

STUDY ABROAD

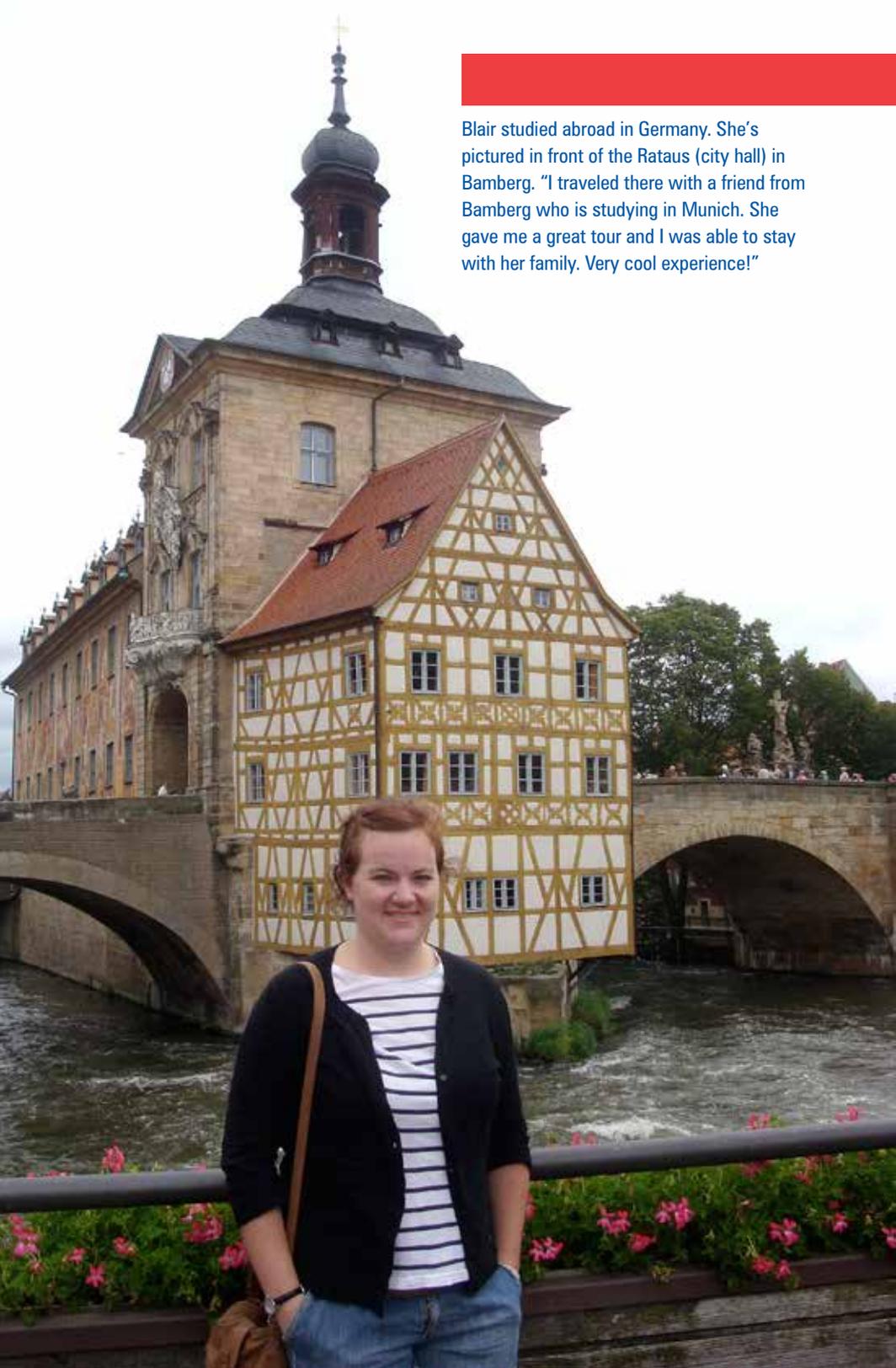
The world is waiting...



