STEM & STUDY ABROAD
IT IS POSSIBLE!

WHO WE ARE

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IS STUDY ABROAD RIGHT FOR ME?

- What are my motivations for studying abroad? What goals do I have?
- How will my study abroad experience fit into my academic plan?
- How will I use my study abroad experience in the future (personally, academically, or professionally)?

BENEFITS OF STUDYING ABROAD

- Improved language skills (if studying in another language)
- Increased employability
- Increased intercultural & communication skills
- Increased flexibility, creativity, & problem-solving

Worried about grades? Our research shows that, on average, students do just as well abroad as they do here at Middlebury.
HOW DO I CHOOSE A PROGRAM?

- English-speaking program vs. Second-language program
- Middlebury vs. Externally-sponsored
  - Middlebury has programs in: Argentina, Brazil, Cameroon, Chile, China, France, Germany, India, (Israel), Italy, Japan, Jordan, Morocco, Russia, Spain, UK, Uruguay
- University-based vs. Field-based
- Thematic options
  - Environmental Sustainability
  - Human Rights
  - Health & Pre-Med
- Year vs. Semester vs. Summer/Short-term
- Domestic vs. International

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- What types of courses do you want to take?
- Academic strengths of the programs you’re considering
- What is the format of the program? Does it match your learning style?
- What are your goals for your experience?
- How much independence do you want?
- What type of city are you looking for? What type of housing are you looking for?
- What are the program costs? Is financial aid a concern?

PICK THE PROGRAM THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU (REGARDLESS OF HYPE)
WHAT SHOULD I CONSIDER ACADEMICALLY WHEN CHOOSING A PROGRAM?

- Major requirements
  - Can you transfer credits from abroad? Can you take a semester “off” from your major?
- Timing of required courses
  - Some core courses are only offered during particular semesters
- The trajectory of the curriculum may vary
  - The curriculum for certain degrees abroad may be structured differently than they are in the U.S. (pre-requisites, etc.)
- The nature of lab courses may vary
  - Some universities split labs and lectures between two different semesters – taking a lab may not be an option

SAVE YOUR ELECTIVES!!!!

A NOTE ABOUT FINANCIAL AID...

- Study abroad costs: generally similar to or somewhat less than U.S. college costs; see International Programs for specifics.
- Study abroad fee of $1,750 per semester abroad
- Financial Aid Information:
  - **Federal** financial aid *(aid other than Middlebury grants or loans)* can usually be applied to study abroad expenses for any approved program.
  - **Middlebury** grant and loan financial aid is available for:
    - Middlebury C.V. Starr Schools Abroad
    - Pre-approved International and Global Studies or IP&E majors (focus in South Asian Studies or African Studies) in certain situations
    - Official exchange programs
  - **Middlebury** grant and loan financial aid is **not** available for:
    - Externally sponsored programs, unless a student is studying on an official exchange program
- More information: [www.middlebury.edu/offices/support/sfs/aid_apply/study_abroad](http://www.middlebury.edu/offices/support/sfs/aid_apply/study_abroad)
EXAMPLES OF POPULAR PROGRAMS

• Many sites within Middlebury Schools Abroad
• DIS-Study Abroad in Scandinavia (Denmark, Sweden)—medical policy and practice, public health, neuroscience, biomedicine, computer science, sustainability
• AIT Budapest—Study abroad for Computer Science Majors
• Budapest Semester in Mathematics
• Field-based program examples:
  • SIT Study Abroad (programs all over the world)—global health, sustainability, climate, environment
  • SIT/IHP (multi-country comparative studies programs)—climate change, health and community
  • SEA Semester (various sites around the world and at sea)
  • Round River Conservation Studies (Botswana, Costa Rica, Mongolia, Patagonia)
  • Organization for Tropical Studies (Costa Rica, South Africa)
  • CIEE (Australia)—biology and ecology
• Many English-speaking universities in the UK, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Botswana, Ghana, South Africa
• Domestic programs: Engineering programs Dartmouth & Columbia, Woods Hole Semester in Environmental Science

NEXT STEPS

Deadline for 2019-20: February 1, 2019: www.middlebury.edu/study-abroad
Minimum Requirements: 2.67 GPA overall; 3.0 in major courses; 3.0 in language courses (if applicable)
Keep an eye out for fall events!
• Information Sessions
• Photo Contest
Make a plan with your academic advisor
Talk with returnees
Talk with STEM Advisors
• Hannah Benz
• Mary Lothrop
• Nicole Veilleux
Make an appointment with International Programs
• Alessandra Capossela: Argentina, Chile, Italy, Uruguay
  Nicole Chance: Brazil, Cameroon, Germany, Spain
  Bill Mayers: China, India, (Israel), Jordan, Morocco
• Susan Parsons: France, Japan, MIIS, Russia
• Stacey Thebodi: UK & Externally-Sponsored Programs
UPCOMING INFO SESSIONS

• **Info Session: University of Otago (New Zealand)**
  Monday, October 29
  5:00-6:00pm
  Sunderland 130

• **Info Session: AIT—Study Abroad in Budapest for Computer Science (Hungary)**
  Thursday, November 1
  12:20-1:20pm (pizza lunch included!)
  Sunderland 130

• **Info Session: DIS—Study Abroad in Scandinavia (Denmark and Sweden)**
  Monday, November 12
  4:30-5:30pm
  Axinn 229

• **Info Session: SIT Study Abroad**
  Wednesday, November 14
  12:30-1:30pm (pizza lunch included!)
  Hillcrest 200

MEET OUR RETURNEES!

- Ariana Hernandez (Middlebury School in Spain, Spring 2018)
- Thi Hoang (University of Nottingham, Spring 2019)
- Nina Sonneborn (Middlebury School in Spain, Fall 2017)
- Omar Valencia (Middlebury School in India, Spring 2018)
- Matia Whiting (SIT Madagascar: Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management, Fall 2017)
QUESTIONS

- How did you narrow down your options/choose a program?
- How did your study abroad plans fit into your overall academic plan?
- Any Do’s or Don't’s?