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Study Abroad

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Who can study abroad?

All students in good academic standing at NC A&T may study abroad. Most programs require a minimum 2.75 GPA. However, there are programs that require a higher GPA. You may apply to study abroad after your first semester on campus and complete study abroad before your last semester as a senior.

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Why should I study abroad?

🌍 Studying abroad will add that professional "extra" to your resume that may open doors to competitive graduate schools and better and more challenging jobs and positions;

🌍 It is important to keep pace with the knowledge, language skills, and problem solving skills of the current and future workforce;

Build Skills For An International Career...

- Enroll in an international course or curriculum
- Travel and/or Study Abroad
- Seek a co-op/intern or volunteer work experience with an international company
- Exhibit creativity, curiosity and flexibility
- Learn a foreign language
- Join national/international professional associations

🌍 The world market place is shrinking rapidly and many companies require second languages. Foreign languages are not only valuable in the workforce they are valuable in the real world.

- Seek new and varied experiences
- Listen to national/international radio programs and read international publications
- Show a commitment to continuous, life-long learning
- Maintain good contacts with faculty or mentors in your field
- Build communication and interpersonal skills
- Develop cultural sensitivity and understanding
- Be willing to take risks
- Participate in Job Fairs
- Research international companies of interest to understand their needs thoroughly

🌍 You can earn academic credit while experiencing that defining moment in your education that may change your life: studying abroad does not have to delay graduation!

🌍 While you are a student, you have the time and can tap into scholarships and financial aid to assist in providing possibly the best experience of your college career;

🌍 Your perspectives will be global, your attitude will be international, and you will become more culturally sensitive and accepting;

🌍 You will develop confidence, a strengthened sense of personal identity, flexibility, creativity, and more.

Source: <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/people/studentsofcolor/considering.html>

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What should I study abroad?

Choosing the right courses to study while abroad is a careful decision you should make with the assistance and approval of your academic department and OIP. Courses are available in your major, minor or area of interest.

While you can study abroad in an English speaking country, you may want to consider using this opportunity for intensive foreign

language study and immersion. The language experience will come alive for you both in and outside the classroom as you communicate daily in the foreign language of your host country. In some countries you may take your courses in English and still study the local language and practice it daily.

When should I study abroad?

You may study abroad for a semester, an academic year or summer beginning your sophomore year. The best time to begin planning your study abroad is during your freshman year. However, if you are already an upperclassman, you may also study abroad. Here are the steps you should follow to make this a reality for you:

- 🌐 Attend one of the regularly scheduled [general information sessions](#) at the Office of International Programs.
- 🌐 Begin researching study abroad opportunities, available in your field of study or geographic area of interest. There are many resources available to assist you in the Office of International Programs, as well as [Faculty Advisors for Study Abroad](#). The best way to be prepared is to read, read and read. Also, talk to international students and faculty on campus that may have visited or are from the country where you plan to study. This is something the Office of International Programs and the Office of International Students and Scholars can assist you with.
- 🌐 Discuss your interests with your academic advisor so you can begin to plan the best time frame to fit study abroad into your overall academic experience. You will want to discuss the on-campus requirements you need to complete, the courses you want to take overseas and how they can be applied toward graduation requirements.
- 🌐 Check application [deadline dates](#) for the program you wish to pursue and get your application in as early as possible before the deadline to increase your chances of being placed at the university of choice.

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Where can I study abroad?

A&T students may spend a semester or an academic year at a foreign university taking classes with local and other international students while earning credit toward graduation. Students have over 50 countries from which to choose a study abroad or exchange opportunity.

University of North Carolina Exchange Program

The UNCEP program is the official system-wide student exchange program of the University of North Carolina. This program offers students the opportunity to participate in affordable, high-quality programs. www.uncep.org

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American University of Bulgaria

Are you interested in studying in a Balkan, Southeast European country with 13 centuries of dramatic history, a rich cultural heritage, and spectacular natural surroundings? If so, the American University of Bulgaria may be your destination. Bulgaria's population is 8.4 million and it occupies an area of 110,099 sq.km., sharing borders with Greece and Turkey in the South and with the Republic of Macedonia and Serbia in the west. The River Danube separates it from Romania in the north and its natural eastern border is the Black Sea. For more information on academic programs see the AUB website: www.aubg.bg

School For International Training

Field-based learning programs are the cornerstone of SIT Study

Abroad. In every program, students integrate classroom study with field and research experience, creating synergies that enrich both their time abroad and their future studies. Each program's curriculum is designed around a theme (i.e. Culture, Development, and Social Justice; Economic Development and Globalization; Reconciliation and Development; Language and Cultures, etc.) For more information, see the SIT website: www.sit.edu/studyabroad

🌐 **Council On International Education Exchange (CIEE)**

CIEE offers study abroad opportunities at its 60 CIEE Study Center programs in 29 countries around the world. The CIEE Study Centers provide curricula specifically designed with the U. S. undergraduate in mind, and offer superior student services and activities that help students derive maximum benefit from the experience. For more information, see the CIEE website: www.ciee.org/study.aspx

🌐 **American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS)**

The American Institute For Foreign Study (AIFS) is a study abroad organization offering summer, semester and academic year programs in 12 countries. Internship and travel opportunities are also available in several locations. Programs are available in: Australia, Austria, the Czech Republic, England, France, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Poland, Russia, South Africa and Spain. For more information see the AIFS website: www.aifsabroad.com

Begin researching [scholarship opportunities](#).

Your study abroad will require a passport, visa and possibly a residence permit. Check the entry requirements for the country by visiting their [Embassy website](#).

Passport applications are available at the OIP and your local Post Office.

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