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A young woman with reddish-brown hair, wearing a black cardigan over a white and black striped t-shirt and blue jeans, stands on a stone bridge. She is smiling at the camera. Behind her is a large, historic building with a prominent half-timbered section. The building has a red-tiled roof and a tall, ornate tower with a dark, rounded top. The bridge has several arches and is surrounded by greenery and pink flowers. The sky is overcast.

Blair studied abroad in Germany. She's pictured in front of the Rathaushaus (city hall) in Bamberg. "I traveled there with a friend from Bamberg who is studying in Munich. She gave me a great tour and I was able to stay with her family. Very cool experience!"



"Studying abroad was the most amazing thing I've ever done. I realized I could do anything I set my mind to. You learn to know yourself. You meet the greatest people."

Amanda, Marketing and Management Major, studied in Australia at the University of Wollongong

Why would I want to study abroad?

- It is the most cost effective way to study, live and travel outside of the U.S.
- You will improve your communication skills and foreign language abilities.
- Your undergraduate experience will be richly enhanced by traveling and learning a new culture.
- You are able to boost your resume and employment opportunities. Stand out from the crowd when you look for a job!
- You will gain cross-cultural appreciation, a must in today's global environment.
- You will be able to meet new people as well as develop independence and maturity.
- And most importantly, you will have fun!

www.ship.edu/international

Popular Locations

In the past five years, Shippensburg University students have studied in the following popular locations. Students who are interested in study abroad can consider these locations and universities or research other options that suit their academic needs.

Students are required to meet with the Director of International Programs prior to applying to a program provider, or an overseas university. This ensures that credits taken abroad will count towards a degree program at Ship and that financial aid can be used.

Argentina*

University of Belgrano

Australia**

James Cook University

University of the Sunshine Coast

University of Wollongong

Costa Rica*

Veritas University

ULACIT, Latin American University of
Science and Technology

Czech Republic*

Charles University

Denmark***

Aarhus School of Business

Dominican Republic*

Pontifical University

England*

Edge Hill College

University of Leicester

University of Westminster

France*

University of Grenoble

University of Paris IV, Sorbonne

Collège International de Cannes

Catholic University of Paris

La Rochelle Business School (Exchange)

Germany**

University of Heidelberg

Marburg University

Italy*

Richmond University Florence

Richmond University Rome

American University in Rome

University of Ferrara

Ireland**

University College Cork

University College Dublin

University of Galway

University of Limerick

Mexico*

University of Guanajuato



"The most important lessons I learned were to trust my instincts and believe in myself. I learned the importance of respecting other cultures. People will treat you how you treat them."

Devon, Social Work Major, completed the multi-country Semester at Sea program

Devon poses with a monkey at the center square in Marakacch, Morocco. "Every night in the square is a festival, where story tellers, acrobats, musicians, snake charmers and food vendors come out to entertain the crowds."



What better way to enjoy East Africa than with the children of your host family. Chris says, "We stand on a boulder, overlooking Lake Manyara at the top Moyo Hill in Tanzania. Joseph and Anna stayed home from school for the day so that they could make my homestay with the Iraqw family memorable."

Netherlands***

Maastricht University

New Zealand**

University of Canterbury

Poland***

Wroclaw University of Economics

Spain*

Complutense University of Madrid

Menéndez Pelayo International University

University of Barcelona

Pompeu Fabra University

University of Granada

University of Madrid

University of Malaga

University of Salamanca

University of Sevilla

South Africa*

University of Stellenbosch*

South Korea***

Soonchunhyang University

Worldwide...

Students are encouraged to come by the Center for Global Education and find a program that suits their interests! Ship encourages study abroad at accredited universities across the globe!

**Study Abroad Program Providers Affiliated with Shippensburg University*

American Institute for Foreign Studies (AIFS)
www.aifsabroad.com

International Studies Abroad (ISA)
www.studiesabroad.com

Council on International Educational
Exchange (CIEE) **www.ciee.org**

Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA)
www.gowithcea.com

Travel and Education (T&E)
www.travelandeducation.org

***Direct Enrollment*

If admissions requirements are met, students are given the opportunity to apply directly to the overseas university. Tuition, fees, housing, etc. are paid directly to the university abroad based upon the expenses as designated by the school.

