



WASHINGTON COLLEGE

GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE

Things to Consider When Selecting a Study Abroad Location

The Global Education Office recommends you ask yourself these questions when reviewing potential study abroad locations. Not all questions are relevant for all applicants, but it is a good place to start.

1. Language

- What is the language of instruction at this institution?
 - Do I have the language proficiency required to attend?

2. Eligibility

- What is the minimum cumulative GPA requirement to study at this institution and do I meet the minimum?
- Do I meet any other eligibility requirements for this institution?
- Am I able to study at this institution during the semester I am interested in? *

3. Course Availability

- What department/faculties are available for Exchange/Visiting Students at this institution?
- Are courses in my major/minor available at this institution?
 - What are the credit equivalencies at this institution?

4. Exchange Type/Group

- What Group does the program belong to? Group E or Group O?
- What Exchange Type is this program – Tuition Only, Tuition/Room, or Full Exchange?
 - How does that change my semester's bill or budgeting? Is this program affordable for me?

5. Weather and Time Zone

- What is the weather like in this country? Is it colder/warmer than I could handle?
- What is the time difference between this country/city and my home city/Washington College?
- How would this time difference effect my ability to communicate with my support-system?
 - Is that important to me?

6. Personal Safety

- Can I safely practice my religion in this country?
- I am an LGBTQ+ student – is it safe for LGBTQ+ student in this country? (*A great resource for answering this question is: <https://ilga.org/>*)
- Can I access the medication/medical care I need in this country?

7. Location, Location, Location

- What do I want to accomplish while studying abroad- i.e. traveling; language immersion; general independence; access to learning environments/subject matter inaccessible to me in the US? Does this location serve those needs?

* Some institutions only accept visiting students for the Academic Year OR only the spring/fall semester. This is advertised on washcoll-sa.terradotta.com