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Why should I study abroad?

As American businesses expand overseas, the need for culturally adept employees, those who know about and are able to work across cultural boundaries, is increasing. Rapidly expanding technology and transportation connect all corners of the globe and to remain competitive among your peers from overseas, you need to be able to negotiate within a worldwide context. You can also strengthen your foreign language ability, increase your knowledge of a particular discipline, and enhance your classroom learning with experiential learning. Better still, through an overseas experience; you can gain a more global perspective that may allow you to see the rest of the world with “new eyes.” If you take the time to include overseas study as part of your education, you may also reap the benefits of cross-cultural living within the boundaries of the U.S. Studying abroad may also help you succeed in our exceedingly multicultural American society. Many students describe overseas study as a life changing experience. It will affect the way you relate to your own culture as well as to the rest of the world.

What are my opportunities to study abroad while a student at Quinnipiac University?

QU students planning to spend a year or semester abroad have several options through our approved non-QU program affiliate. This includes, but is not limited to Quinnipiac’s direct semester program located at University College Cork in Ireland. QU students planning to spend a summer or winter session abroad also have several options. Quinnipiac University faculty members lead international summer/winter and spring break programs to several different locations every year. If students do not find a Quinnipiac faculty led program that fits their academic needs, they can also spend the summer/winter session overseas through an approved non-QU program affiliate. QU and non-QU Programs have their own policies and procedures. Specific information on programs is available at the Office of Multicultural and Global Education (OMGE)

What are the eligibility requirements for studying abroad?

Quinnipiac requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 to begin the process. Program Affiliates may require a different average. However, it must be noted that students will need to meet Quinnipiac's policies before applying to an approved study abroad program.

Do I have to be a language major, or speak another language to study abroad?

No. The opportunities for Education Abroad are not limited to language majors or those with knowledge of foreign languages. All programs provide language training while some offer courses taught in English even in non-English speaking countries.

How does academic credit transfer?

Working with the Office of Multicultural and Global Education, you must complete a prior Study Abroad course approval form. This form designates courses approved by the appropriate dean for transfer credit.

To ensure appropriate credit transfer, it is your responsibility to confirm the final course schedule for each semester abroad with the Quinnipiac's Registrar after registration has been completed at the overseas institution.

Credit for work completed within a semester program overseas will appear on your QU transcript and become part of your GPA. For non-QU Summer/Winter programs student will not be given a letter grade, you will receive transfer credit for all courses in which you receive a grade of equivalent to a "C" or higher. For QU Faculty Led programs: Contact the Faculty Program Coordinator for grading information.

How much will it cost to study abroad?

Quinnipiac University adopted a tuition policy governing its semester study abroad programs. Under this policy, QU students study abroad payment includes, but is not limited to: a registration fee, QU's full-time tuition, the cost to live in the QU Commons Residence Hall, less the dining service fee, and an obligatory overseas emergency and medical insurance fee. If the QU approved study abroad programs cost exceeds the sum of QU's tuition and housing, the difference will be paid to QU by the student. When studying through a QU approved study abroad program, the student is responsible to pay any refundable security deposits, program application fees, and/or program withdrawal fees directly to the study abroad program. Depending on the study abroad program, students may also be expected to cover the cost of additional expenses including, but not limited to: airfare, visa, meals, academic materials, public transportation, personal travel, etc. Inclusions and exclusions vary by program. Keep in mind, though, that several factors have to be taken into consideration, such as geography, travel, expenses, and fluctuating exchange rates when calculating additional costs. Please note that the above tuition policy does not affect non-QU **summer** study abroad. All non-QU summer

program fees are paid directly to the program. All summer and semester students are required to pay QU's overseas emergency and medical insurance fee.

What are the benefits of this tuition policy?

Students who elect to study abroad on a Quinnipiac approved program remain enrolled at QU and therefore have access to privileges such as email, MYQ, and online registration. Most importantly, coursework successfully completed and approved overseas transfers to your Quinnipiac transcript and counts towards graduation. Credit earned abroad is applied towards major, minor and core requirements as approved prior to departure. Charging normal QU tuition for study abroad allows us to cover the cost without raising the general tuition, imposing fees, or cutting other programs. It also makes study abroad 'transparent' in that you pay the same tuition at home and abroad, allowing you to choose your education abroad program based on academic rather than financial factors.

What if I am on Tuition Exchange?

Please refer to the question above "*how much will it cost to study abroad*" Students will need to pay QU's tuition/housing/fees and study abroad health insurance.

What if I am on QU Employee Tuition Benefits?

QU will bill the cost of the study abroad program to the student as well as Quinnipiac's study abroad health insurance. Students will not need to pay QU's tuition/housing.

Can I use my financial aid?

Yes: because you pay Quinnipiac tuition, you remain a fulltime student, and all financial assistance applies. Whether you have grants, federal aid, or even University scholarships, that money is credited to your account as if you had stayed at Quinnipiac. All eligible students may apply federal, state, and institutional financial aid for a year or semester abroad.

Where can I find out more about Education Abroad?

All Quinnipiac students considering studying abroad are required to attend an Education Abroad information session. At this mandatory information session, you will receive information on policies, procedures, and deadlines. Also, student will learn how to research programs that will meet their needs and goals. These meetings are typically held three days a week during the first month of the start of every semester, and then twice a week thereafter. It is crucial for students to schedule a meeting with their Academic Advisor to discuss their interest in studying abroad and to determine how they will fulfill graduation requirements through Education Abroad. The earlier you plan, the more likely you will be able to fit in an educational experience abroad. Should you have any concerns or questions, please stop by the Office of Multicultural and Global Education on the 2nd floor of the Athletic Center, Room AC 215