills relevant to the participant’s field of study through guided reflection. From real-world international internships to community-based projects, Internships & Service-Learning works with participants to identify opportunities that challenge them to learn, grow and strengthen their practical knowledge and skills.

[studiesabroad.com/experience]

ISA GAP PROGRAMS
ISA Gap offers high school graduates the opportunity to study abroad before entering college. The programs do not have to encompass a full year, as students can choose from a variety of ISA summer or semester programs or a combination of both. ISA Gap participants will be grouped with ISA college students from across the U.S. ISA Gap is ideal for students who want to explore their interests, delve into unfamiliar territory and are ready for an experience that will help them enter college more focused and independent.

[studiesabroad.com/gap]

VERITAS ABROAD
Veritas Christian Study Abroad adds spiritual support and faith-based opportunities to existing ISA study abroad programs. Through the guidance and encouragement of on-site Mission Mentors, students are connected to local churches and ministries in order to uniquely foster immersion into the host culture and increase personal growth. As students study and serve in their communities, they will develop a greater understanding and love for the people in their host city that will forever change their perspective of the world around them.

[veritasabroad.com]

EUROSCHOLARS
EuroScholars is a unique research-intensive study abroad program designed for talented and advanced undergraduate students. The program combines a study abroad experience with the opportunity to join a research team and participate in an ongoing investigation at an internationally renowned European research university.

[euroscholars.eu]
MOROCCO •

Morocco is known as al-Maghrib (the west, or the place of sunset) in Arabic. Morocco lies south of Spain across the Strait of Gibraltar, at the most northwestern point in Africa.

Meknes

distinct • inviting • imperial

CITY HIGHLIGHT
The district of Hamria (where the ISA Study Center is located) is the most popular part of the city with numerous cafés, theaters and shops.

UNIVERSITY
ISA Meknes Study Center

POPULAR MAJORS
• International Studies
• Political Science
• Psychology
• Anthropology
• History

SOUTH AFRICA •

Located in sub-Saharan Africa, South Africa has a coastline with more than 2,000 miles of beaches as well as a range of biodiversity that is unparalleled.

1 Cape Town

beautiful • diverse • natural

CITY HIGHLIGHT
The median age in Cape Town is 26 years old. Half of the population is under the age of 24.

UNIVERSITIES
University of Cape Town
University of the Western Cape

POPULAR MAJORS
• Political Science
• Economics
• Psychology
• History
• Biology

2 Port Elizabeth

friendly • coastal • relaxing

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Port Elizabeth is one of the best oceanside cities to live in, with the NMMU campus located just 10 minutes from the beach.

UNIVERSITY
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

POPULAR MAJORS
• Environmental Studies
• Business
• Economics
• International Relations
• Sport Science

photo by isa student Heather Okeefe
China is located in East Asia, with the Pacific Ocean on its east coast, Mongolia, Russia, and Kazakhstan to the north, Pakistan and Afghanistan to the west, and India, Myanmar, and Vietnam to the south.

**Shanghai**

dynamic • modern • exciting

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Shanghai was originally a small fishing village with little hope of advancing past its swampy origins; it’s now the largest city in China and the eighth largest city in the world.

**UNIVERSITY**
East China Normal University 华东师范大学

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- International Business
- Business Administration
- International Studies
- Finance
- Marketing

India shares its borders with Pakistan to the northwest, and Nepal, China, and Bangladesh to the northeast. It is home to some of the planet’s earliest civilizations and is the birthplace of four major religions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism).

**Malavli**
rural • natural • cultural

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Malavli is popular for its proximity to the pristine Pavna Lake and the historic Bhaja and Karla caves, all of which are heritage sites with well-preserved remnants of millennia-old Buddhist settlements.

**SERVICE-LEARNING PLACEMENTS**
Service-Learning placements available for Education and Health Care.

**Mumbai**
bustling • artistic • urban

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Mumbai is India’s commercial capital with nearly 22 million residents from diverse ethnic backgrounds that speak over a dozen languages.

**SERVICE-LEARNING PLACEMENTS**
Service-Learning placements available for Health Care Bollywood Film and Media Studies program available.
ASIA

THAILAND

Located in Southeast Asia, Thailand shares its borders with Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia and Malaysia making it a crossroads for Southeast Asia’s migration, culture and religion.

Bangkok
colorful • vibrant • welcoming

CITY HIGHLIGHT
The 5.5-ton Golden Buddha at Wat Traimit is the largest solid gold statue in the world.

