



# Study Abroad

Study abroad is a critical component of students' international education and is important in today's global society. Study abroad is not just about a cultural immersion experience—it is also a résumé-building opportunity. Many students find studying abroad to broaden and deepen their education. It enhances their perspective about their place in the world and becomes one of the highlights of their time at Gonzaga.

## THE PROGRAM

Currently, 48% of Gonzaga students study abroad, compared with about 9% of American college students nationally. Gonzaga ranks in the top 20 Master's colleges and universities nationally for the number of students who study abroad.

Students who study abroad can maintain their academic progress with advance planning. In addition to classroom academic experiences abroad, Gonzaga study abroad programs offer internships, research, and service-learning opportunities. We encourage students to explore the variety of countries available for study, internships, research, and volunteering by visiting the Gonzaga Study Abroad website: [studyabroad.gonzaga.edu](http://studyabroad.gonzaga.edu).

The programs differ in admission requirements, location, course offerings, emphasis on language proficiency, and housing arrangements. Students work with the Study Abroad Office and their academic advisor early in their college career to select programs appropriate to their personal interests and academic goals.

Studying abroad can be as affordable as studying in Spokane. Students who participate in Gonzaga-sponsored study abroad programs are allowed to take their Gonzaga scholarships and aid abroad with them. The Study Abroad Office also helps students find additional scholarship opportunities to specifically help fund a study abroad experience.

## GONZAGA-IN-FLORENCE

Since 1963 students from Gonzaga have come to Florence to live, study, and immerse themselves in this city, a world capital of art, culture, food, and fashion. The expert faculty—made up of dedicated faculty from Florence and from Spokane—teach subjects in the Core curriculum as well as specialized courses in a variety of subjects: Art History, Business, Engineering, Italian Culture, Political Science, Sociology and others. While instruction is primarily in English, students take Italian language courses that stress conversation and cultural interaction while in Florence.

The Gonzaga owned and operated Mozilo Center near the historic center of Florence provides classroom space, a library, computer labs, a chapel, common study spaces, and a renovated workout space for students.

The friendly staff provide for the needs of students living abroad, but they also research, plan, and carry out myriad cultural and travel programs in the city, Italy, and throughout Europe, including the legendary "Opening Tour" that kicks off the program each semester. Students can choose to live in family-run pensioni that have worked with Gonzaga for decades, or, for a full immersion experience, students can choose to live with Florentine families who have been hosting our students for generations. Gonzaga-in-Florence is the signature study abroad program for Gonzaga University, and it is one of the oldest, biggest, and most respected American programs in all of Italy.

## FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

Gonzaga faculty-led study abroad programs for students range from 2-10 weeks during the summer or winter sessions. Faculty-led programs are particularly beneficial to first-time travelers as they tend to be the most structured programs and offer a wide variety of Gonzaga classes. These programs typically offer two courses per program.

## SPONSORED & EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Students who participate in sponsored programs take courses from a university or institute associated with that program. Gonzaga has approved all sponsored programs for academic rigor, safety, security, housing, and meals to determine if they meet Gonzaga standards. Additionally, students can use their Gonzaga financial aid package towards the cost of their program.

An exchange program enables Gonzaga students to enroll directly into a foreign university for a semester or year. This option provides the best opportunity for authentic cultural immersion.

Students enroll in the host university's courses as regular students and usually take their classes in the native language. In recent years, many universities around the world have added courses in English for the benefit of their students, so this may be possible depending on where a student chooses to study.

### PLANNING

Students are encouraged to start planning for studying abroad at the beginning of their freshman year. Course lists for each Gonzaga program are available in the Study Abroad Office, so students can plan schedules around their potential term overseas. Specific information and requirements for each program are available in the Study Abroad Office and online: [studyabroad.gonzaga.edu](http://studyabroad.gonzaga.edu).

### THE PEOPLE

Gonzaga's Study Abroad Office regularly updates materials on sponsored programs. In addition, the office provides orientation and support services to students going overseas. Many professors assist students in choosing one of Gonzaga's study abroad programs. Students are encouraged to solicit these professors' input in conjunction with the advice of the Study Abroad Office. For more information about Gonzaga's study abroad opportunities, please visit [studyabroad.gonzaga.edu](http://studyabroad.gonzaga.edu) or contact the Study Abroad Office at [studyabroad@gonzaga.edu](mailto:studyabroad@gonzaga.edu) or 509-313-3549.

## GU STUDY ABROAD LOCATIONS

### Africa

Ghana  
South Africa  
Tanzania  
Zambia

### Europe

Austria  
Belgium  
Denmark  
England  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Ireland  
Italy  
Scotland  
Spain  
Sweden  
Switzerland

### Oceania

Australia  
New Zealand

### Asia

Bhutan  
Cambodia  
China  
Japan  
Thailand  
Taiwan

### Latin America

Argentina  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Mexico  
Panama  
Peru

### Middle East

Israel  
Jordan  
Turkey

