

Office of International Programs

The Office of International Programs provides advising for admitted and enrolled international students on federal F-1 student and J-1 exchange visitors regulations, academic and cultural adjustment, health insurance, and other matters.

For additional information regarding international student services, admission requirements, or federal F-1 regulations, please refer to the International Student Admissions section in the front of the catalog, or visit our website at: [MinotStateU.edu/international](http://www.minotstateu.edu/international) (<http://www.minotstateu.edu/international/>).

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STUDY ABROAD

Explore the World with Minot State University! The Office of International Programs offers an array of opportunities to study abroad. Students will find options that are affordable, exciting, and rewarding.

Study Abroad programs and other international experiences, such as internship, work, and travel abroad, offer students the opportunity to significantly enhance professional and personal competencies. Experience abroad provides a deeper understanding of the world and other cultures and offers new perspectives on subject matter that students have already been exposed to in the classroom. In addition, time spent in a foreign country can increase a student's career opportunities by providing direct, hands-on experience and developing the skills necessary for success in an increasingly diverse and globally interdependent workforce.

The following study abroad options are available to Minot State students:

AFFILIATE PROGRAMS AND PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Minot State's official study abroad programs have been chosen specifically for the quality and credibility of their academic offerings, affordability, and the level of service provided to participants. Students can choose from a wide array of locations, program lengths, and fields of study through Minot State's affiliated study abroad partners.

FACULTY-LED STUDY TOURS

Study tours are a great way for Minot State students to experience the world. Travel is organized by a Minot State instructor who relates course objectives with local culture, customs, famous sites, and history. These programs also give students a chance to develop deep relationships with others in their academic field. Study tour programs vary from year to year, and course credit offered will differ depending on the nature of the program and the faculty member leading the program.

CREDIT TRANSFER AND FINANCIAL AID

Credit from *approved* study abroad programs may be applied towards a student's overall degree program at Minot State University. Students participating in a Minot State Study Abroad program must be registered for full-time credits in either INT 497 (exchange programs) or INT 496 (non-reciprocal study abroad) during each term away. Registration in these courses allows for the release of financial aid to cover program costs.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

All students considering study abroad are required to work with the Office of International Programs staff in preparation for their time abroad. Students are encouraged to explore study abroad opportunities early in their academic career. Advance planning helps assure that study abroad programs will not unnecessarily prolong the period of time needed to get a degree and assures that students meet application deadlines. The first step to studying abroad is to visit the International Programs website at [MinotStateU.edu/international](http://www.minotstateu.edu/international) (<http://www.minotstateu.edu/international/>) and send an email indicating your interest to: studyabroad@MinotStateU.edu.

In order to be accepted into a study abroad program, students must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and must have sophomore status (24 credits). Further information on eligibility requirements, application materials, deadlines, policies, procedures, and costs of participation may be found at [MinotStateU.edu/international](http://www.minotstateu.edu/international) (<http://www.minotstateu.edu/international/>).

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Semester and Academic Year Programs: Feb. 15

Spring Semester Programs: Sept. 15

Summer Programs: Feb. 15

MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE

All participants in a Minot State University sponsored study abroad program or other approved study abroad programs are required to carry the international travel and health insurance policy specified by Minot State. The fee for health insurance must be paid prior to the start of the study abroad program and will be billed to the student's account.