UNIVERSITY
Mahidol University มหาวิทยาลัยมหิดล มหาวิทยาลัย

POPULAR MAJORS
• Communication
• Psychology
• Accounting
• Biology
• Public Relations

SOUTH KOREA •

South Korea (or the Republic of Korea) is one of the most highly developed and stable democracies in East Asia. It is located on the Korean Peninsula, with the Yellow Sea and China to the west, and the Sea of Japan and Japan to the east.

Seoul
modern • fast-paced • dazzling

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Seoul boasts the fastest internet connection speed in the world.

UNIVERSITIES
Konkuk University 건국대학교
Korea University 고려대학교

POPULAR MAJORS
• Architecture
• Business Administration
• Psychology
• International Relations
• Biology

JAPAN

Japan is an island country separated from the east coast of Asia by the Sea of Japan. It is approximately the size of Montana. Japan’s four main islands are Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu and Shikoku.

Tokyo
futuristic • expansive • cosmopolitan

CITY HIGHLIGHT
The world’s largest metropolitan area, Tokyo is consistently ranked as one of the safest cities in the world, coupled with a very high quality of living.

UNIVERSITY
Musashi University 武蔵大学

POPULAR MAJORS
• Media Studies
• Accounting
• Graphic Design
• Chemical Engineering
CZECH REPUBLIC

Czech Republic is in the heart of Europe and shares its borders with Slovakia, Austria, Germany and Poland.

Prague

enchanting • mysterious • intriguing

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Students studying in Prague will be living in an open-air museum; the city center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

UNIVERSITIES
Charles University
University of Economics, Prague

POPULAR MAJORS
• Finance
• Economics
• History
• Marketing
• Psychology

BELGIUM

Belgium is located in Europe, bordered by France, Germany, the Netherlands and Luxembourg as well as the North Sea.

Brussels

cosmopolitan • influential • eclectic

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Brussels is a politically and economically significant capital city famed for its high-quality chocolate and beer.

UNIVERSITY
Vesalius College

POPULAR MAJORS
• Political Science
• International Studies
• Communication
• International Business
• Economics

ISA LIVE CHAT

Have any questions? The Student Service Advisors have you covered. Our knowledgeable team can walk you through the process of picking a program and applying to ISA. Use the LiveChat function on the website to chat with an advisor online, or call anytime for an advising session over the phone.

Call (512) 480-8522, or use ISA Chat on our website to get started.
ENGLAND ••

England is a part of the United Kingdom and occupies the southern portion of the island of Great Britain. It shares its mainland borders with Scotland to the north and Wales to the southwest.

1. **London**
   - **vibrant • historical • international**

   **CITY HIGHLIGHT**
   London is home to over 120 live theatres, 500 cinema screens and 12,000 restaurants.

   **UNIVERSITIES**
   - King’s College London
   - Kingston University
   - Queen Mary, University of London
   - University of Roehampton
   - University of Westminster

   **POPULAR MAJORS**
   - Business
   - Media Studies
   - Biology
   - Psychology
   - Performing Arts

FRANCE •

France shares its border with Spain, Andorra, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg and Belgium. The allure of France as a study abroad destination lies in its inspirational effect on curious minds, making it a constant learning environment.

1. **Lille**
   - **charming • youthful • dynamic**

   **CITY HIGHLIGHT**
   Lille is home to the Braderie de Lille, Europe’s largest flea market featuring wares from over 10,000 sellers.

   **UNIVERSITY**
   Université Catholique de Lille

   **POPULAR MAJORS**
   - International Studies
   - French Language
   - Arts
   - Engineering
   - Science
GERMANY

The seventh largest country on the European continent with the second largest population in the European Union, Germany boasts a multicultural populace and an intriguing history.

Berlin

historic • edgy • metropolitan

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Berlin is Germany’s biggest university city with a population of over 134,000 students.

UNIVERSITY
Freie Universität Berlin

POPULAR MAJORS
• German Studies
• European Studies
• Political Science
• History
• Sociology

GREECE

Greece is located in Southern Europe at the crossroads of Africa, the Middle East and Europe. From stunning displays of ancient architecture and rich tradition to gorgeous coastline and pristine beaches, Greece offers students alluring antiquity and natural splendor.

Thessaloniki

thriving • historic • artistic

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Frappe coffee (a foamy drink made with instant coffee) was invented here during the Thessaloniki International Trade Fair in 1957.

