



Study Abroad Advising Guide

Faculty-Led Courses

Short-Term Study Abroad Programs

Two Innovative Ways to Link HPU Classroom Instruction with Global Issues & Diverse Cultures

Global Experience Courses

Semester-long (Fall or Spring) courses with an international travel component. All Global Experience courses are worth 4 credits. Travel takes place for 2 weeks at the end of the semester.

Maymester Courses

Month-long, self-contained, 4-credit courses generally taught entirely while abroad. Travel takes place in May and June.

Finding Your Study Abroad Program

Planning effectively for studying abroad comes down to detailed academic planning. The decision of where to study abroad should stem from the academic fit to your degree program. Because of this, academic advising, from both your academic advisor and study abroad advisor, is critical.

Global Experience or Maymester... Which works best for me?

Global Experience Programs

Students are enrolled in a corresponding course during the semester & tuition is wrapped into the term's all-inclusive fee. Program fees remain separate.

In-country activities are designed to enhance the course content delivered prior to departure. You'll see and do the things you've spent the previous term learning about in the classroom.

Programs can be run in one location or as study tours where multiple locations are explored.

Shorter program durations require constant activity to meet course objectives. Expect a very busy schedule packed with excursions designed to enhance your experience!

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Maymester Programs

Students are enrolled in a summer term which requires summer tuition charges. Program fees remain separate.

In-country activities include traditional classroom instruction, guided academic activities, and cultural excursions.

Programs are typically stationary with group weekend excursions built into the itinerary.

Longer program durations are conducive to in-depth language and cultural study and foster a deep, authentic connection to the host location.

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PRO TIP: Work with your study abroad advisor to:

- develop realistic goals.
- find programs that fits your degree requirements.
- narrow program options.
- prepare application materials.
- discuss cultural differences and concerns.
- process experiences to develop global life skills.

The 'Go Global' Grant

High Point University provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity through the tuition-free 'Go Global' grant.

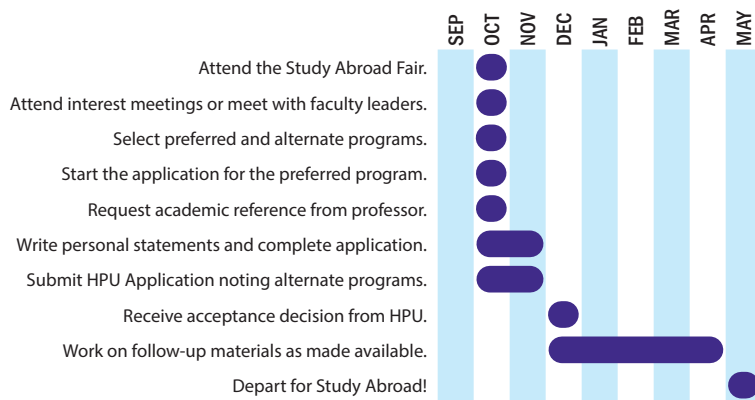
Recipients can use the 'Go Global' grant to cover tuition for a Maymester course after they've completed *two academic years* at High Point University.

This exclusive program will expand your cultural horizons while helping you accomplish your academic, personal, and professional goals.

"HPU's faculty-led program allowed me to explore Scotland while still feeling like I was home at HPU. My professor's knowledge of Scottish culture helped make my own learning experience richer because of his ability to connect what we learned on campus to real world scenarios. If it had not been for this program and my professor's knowledge, I would have never decided to become an English major!" -- Hailey Turner '22



Faculty-Led Study Abroad Timeline



Application Deadlines

Global Experience: November 15

Maymester: November 15

PRO TIP: Consider Alternate Programs

Program selection is limited to the class's size and can become competitive. By selecting alternates, your opportunities for selection can be greater. You'll still only apply to one program, but you'll be able to list alternate programs before submitting your application in ViaTRM.

Application Review & Selection

Applicants will be evaluated on their academic preparedness, including cumulative GPA and the quality of personal statements, and their modeling of HPU's values, as represented by the strength of their academic reference and the history of their judicial record and decorum. To make programs accessible to the larger HPU student body, applicants also will be reviewed on their class standing and their previous study abroad experiences.

Faculty-Led Advising Checklist

☐ Build your ViaTRM Profile.

- ☐ Log into the Study Abroad Portal at <https://hpu-global-education.via-trm.com/> using your HPU student sign on information.
- ☐ Complete the Profile Questionnaire and Program Match Survey (first log-in only).

PRO TIP: Add a Profile Picture

Click on the orb on the top right of your profile, click on Settings, and click on the Change Photo button. Pick a picture that shows your face well—it will help your advisors! Save your changes.

- ☐ Upload your passport information. If you do not have a valid passport or your passport is expiring, start the passport application process. If your passport is not expiring, click on Traveler Info in your Profile, then on Passport & Visa Status and enter your information.
- ☐ Enter your Emergency Contact Information into ViaTRM (Click on Traveler Info in your Profile, then on Emergency Contact).

☐ Narrow program options based on academic fit & consider alternate programs.

- ☐ Use the Program Match Tool in ViaTRM. Retake the Program Match questionnaire if your answers may have changed.

PRO TIP: Drag Subject Areas to the Top of the Importance List

This will sort programs that will likely offer better courses to keep you on track for graduation.

- ☐ Favorite programs that meet your academic needs and personal/professional goals. On the Program's brochure, click the star next to "Save as Favorite" on the information panel.

☐ Start the Application for your preferred program only.

- ☐ Request academic references from professors who are teaching or have taught you at HPU. Be sure to do so in a timely manner, and provide at least a couple weeks for them to write and submit your recommendation prior to the deadline. Recommendations are submitted in ViaTRM. When they agree to serve as a referee, enter their HPU email address in the Recommender Email Address line of your application.
- ☐ Write your Personal Statements. Each should be at least 500 words and must describe the given topic.
- ☐ Pay your application fee in person at the Office of Student Accounts.
- ☐ List one or more alternate programs on the last page of the application (after you hit the NEXT button at the bottom of the application).

☐ Submit your Application for Study Abroad.

☐ Complete Follow-Up Forms and Host University Materials.

☐ Attend Pre-Departure Orientation Workshop and Materials.

Goal: Study Abroad!



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