****Exchange Programs*

Students are provided with the opportunity to participate in an Exchange Program if it suits their academic and cultural interests. The four exchange programs offered at Ship are major specific, but allow students to pay normal Ship tuition and then pay the host university for fees and accommodation.

Study Abroad Myths & Realities

Myth 1: “Studying abroad is very expensive. It’s only for rich kids.”

Reality: Studying overseas can fit any budget. Some programs actually cost approximately the same as remaining at Shippensburg for a semester while some cost more. The choice is up to you. The study abroad office can help you find the program that fits your budget.

Myth 2: “You have to have a 4.0 GPA to study abroad. I have only average grades – I would never be accepted.”

Reality: Most programs have a GPA requirement of 2.5, and this is flexible depending on a student’s particular circumstances. We try to find reasons to accept you into our programs, not reasons to turn you down. We are more interested in your level of maturity than your GPA.

Myth 3: “If I study overseas, it will delay my graduation; I will never finish in four years.”

Reality: If you choose your program and courses carefully with your advisor, you will be on track for your degree when you return from overseas. Course selection is done prior to your departure so you will know what your program will include. All credits taken abroad through our programs will transfer back to Shippensburg University.

Myth 4: “Studying overseas is a frill. My parents work hard enough just to send me to college. I can’t ask for a semester abroad.”

Reality: Studying abroad can no longer be considered a luxurious extra in your basic education. Employers look with favor on students who have lived outside the U.S. since this demonstrates an ability to cope with new experiences, cross cultural appreciation and, in many cases, competency in a foreign language. Studying overseas will enhance your resume.

Myth 5: “I don’t speak a foreign language. I guess there are no programs for me.”

Reality: We have more programs in English-speaking countries than anywhere else. You can choose from numerous programs in England, Australia, Ireland and New Zealand. In addition, some programs in non-English-speaking countries are taught in English and are open to everyone (South Korea, France, Austria, Italy, and Czech Republic).

Myth 6: “I’m on financial aid. I can never hope to go abroad.”

Reality: This will not hold you back. Most grants and loans can be used for studying overseas. The only financial aid that does not travel is college work study and tuition waivers. In some countries, you are permitted to work part-time and earn while you learn. Most overseas semesters begin later than Shippensburg, so you can stay at your summer job and earn additional money well into September or sometimes October.



Annamarie (right) with her Dominican triathlon coach, and two other girls on her team. “My triathlon team became my Dominican family and I cannot imagine my experience, my confidence, or my leaps and bounds in language acquisition without them.”

Myth 7: “I’m a Business (Biology, Computer Science, Math, etc.) major. I can’t study overseas.”

Reality: Any major can study overseas! Most of our programs are at large and comprehensive universities offering more courses than are available at Shippensburg, and you can find many courses in your major field.

Myth 8: “I can’t swing an entire semester overseas. There’s probably no program for me.”

Reality: We offer short-term programs ranging from two to six weeks in the summer and during Spring Break. You can earn from one to six credits during these study periods. Faculty members also plan short term trips during breaks which permit you to earn Ship credits.



Tamara gazes at the magnificent La Fortuna waterfall in Costa Rica where she studied at Veritas University.

Myth 9: “It’s no big deal to go overseas. I’ll think about it in the fall of my senior year.”

Reality: The earlier you begin to plan, the easier the process will be and the more certain you will be of acceptance into your first-choice program. Freshman year is the best time to start working towards the goal of overseas study because you must plan which courses you will take at Shippensburg and which courses you will take overseas. By studying abroad in the second semester of your sophomore year, you can complete many of your General Education requirements.

Myth 10: “Nobody will help me. The process is too complicated.”

Reality: Call to make an appointment to see Mary Burnett in the Center for Global Education, CUB 221, 477-1279. You will find out that this is the greatest myth of all.