UNIVERSITY
American College of Thessaloniki

POPULAR MAJORS
• Management
• Nursing
• Biology
• Computer Science
• Social Work
ITALY

Italy is primarily a peninsula extending southeast from the south-central region of the European continent. Italy is known for its warm people, outstanding cuisine, varied land and seascapes and unparalleled artistic and historic wonders.

Florence

artistic • classic • quaint

CITY HIGHLIGHT
25% of the world’s greatest masterpieces are behind the walls of the Uffizi Gallery, the Accademia and the Bargello museums.

UNIVERSITIES
Florence University of the Arts and the Apicius International School of Hospitality

POPULAR MAJORS
• Hospitality and Tourism Management
• Marketing
• Communication
• Art

IRELAND

The Republic of Ireland occupies the majority of the island of Ireland, which it shares with Northern Ireland. The country is well known for its colorful traditions, whimsical folklore, comforting food and drink, eclectic musical history and warm and welcoming people.

Dublin

friendly • young • bustling

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Dublin has a large population of people under 25 years of age (estimated at approximately 50% of the population).

UNIVERSITIES
Trinity College Dublin
University College Dublin
National University of Ireland
Maynooth University

POPULAR MAJORS
• Business
• English
• History
• Engineering
• Nursing

Galway

vibrant • traditional • seaside

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Galway is known as “Ireland’s Cultural Heart” due to the city’s large role in traditional Irish music.

UNIVERSITY
National University of Ireland, Galway

POPULAR MAJORS
• Engineering
• Irish Studies
• English
• History

Limerick

sporty • artistic • lively

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Limerick is known as the Sporting Capital of Ireland.

UNIVERSITY
University of Limerick

PopULAR MAJORS
• Business
• Irish Studies
• Health Science
• Engineering

photo by ISA student Chelsea Studenski
SCOTLAND

Scotland lies in the northern portion of Great Britain, which it shares with England and Wales. As part of the United Kingdom, Scotland has much in common with its neighbors, but with some exciting differences such as their love of bagpipes, kilts and haggis.

Glasgow

diverse • timeless • lively

CITY HIGHLIGHT
The city was named a UNESCO Music City for its substantial live music culture.

UNIVERSITY
University of Glasgow

POPULAR MAJORS
• Psychology
• Business Administration
• Geology
• English
• International Relations

Stirling

lush • quaint • scenic

CITY HIGHLIGHT
A mint in Stirling that produced silver coins was the inspiration for the British currency name, “sterling.”

UNIVERSITY
University of Stirling

POPULAR MAJORS
• Education
• Business Management
• English Literature
• History
• Psychology

Be sure to get your passport! If you don’t have one, start the process by visiting travel.state.gov/passport.
If you already have one, check that it’s valid for 6 months after the end of your program.
Spain is a country in Southwestern Europe, bordering the Bay of Biscay, Mediterranean Sea, North Atlantic Ocean and Pyrenees Mountains. Situated southwest of France, Spain has a rich cultural heritage, a majestic blend of topographies and internationally recognized museums and cathedrals. Its universities are world famous for their foreign language centers, making it an ideal country for Spanish language immersion.

**① Barcelona**  
**cosmopolitan • lively • contemporary**

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**  
Still being constructed, La Sagrada Familia Basilica in Barcelona has taken over 130 years to build; in comparison, one of the Great Pyramids in Egypt took only 20 years.

**UNIVERSITIES**  
Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona  
Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo  
Universitat de Barcelona  
Universitat Pompeu Fabra

**POPULAR MAJORS**  
• Finance  
• Marketing  
• Tourism & Hospitality Management

**② Bilbao**  
**multicultural • artsy • gastronomic**

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**  
Bilbao is home to the famous Guggenheim Museum, as well as world-renowned cuisine.

**UNIVERSITY**  
Universidad de Deusto

**POPULAR MAJORS**  
• International Studies  
• Spanish Language  
• Business

**③ Granada**  
**eclectic • mountainous • historic**

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**  
Granada is a vibrant, youthful city teeming with university students. The beach and mountains are within an hour distance of the city.

**UNIVERSITY**  
Universidad de Granada

**POPULAR MAJORS**  
• Spanish Language  
• History  
• International Studies

**④ Madrid**  
**metropolitan • diverse • historic**

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**  
Madrid’s Golden Triangle of museums, made up of the Prado, Reina Sofia and Thyssen-Bornemisza, houses incredible works by prestigious artists such as Goya, Velázquez, El Bosco and other influential artists.

