

SIS Policies for Studying Abroad **Effective for Students Going Abroad Fall 2017 or Later**

Thanks for your interest in studying abroad! We encourage all students to make study abroad a part of their program. If finances, university athletics or other commitments make it difficult for you to study abroad for a full semester, consider a summer program or an alternative break option.

For summer and semester programs, you must:

Be In Good Academic and Disciplinary Standing

- You cannot study abroad if you have a current Student Conduct sanction or are on disciplinary or academic probation.
- SIS requires you to have at least a **2.75 cumulative GPA** to study abroad.

To study abroad for a semester, you must also complete:

Your Entire College Writing Requirement

- You must have a passing grade in College Writing and College Writing Seminar before you are eligible to go abroad.
- If you have AP credit or IB credit for part of College Writing, those credits must be posted to your transcript before you are eligible to go abroad.
- If you have transfer credit for your College Writing classes, a passing score on the Writing Proficiency Exam must be posted to your transcript before you are eligible to go abroad.

Your University Math Requirement

- You must have a passing grade in a course that satisfies the University Math Requirement or a passing score on the Math Equivalency Exam before you are eligible to go abroad.
- If you have AP, IB or SAT scores that complete your requirement, those scores must be posted to your transcript before you are eligible to go abroad.

At Least 8 Of Your General Education Classes

Your Research Sequence

- You must successfully complete SISU-206 and SISU-306 before studying abroad.

Declare Your Thematic Areas

- See your advisor if you have questions about selecting the thematic area that's right for you
- You must finish all of your gateways before your senior year
 - For students who plan to study abroad in the fall semester of junior year, remaining gateways can be completed in the spring semester when you return to AU.
 - Students who study abroad in the spring semester of junior year should complete all gateway courses prior to studying abroad.
 - If you plan to go abroad for a full year your junior year, you must complete the gateway courses for your primary and secondary thematic areas prior to studying abroad. Please discuss with an academic advisor how you will complete your third gateway course.

Please note – the particular study abroad program you want to participate in may have other prerequisites. It is your responsibility to research these requirements on the AU Abroad website before you select your abroad program.