

Where to Start

1. Contact Us!

If you are interested in studying, working, or interning abroad during your undergraduate or graduate career, please attend a 30 minute orientation session in 234 Biggin Hall, preferably during your freshman year – you don't need to sign up before you come. Make an appointment with an Auburn Abroad advisor if you can't come on Thursday at 3:00 PM or Friday at 11:00 AM due to your schedule.

2. Examine Your Academic Curriculum

Prior planning for study abroad should prevent any delay in completing your degree requirements. Generally the earlier you study abroad in your academic career the more programs you will have to choose from, but you don't want to go until you are prepared to do so. You can even save core curriculum and elective courses for your time abroad. Figure out what classes you still have to take and choose a program that has similar courses so that they will count towards your Auburn degree. You can take major, minor or elective classes abroad as long as they are pre-approved.

3. Selecting Your Study Abroad Program

This is the part of the pre-selection process that will require most of your time and attention. Because of the plethora of programs from which to choose, the world is literally your oyster! First, familiarize yourself with Auburn programs, which you can access on the Auburn Abroad website. If there are no programs that accommodate your personal and academic goals, you can use the internet to help you search for reputable non-AU programs (use search engines like www.studyabroad.com and www.goabroad.com). Come to the Auburn Abroad Library in 201 Hargis Hall and browse through our materials. Hard copy materials are especially beneficial when it comes to forming an opinion about the nature of the program, and we have many catalogs for students to take home. Attend one of our twice-yearly fairs (February and September) to meet program representatives and pick up

information. Ask the programs you are interested in to send you more specific details than what appears on the web.

4. Contact the Programs

Once you have narrowed down your program selection, you can request program materials, including course descriptions, from the program directors at Auburn or other sponsoring institutions. You will need to show these to Auburn department heads in order to obtain course approval. Ask specific questions about costs, credits, transcripts, program dates, deadlines for applying, etc...

5. Select a Program

Identify your priorities (courses, housing, location, cost, excursions, etc.) and compare several programs. Talk to family and friends for insights. You can also ask program directors for names of former participants and speak to them about their experiences. Meet with an Auburn Abroad advisor, if needed, to help make your final choice.

6. Fill Out ALL Applications and Paperwork

You will have forms for your program abroad and forms for Auburn Abroad, which can be downloaded from our website www.auburn.edu/studyabroad. Regardless of whether you choose an Auburn-based or non-Auburn program, AU requires that you complete and submit the required paperwork before you can be registered for Auburn Abroad, the AU course that enables you to receive Auburn credit for your studies abroad. Some non-AU programs require you to obtain recommendations from professors and require forms that must be completed by school officials.

Take a quick break and check out Stephanie Bourque's Global Tiger Tale (on right in photo). She studied at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand during the spring and fall of 2006 on a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship. In July 2006, she was snow skiing! She will begin medical school at LSU fall of 2007.

[Global Tiger Tale](#)