**UNIVERSITIES**  
Universidad Antonio de Nebrija  
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

**POPULAR MAJORS**  
• Spanish Language  
• Psychology  
• International Business  
• Marketing  
• Communication
© Málaga
coastal • emerging • inviting

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Málaga is the birthplace of Pablo Picasso and Antonio Banderas.

**UNIVERSITY**
Universidad de Málaga

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Spanish Language
- Psychology
- Marketing
- International Studies

© Salamanca
collegiate • historic • majestic

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Universidad de Salamanca was one of the first European universities to open registration to women.

**UNIVERSITY**
Universidad de Salamanca

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Spanish Language
- Psychology
- History
- International Business

© Santander
adventurous • elegant • unique

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
With over 50 great surfing spots, Santander is a hot vacation destination for thousands of Spaniards every summer.

**UNIVERSITY**
Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Spanish Language
- Spanish Culture

© Sevilla
passionate • traditional • historic

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
A city with Jewish, Moorish and Christian roots, Sevilla houses the largest Gothic cathedral in the world, which is also the third largest church in the world.

**UNIVERSITIES**
ISA Study Center with Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo
Universidad de Sevilla
Universidad Pablo de Olavide

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Spanish Language
- Marketing
- International Business
- Education
- International Studies

© Valencia
urban • relaxed • mediterranean

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Valencia is where modern meets traditional as students can find traditional Spanish plazas and a bustling metropolis within the same city.

**UNIVERSITIES**
Florida State University Study Center
Universidad Católica de Valencia
Universitat Politècnica de València
Universitat de València

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Spanish Language
- Psychology
- Biology
- Communication
- International Business
ARGENTINA

Argentina is located in South America, bordering the South Atlantic Ocean, between Chile and Uruguay. European influences are evident in the unique fusion of architecture, cuisine and world-renowned artistic contributions to music, literature and dance.

Buenos Aires

lively • eclectic • elegant

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Explore the city’s 48 diverse barrios and practice your moves at one of the city’s countless milongas.

UNIVERSITIES
Universidad Argentina de la Empresa
Universidad de Belgrano

POPULAR MAJORS
- International Studies
- Political Science
- International Business
- Economics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language

BRAZIL

Brazil is located in Eastern South America and borders 10 other Latin American countries. Recognized worldwide for its soccer stars, samba and beautiful beaches, Brazil has emerged as a political and economic leader in Latin America and the rest of the world.

Florianópolis

friendly • active • coastal

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Known as the “Island of Magic,” Floripa, as it’s called by locals, has over 42 beaches.

UNIVERSITY
Universidade do Sul de Santa Catarina

POPULAR MAJORS
- International Studies
- International Business
- Economics
- Psychology
- Political Science
- Spanish Language

CHILE

Chile is located in South America between the Pacific Ocean and Argentina, Bolivia and Peru. Chile is known for its incredible topography (mountains and beaches are equally accessible) as well as its literary and cultural heritage.

Valparaíso/Viña del Mar

hilly • seaside • picturesque

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Get lost in the mesmerizing colorful hills of Valparaíso and lounge by the picturesque beaches of Viña del Mar.

UNIVERSITIES
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

POPULAR MAJORS
- Spanish Language
- International Studies
- International Business
- Biology
- Psychology
COLOMBIA

Colombia is a truly diverse and unique country located in the northwestern corner of South America. Featuring preserved historical quarters, phenomenal cuisine, pristine beaches, jungle hikes and even skiing, Colombia truly offers something for everybody.

**Barranquilla**

*caribbean • festive • friendly*

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**

Each spring, Barranquilla is home to the UNESCO recognized Carnaval de Barranquilla, the second largest carnival celebration in the world.

**UNIVERSITY**

Universidad del Norte

**POPULAR MAJORS**

- Spanish Language
- International Business
- Finance
- Engineering
- Latin American Studies

COSTA RICA

Flanked by the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, Costa Rica boasts impressive biodiversity, environmental awareness and great opportunities for adventure and ecotourism.

**San José**

*urban • bustling • lively*

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**

San José is home to one-third of Costa Rica’s population.

