



Choosing an Education Abroad Program

Participating on an education abroad program is the experience of a lifetime! Selecting the most appropriate program for your needs is very important. To do so, you need to know yourself, your personal goals, and your individual expectations. To ensure that you have the most positive experience abroad, you should research all of the exciting options available to you.

The OIP Education Abroad website at <http://educationabroad.babson.edu> is a great tool to assist you in narrowing down your choices based on the following considerations:

- How much time do you want to spend abroad? The Glavin Office of International Programs offers Winter Session, March Break, Summer (I and/or II), Fall Semester, Spring Semester, or Academic Year programs.
- What are your primary academic goals for your experience abroad? Do you need to take courses for your degree requirements or can you take general electives? Do you want to develop a language?
- What are your cost considerations? Do you use federal financial aid? Do you receive scholarships or grants?
- Are you looking for a program that will offer in-depth cultural immersion in a particular culture or society?
- Do you want a program in which you will take university classes with local students in the local language? Or would you prefer to take classes designed specifically for Babson students and/or other U.S. study abroad students?
- Would you prefer to live in a major metropolitan area, or in a small city or rural area?
- Would you prefer to live with a host family, with local students, with other U.S. and international study abroad students, or with other Babson students?
- Do you have any special needs such as a medical condition, learning disability, mental health condition or dietary restriction that may need accommodation or specialized resources while abroad?
- Do you meet the minimum eligibility requirements for education abroad and the admission requirements for your selected education abroad program?

If you have any questions, or need more help choosing a program, call or stop by the Glavin Office of International Programs to speak with our staff. We look forward to assisting you on your journey!

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