Sarah studied in South Korea. “During an extended vacation, I went to Busan for the annual fireworks festival with my friend Becca. We walked about five miles and found this amazing view of the city and this beautiful bridge. Later that night we watched the fireworks from the beach. They lasted an hour and were choreographed to music!”

Eligibility Requirements

- Eligibility requirements are a minimum of 30 credit hours from Shippensburg University, a preferred GPA of 2.5, and being in good standing at the university.
- Admissions requirements for particular overseas universities vary. Planning early allows students to ensure that they meet academic and entrance requirements. This also allows them to save money and plan accordingly for such a life changing experience.
- Planning freshman year is ideal because some majors can only go abroad their sophomore year. Students are encouraged to contact the International Programs Office as soon as they are settled in at the university.
- Transfer students are advised on an individual basis and are encouraged to learn more about the opportunity of studying abroad as soon as they arrive at Shippensburg University.



"My best experience was traveling and meeting people from all different places. I took every opportunity to go out and do new things, but I had to learn the balance between doing school work and having fun. I always considered myself to be an independent person, but this was true independence in a new place."

Mali, Elementary Education Major, studied in Australia at the University of Wollongong



Leah lounges by the Mediterranean Sea along the French Riviera with Cannes in the background.

The Cost of Study Abroad

- Study abroad programs range in price and estimated expenses are available on the International Programs website. The cost of many programs are only slightly more than attending Ship for a semester. Planning early allows students to save money on airfare and for their personal spending.
- The best way for students to control the cost of the experience is the ability to save money before they leave as well as budget themselves once abroad. Any student who has been abroad will tell you that the experience of living overseas completely outweighs the cost incurred.
- Students do not owe Shippensburg University any money during the semester they spend abroad unless they are participating in one of the five exchange programs. They still have all of the same privileges as a student that is physically on Ship's campus. Such privileges include access to university email and scheduling systems as well as the services of the Center for Global Education and academic and student affairs offices on campus.



This photograph of Meghan was taken in Camden, her favorite section of London. "Camden is filled with punk clothing and music, shops, a huge market where local artists sell their items and stores that sell creative and interesting things."

Financial Aid

- Financial aid can be used to assist with the cost of studying abroad. The following types of aid can be used:

Federal Stafford Loans

Federal PLUS Loans

Federal Pell Grants

Federal Perkins Loans

Federal SEOG

PHEAA State Grants

Alternative Loans

- Specific study abroad scholarships also exist:

Benjamin Gilman Scholarship

www.iae.org/gilman/

David L. Boren Scholarship

www.iae.org/nsep

Freeman Asia Scholarship

www.iae.org

What International Programs Office Will Do for You

- Advise you on locations and programs for studying abroad
- Provide rail/air travel, passport, student ID card, and insurance information
- Cancel your Ship schedule and place you in a study abroad status to continue your enrollment at Ship
- Coordinate on-campus housing both at Ship and abroad
- Advise you on how to get courses pre-approved prior to leaving for abroad so you meet requirements for your major/minor
- Notify you of scholarship opportunities
- Provide pre-departure orientation featuring safety, visa, financial, and travel information
- Provide information to parents/guardians concerning study abroad issues
- Stay in contact prior to, during, and after your study abroad period
- Work with your study abroad institution to resolve any problems or special requests
- Assist with the on-line scheduling of classes for when you return
- Obtain transcripts from your host institution abroad
- Assist with the transfer of credits provided you receive the equivalent of a C or better for each course
- Provide letters of recommendation focusing upon your attendance at the foreign institution



And more!

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Olivia, who studied in England and Ireland says, “Here I am at a very old prehistoric monument in Ireland, located somewhere between Dublin and Belfast. The mysteriousness of everything Ireland has to offer makes it difficult to determine particular history, but there is nothing the Irish do better than tell a fantastic story, which in this case involved wishes, fairies, and a bit o’ luck! Éirinn go Brách!”



“Nothing is prettier than Salzburg during Christmas time,” says Jessica who studied in Austria. This photo was taken from atop Hotel Stein overlooking the snow covered city of Salzburg.



Katherine studied in Spain. This view of the city of Granada came from within La Alhambra.

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