**UNIVERSITY**

Universidad Veritas

**POPULAR MAJORS**

- Biology
- Business
- Spanish Language
- Nursing
- Environmental Studies

**Cartago**

*historical • environmental • quaint*

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**

Cartago was Costa Rica’s capital from 1565 until 1823.

**SERVICE-LEARNING PLACEMENTS**

Placements available in Environment & Conservation, Education & Literacy and Disabilities & Special Needs.

**Heredia**

*relaxed • authentic • charming*

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**

Heredia is surrounded by Costa Rica’s coffee plantations.

**UNIVERSITY**

The Universidad Latina - Heredia

**Santa Cruz**

*tropical • folkloric • festive*

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**

Located a short drive from many of Costa Rica’s most famous beaches, this small but active city is known across the country as a hub of Costa Rican culture and folklore.

**UNIVERSITY**

Universidad Latina – Sede Santa Cruz

**POPULAR MAJORS**

- Spanish Language
LATIN AMERICA

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. Its geographic diversity includes rain forests, coral reefs, whitewater rivers, saltwater lakes, miles of white-sand beaches and more.

Santiago

caribbean • relaxed • inviting

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Known as the “Heart City” of this sunny Caribbean destination, Santiago is the cultural and commercial center of the Cibao Valley region.

UNIVERSITY
Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra

POPULAR MAJORS
• Spanish Language
• Sociology
• Biology
• Political Science
• International Studies

CUBA

Cuba is located in the Caribbean, surrounded by the U.S. to the north, Mexico to the west and the Cayman Islands and Jamaica to the south.

Havana

caribbean • revolutionary • vintage

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Havana was given the nickname “ciudad de las columnas”, city of columns because of its beautiful colonial architecture.

UNIVERSITY
Universidad de las Artes (ISA)

POPULAR MAJORS
• Spanish Language
• Culture
• Literature

PERU

Peru lies along the Pacific Ocean in South America, between Chile and Ecuador. In addition to its enticing natural beauty, Peru is enlivened by its indigenous and colonial history, which is characterized by the breathtaking archaeological site of Machu Picchu.

Cusco

cultural • environmental • ancient

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Explore the wonders of the Sacred Valley and hike one of the Seven Wonders of the Modern World, Machu Picchu.

UNIVERSITY
Universidad de Salamanaca Cursos Internacionales en Cusco

POPULAR MAJORS
• Spanish Language
• International Studies
• Anthropology
• Environmental Studies
• Political Science
Lima

metropolitan • colonial • seaside

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Coined the “Gastronomic Capital of the Americas,” Lima’s innovative and highly regarded cuisine is known throughout the world.

UNIVERSITIES
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Peru
Universidad del Pacífico
Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia

POPULAR MAJORS
• Spanish
• International Studies
• International Business
• Business Administration
• Economics

Lima, Peru

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Amman
welcoming • storied • influential

At the crossroads of countless civilizations, the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is situated in the heart of the Middle East.

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Amman’s history spans nine millennia, dating back to the Stone Age, which gives the city an incredible blend of Neolithic and modern architecture.

UNIVERSITIES
Princess Sumaya University for Technology
University of Jordan

POPULAR MAJORS
• International Studies
• Political Science
• International Affairs
• Anthropology
• Criminology
AUSTRALIA

The sixth largest country in the world, Australia is nearly the same size as the continental United States and is home to 20 million people. Boasting some of the most spectacular travel destinations in the world, Australia’s biggest attraction is its natural beauty.

1. Adelaide
walkable • livable • progressive

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Adelaide is home to the Adelaide Arts Festival, considered one of the world’s largest celebrations of the arts.

UNIVERSITIES
University of Adelaide

POPULAR MAJORS
• Business & Economics
• Media
• Arts & International Studies

2. Brisbane
cosmopolitan • lively • multi-cultural

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Brisbane is a young, energetic and modern city set along the banks of the Brisbane River, just an hour train ride from the famous Gold Coast.

UNIVERSITIES
Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
University of Queensland

POPULAR MAJORS
• Biology
• Business
• Communications
• Creative Industries
• Engineering

3. Cairns
authentic • tranquil • seaside

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Cairns is home to two of the most treasured natural places on earth: The Great Barrier Reef and the Wet Tropics Rainforest.

UNIVERSITY
James Cook University, Cairns

POPULAR MAJORS
• Business
• Environmental Studies
• Psychology
• Sport & Exercise Science

4. Gold Coast
bustling • coastal • vibrant

CITY HIGHLIGHT
The city is home to over 40 miles of coastline, including the famous “Surfer’s Paradise.”

