So you want to study abroad?

Start discussing study abroad with your Academic Advisor today! Ask these questions to start planning now.

Do I need a foreign language for my degree?
If so, consider the TTU Center in Sevilla, Spain. You can take Spanish language classes during the fall and spring semesters, summer, or even during the whole academic year. Studying Spanish in Sevilla can be a real time-saver and helps you achieve this degree requirement more quickly.

When should I study abroad?
Your Academic Advisor knows the degree plan like the back of their hand. Ask which term(s) offer the most flexibility for you to study abroad. Start planning now to be abroad during the times suggested by your Advisor.

What types of classes should I take abroad?
You may be eligible to take major and minor classes, plus electives and core courses. You could also complete an international internship, service-learning, or research project abroad.

What are my next steps?
Review the program options on the Study Abroad website, studyabroad.ttu.edu. Once you have identified a few programs of interest, meet with your Study Abroad Counselor or Engineering Program Manager to learn more.

Do I need a passport to study abroad?
Sure do! If you don't have a passport, make an appointment with the Passport Office in the International Cultural Center. Appointments are required and may be made by contacting: 806-742-3667

...and don’t forget!
Attend the Study Abroad Fair, scheduled October 7, 2024 in the SUB Ballroom. All programs are showcased at this annual event so this is a good way for you to review options.

Highlights:

- 20+ year history hosting thousands of Red Raiders
- Supportive, local TTU faculty and staff
- In-person courses available in many disciplines including Spanish, Architecture, and Engineering
- Homestays with full meal plan
- Excursions included to other nearby cities in Spain, plus free time to travel on your own

Hands-On Opportunities:

- Medical shadowing in local clinics and hospitals
- Internships available
Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to speak a foreign language to study abroad?
No. Most study abroad programs allow students to take courses taught in English either in English-speaking countries or in specially designed programs in other countries.

Pro Tip: Do you need to take foreign language for your degree? Consider the TTU Center in Sevilla, Spain. Spanish language classes available each semester and summer. The Center offers small class sizes, in-person instruction, and a supportive environment with on-site TTU faculty and staff.

When can I apply, and when should I study abroad?
Students generally apply the semester before they plan to study abroad. Students should always consult their Academic Advisors to ensure they understand the best time(s) to study abroad given their individual degree plan. Typically, sooner is better than later!

If I study abroad, will I graduate on time?
If students meet with their Academic Advisors to determine the best time to study abroad and confirm that all study abroad courses make sense for their degree plan, then graduation should remain on schedule. The students who do not graduate on time as a result of study abroad are generally those who mistake study abroad for a vacation, do not take their courses seriously, and return to Texas Tech with failing grades.

Is it expensive to study abroad?
Studying abroad does not have to be more expensive than the cost to study in Lubbock. Program costs range greatly based on factors like program length, location, housing, program type, etc. If students consult openly with their Study Abroad Counselor or Engineering Program Manager about financial concerns, our team can help students select a program that is both appropriate and affordable. Cost information for each study abroad program is available on the Study Abroad website.

Pro Tip: Students can meet with Study Abroad this summer to learn more and begin their study abroad journey! Appointments can be made by scanning the included QR code, or visit: www.depts.ttu.edu/international/studyabroad/students/process/advising.php.

Highlights:
- Summer or semester programs available in a foreign-yet-familiar place
- Study alongside Latin American classmates to share experiences and increase networks
- Classes available in many disciplines including Business, Engineering, Math, English and more
- Dormitory-style housing available with breakfast included
- Excursions included to sites throughout Costa Rica plus free time to travel on your own

Hands-On Opportunities:
- Internships available
- Company and site visits vary depending on program and student interest

Visit: https://www.depts.ttu.edu/international/studyabroad/ttu-costarica/