

Semester Programs 101



Chapter 1. Semester Programs 101

Semester programs are a study abroad option where students study abroad for a whole semester in an immersive experience.

Immersive experiences include:

- Direct Exchange
- Study Center

Related reference

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Chapter 2. Program Choice Decisions

Below are recommended steps to take before applying to decide on your program selection.

Research the following to clarify your priorities

- Decide your preference between large city vs. Small Town
- Discuss your academic requirements with your advisor
 - Do you need elective credits?
 - Does the Partner University have courses that fit into your major or minor curriculum?
 - Does the Partner University offer language courses?
- Consider your host university's housing options
 - International Student Dorms
 - Off-Campus Housing
 - Homestay with Host Family
- What can your finances support
 - Some programs and or locations can be more expensive than others depending on:
 - Program Type (Direct Exchange vs. Study Center)
 - Scholarships Available for specific locations
 - Visa Requirements
 - Cost of Living

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Chapter 3. Study Center Programs

For a study center exchange experience, american students gather at a center that organizes courses, excursions, housing, and internships for their students. there are many programs to choose from!

- Study and Intern in Dublin
- Study and Intern in Barcelona
- Study and Intern in Madrid
- Study and Intern in London

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Chapter 4. Direct Exchange Programs

Direct Exchange students enroll directly into the partner university as an immersive experience.

- University of Otago- New Zealand
- Wirtschaftsuniversitaet Wien - Austria
- City University of Hong Kong - China
- Universidad de Chile - Chile

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Chapter 5. How to Apply to a Program

How to apply via the Carlson Global Institute Website

1. Navigate to the Carlson Global Institute page: z.umn.edu/applynow
2. Select the Apply Now Link
3. Complete each item on your online checklist marked as required
4. Complete all above steps before the February 1st Deadline at Noon

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