UNIVERSITIES
Bond University
Griffith University

POPULAR MAJORS
• Business
• Communications
• Design
• Hotel & Tourism Management
• Social Sciences

5. Melbourne
cosmopolitan • multicultural • edgy

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Melbourne is the cultural capital of Australia with its extensive architecture, museums, galleries and theaters.

UNIVERSITIES
La Trobe University
University of Melbourne

POPULAR MAJORS
• Accounting
• Psychology
• Communication
• Business Administration
• Computer Science
Newcastle
coastal • charming • creative

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Stockton Beach acted as a fortified front against possible Japanese naval attacks during World War II. Tank traps are still found at some points on the beach.

UNIVERSITY
University of Newcastle

POPULAR MAJORS
• Information Technology
• Kinesiology
• Psychology
• Environmental Studies
• Business Administration

Sydney
vibrant • multicultural • historic

CITY HIGHLIGHT
With a staggering 4.5 million residents, Sydney boasts the largest population in Australia.

UNIVERSITIES
International College of Management Sydney
Macquarie University
University of New South Wales
University of Technology, Sydney
University of Sydney

POPULAR MAJORS
• Accounting
• Business Administration
• Marketing
• Biology
• Psychology

Perth
unique • picturesque • adventurous

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Perth is the world’s sunniest capital city.

UNIVERSITIES
Murdoch University
University of Western Australia

POPULAR MAJORS
• Animal Science
• Biology
• Exercise Science
• Marine Science
• Psychology

Townsville
friendly • tropical • relaxed

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Townsville is Australia’s largest tropical city and headquarters for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.

UNIVERSITY
James Cook University, Townsville

POPULAR MAJORS
• Business
• Environmental Studies
• Marine Science
• Psychology
• Sport & Exercise Science

Suva
vibrant • relaxed • natural

CITY HIGHLIGHT
Suva serves as the political, administrative, and commercial center of the country and is the largest urban area in the South Pacific outside of New Zealand and Australia.

UNIVERSITY
University of the South Pacific

POPULAR MAJORS
• Biology
• Marine Science
• Sociology
• International Studies
• Accounting

FIJI

The Fijian Islands are located in the South Pacific and are an archipelago of over 330 islands packed with attractions that are unique to its location. Fiji offers a remarkable experiential opportunity for visitors.

Suva
vibrant • relaxed • natural

CITY HIGHLIGHT
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UNIVERSITY
University of the South Pacific

POPULAR MAJORS
• Biology
• Marine Science
• Sociology
• International Studies
• Accounting
New Zealand is made up of the North and South Islands and is located southeast of Australia in the Pacific Ocean. There is abundant beauty and diversity in the country's scenery, lifestyle and culture.

1 Auckland
urban • coastal • multicultural

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Auckland’s Sky Tower stands at 1,076 feet and is the tallest free-standing structure in the Southern Hemisphere.

**UNIVERSITIES**
AUT University
University of Auckland

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Biology
- Engineering
- Business Administration
- Media & Communications
- Psychology

2 Christchurch
green • historic • resilient

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Within two hours of Christchurch International Airport, visitors can find a great deal of activities including touring one of the many wineries, skiing at the world-class resorts and participating in a number of sporting activities both in the water and on land.

**UNIVERSITY**
University of Canterbury

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Exercise Science
- Engineering
- Forestry
- Geology
- Māori Studies

3 Dunedin
friendly • collegiate • untamed

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Dunedin (pronounced duh-NEE-din) is the South Island’s second largest city and the commercial center for the Otago region.

**UNIVERSITY**
University of Otago

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Environmental Studies
- Psychology
- Education
- Marine Science
- Health Sciences

4 Palmerston North
natural • comfortable • charming

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Palmerston North is colloquially known as Palmy.

**UNIVERSITY**
Massey University, Palmerston North

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Biology
- Environmental Studies
- Communication
- International Business
- Agriculture

5 Wellington
creative • stunning • trendy

**CITY HIGHLIGHT**
Surrounded by some of the North Island’s most stunning natural beauty, Palmerston North’s Maori name is Te Papaioea, which aptly translates to “How beautiful it is”.

