

Create an academic plan that includes an international experience

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Meet with an academic advisor to review your advisement report/degree plan - learn the courses you need & when. Consider which semester would be optimal for your study abroad plan. If a semester is not optimal, consider a winter intersession or summer study abroad experience

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Research programs

Explore options based on your course needs, target time-frame and funding sources. Meet with the Office of Study Abroad & Int'l. Experiences.

Program Types:

- Exchange Programs
- Faculty-Led
- Partner-Led
 - Study, Service-learning, Intern

Step-by-Step Guide to Study Abroad

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Apply to participate on the UML study abroad portal

Partner-led & Exchange programs require that you to complete their application/enrollment forms in addition to the one on the UML study abroad portal. You must submit the application on the UML study abroad portal to be approved to participate in your selected program.

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Complete Host Program application

If you selected a Partner-Led or Exchange program, you will need to also complete the application process for your program that they require. This does not apply to faculty-led programs.

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Prepare to go abroad

- Apply for passport and visa as needed
- Pay any fees and complete any financial aid forms
- Complete enrollment forms for UML/host program
- Book your flight(s) & pack your bags
- Connect with other students attending the program
- Register your travel w/UMass & the U.S. Dept of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

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Develop an academic plan to include an international experience.

Meet with your academic advisor to review your Advisement Report and to see which courses abroad will fill academic requirement and how they will enhance your academic plan.

Consult the Office of Study Abroad & International Experiences website for the most current list of approved study abroad and exchange offerings.

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Meet with a member of the Office of Study Abroad & International Experiences.

- New Inquiries Should Attend a “Getting Started with Study Abroad Session” (no appointment needed) on Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00PM, UCC 352
- Drop-in Zoom Advising (no appointment needed) on Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 PM & Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 AM
Zoom Link: <https://uml.zoom.us/j/95798951438>
- Appointments in-person or via Zoom:
<https://go.oncehub.com/OfficeofStudyAbroadInternationalExperiences>

Students should prepare for advising appointments by reviewing program options from the database and preparing questions for their study abroad advisor.

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Apply to participate on the UML study abroad portal

Once you've decided upon a program, create an account on the searchable database **You must submit the application on the UML study abroad portal to be approved to participate in your selected program.** and begin the UMass Lowell application process. See deadlines above. Please note that you may have additional application materials to complete depending on your program.

Following your completion of the application materials, the Office of Study Abroad will notify you of your eligibility to participate in a study abroad program. If you are deemed eligible, the status of your application will be listed as 'Approved'. At that time, you will be invited to proceed with the Enrollment Materials.

If you do not already have a passport, or need to renew your passport, visit the Department of State Website for more information and apply/renew immediately: <http://studentsabroad.state.gov/traveldocs/passports.php>.

Please note that some countries require that your passport remain valid for 6 months past the end date or your program abroad. Double check your passport expiration date.



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Complete Host Program application

If you have selected to participate in an Affiliated Provider-Led program, you will need to also complete the application process of this program directly on their website. Thus, you will need to complete two application processes; one for UML approval (required by the provider and UML) and one for the provider.

Cost & Financial Aid: There are programs available in a large range of costs. If you are eligible for financial aid while attending UMass Lowell, you may also be able to receive financial aid from UMass Lowell in order to study abroad. It is important to complete the Financial Aid Budget Worksheet prior to speaking with a financial aid counselor. This worksheet is can be found under the 'Resources' tab on the searchable directory or in the Office of Study Abroad & International Experiences.

Program Acceptance and Deposit: Most Affiliated Provider-led programs require you to pay a deposit fee to hold your place in the program. Be aware of these fees and pay them by the deadline.

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- Attend the mandatory pre-departure meeting at the end of each semester. You will be notified via e-mail of the date, time and location.
- Enter your personal information into STEP: Smart Traveler Enrollment Program. This is a free service offered by the US Department of State for US citizens who are traveling abroad. <https://step.state.gov/step/>
- Pay any fees and complete any financial aid forms
- Complete enrollment forms for UML/host program

Student Visas: Most countries require students to obtain a student visa in order to study in their host country. Applying for a receiving a student visa can be a lengthy process, so start to review your host-country requirements. Please consult the US Department of State's website for specific information:

<http://studentsabroad.state.gov/traveldocs/visas.php>, as well as the Embassy of the country you will be studying in. If you have a question about the visa process the country you will be studying in, please contact the Office of Study Abroad & International Experiences, to schedule an individual meeting.

Other Tasks:

- Book your flights
- Pack your bags- review our packing list
- Connect with other students attending the program