**UNIVERSITIES**
Massey University, Wellington
Victoria University of Wellington

**POPULAR MAJORS**
- Creative & Performing Arts
- Marketing
- Communication
- International Relations
- Business
Step Outside The Classroom

INTERNSHIPS & SERVICE-LEARNING

Apply the theories you’ve learned in the classroom to a real-world internship or volunteer experience abroad. Gain personal and professional development while helping organizations and community partners achieve their goals.

ISA INTERNSHIPS
ISA Internships provides you with professional and personal development focusing on high-quality, customized work experience designed to enhance your résumé. Our team will provide you with résumé and cover letter advising before you depart, on-site goal-setting exercises once you arrive, distinctive learning objectives to ensure your professional development needs are met and career-building resources when you return home.

ISA SERVICE-LEARNING
ISA Service-Learning provides the opportunity to learn firsthand about social issues faced by communities around the world. By partnering you with community-based organizations and following a structured, reflection-based curriculum, you will learn how professionals are addressing these issues with the available resources, while developing intercultural and leadership skills in a real-world context.

INTERNSHIP LOCATIONS
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SERVICE-LEARNING LOCATIONS
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Peru • South Africa

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Now that we’ve covered the what, where, when and why, here’s how to make it all come together.

CHECKLIST

DO YOUR RESEARCH
Use this guide as a tool to help you research and find programs that interest you. Decide on 1 – 3 programs that fit your interests and academic needs. Be mindful of GPA requirements and application deadlines. Call our office and speak to an advisor to help you find the perfect match!

MEET WITH YOUR STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR
Questions to ask your study abroad advisor

• When is the best time for me to study abroad?
• Who should I contact for course approval and credit transfer?
• Does my home university have any paperwork or an application I need to complete before applying to ISA?
• Are there any important deadlines or due dates I need to know about?
• Who is the contact for financial aid?
• Are there any scholarships, grants or loans I can apply for?

MEET WITH YOUR FINANCIAL AID ADVISOR
Inform your university’s study abroad and financial aid offices of your interest in using financial aid to pay for your study abroad program and ask about their requirements.

COMPLETE THE ISA APPLICATION MATERIALS
Go to studiesabroad.com/apply to complete your ISA application.
You’ll need to submit:

• ISA Application signed by your study abroad advisor
• Official transcript
• $200 program deposit (goes towards the cost of your program)
* Additional materials may vary by site
* You should also be sure to complete any other paperwork or applications required by your study abroad office.

APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, LOANS AND GRANTS
Many scholarship deadlines will be earlier than the program application deadline, so plan ahead! Check out the next page for more information and resources for funding your program.
# Cost Comparison Worksheet

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*For further details, please reference the ‘Additional Estimated Expenses’ page of the ISA website.*

## Planning for Your Program

**Budgeting Tips:**

- Narrow your search to countries with a lower cost of living. ISA has summer programs starting below $5,000 and semester programs starting below $13,000.
- Find programs where extras like meals and laundry service are included; homestays are a great option.
- Small cities tend to have affordable transportation and living expenses.
- Apply early for scholarships!

## Fact Sheet:

The Financial Aid Calculation Tool (FACT) is a helpful resource when initially calculating financial aid and out-of-pocket payment amounts for your program.

Calculate your program costs at studiesabroad.com/admissions/fact

Our Additional Estimated Expenses resource is helpful for completing this form according to your chosen program. Find it here: studiesabroad.com/enrolled/study/additionalExpenses
FINANCIAL AID

You must complete the following steps in order to apply financial aid to your ISA program.

1. Inform your university study abroad and financial aid offices of your interest in using financial aid to pay for an ISA study abroad program and ask about their requirements. Begin working on a budget for your program abroad.

2. Ask your financial aid office if there is a Contractual Agreement (sometimes referred to as a Consortium Agreement) that needs to be completed. If so, have that form sent to financialaid@studiesabroad.com ASAP so that it can be completed and returned to your university.

3. Read and sign the Verification of Award (VOA) found in the ISA Student Portal. Then, work with your university financial aid office to ensure that the VOA is completed and returned to ISA by your final forms and payment deadline.

4. Turn in all necessary payments and your HOLD check (if applicable) to ISA. Please contact your ISA program manager if you have any questions or concerns.
SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are a great way to help fund your study abroad program. ISA awards approximately $150,000 in scholarships to participating students each year through the ISA scholarship program and through several of our host universities. In addition to those offered through ISA, many students also apply for and receive scholarships from outside sources every year.

ISA SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Carlos E. Castañeda Memorial Scholarship
- 12 x $2,000 for Fall Programs
- 12 x $2,000 for Winter/Spring Programs
- 2 x $2,500 for Year (Fall start) Programs
- 2 x $2,500 for Year (Spring start) Programs

Michaela Farnum Memorial Scholarship
- 8 x $1,000 for Summer Programs

ISA Diversity Scholarship
- 2 x $1,000 for Summer Programs
- 3 x $2,000 for Fall Programs
- 3 x $2,000 for Winter/Spring Programs

Live Like Ally Memorial Scholarship
- 1 x $1,000 for Fall Programs
- 1 x $1,000 for Spring Programs

Kalyn Peterson Memorial Scholarship
- 1 x $1,000 for Summer Service-Learning Programs
- 1 x $1,000 for Fall Service-Learning Programs

HOST UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of ISA’s universities abroad offer special scholarships to ISA students. Students who are studying abroad at the following universities are encouraged to apply for an ISA Host University Scholarship. Below is a list of universities who have generously provided scholarships for previous terms:

AUSTRALIA
- Queensland University of Technology: Brisbane
- James Cook University: Cairnes and Townsville
- Bond University: Gold Coast
- Griffith University: Gold Coast
- La Trobe University: Melbourne
- University of Newcastle: Newcastle
- International College of Management, Sydney: Sydney
- Macquarie University: Sydney
- University of New South Wales: Sydney

ENGLAND
- Kingston University: London

GREECE
- American College of Thessaloniki: Thessaloniki

NEW ZEALAND
- AUT University: Auckland
- University of Canterbury: Christchurch
- Massey University: Palmerston North and Wellington
- Victoria University of Wellington: Wellington

SOUTH KOREA
- Korea University: Seoul

OUTSIDE STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

- Benjamin A Gilman Scholarship
- Boren Scholarships
- BUTEX North American Scholarships
- Fund for Education Abroad
- Go Overseas Scholarships

For more information on these scholarships, including important deadlines, visit: studiesabroad.com/scholarships
ISA is here to help every step of the way, from beginning to end. Let us introduce you to the ISA team members who will ensure that you get the most out of your study abroad experience.

1. **REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

   The Regional Director is your main ISA contact on your university campus. They will visit your university during the semester to hold information sessions, participate in campus events and be your point person for initial inquiries you might have.

   **QUESTIONS REGIONAL DIRECTORS CAN ANSWER:**
   - Who do I talk to about study abroad on my campus?
   - Are there any on-campus events or activities I can attend to learn more about studying abroad?
   - How do I get started?

2. **STUDENT SERVICES ADVISOR**

   The Student Services Advisor is your support for the beginning stages of your study abroad experience. They are available by email, phone or LiveChat to help you answer general questions about study abroad, find the program that is the perfect fit for you and educate you about the different options ISA has to offer.

   **QUESTIONS STUDENT SERVICES ADVISORS CAN ANSWER:**
   - How can I overcome challenges, such as paying for my program, in order to study abroad?
   - Based on my academic and personal goals, which ISA program is the best fit for me?
   - How does study abroad work?
The Site Specialist will be your ISA contact for all questions related to the specific city in which you plan to study. Their expertise is centered around academics, visas, housing and general city knowledge.

**QUESTIONS SITE SPECIALISTS CAN ANSWER:**
- Which program at this site is best for my academic background and interests?
- What steps do I take to get a student visa?
- What are the housing options like in this city?

The Program Manager is one of your two main contacts during the pre-departure process, along with your Site Specialist. The Program Manager is in charge of admissions into the program, as well as reviewing forms and payment on your student portal once you're accepted into the program.

**QUESTIONS PROGRAM MANAGERS CAN ANSWER:**
- What application materials are required?
- Can I use my financial aid to study abroad?
- What forms are required after acceptance?

Once you have started your program, ISA’s full-time Resident Directors will assist you with all aspects of your experience abroad. ISA Resident Directors are locals and are highly knowledgeable about the facilities, customs, support services and local people. The ISA Resident Directors arrange the Bridging Cultures Program, academic support, excursions, weekly meetings, cultural activities and other services.

**QUESTIONS PROGRAM MANAGERS CAN ANSWER:**
- Where can I buy a specific item in this country?
- Where can I find a doctor?
- What weekly activities can I participate in during my program?
My ISA Regional Director: 

My Study Abroad Advisor: 

My University Study Abroad Office Location: 

My University Study Abroad Office Application Deadlines: