

So you want to study abroad?



How to get started:

1. ___ Go to the Study Abroad Office in WBC 118 and talk with Kathy Traetow
2. ___ Talk with your advisor about your schedule
3. ___ Read the FAQ below
4. ___ Submit your application by Feb. 1st (<http://www.wartburg.edu/studyabroad/>)

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. **When can I study abroad?** You can study abroad during your junior or senior year. Meet with your advisor to figure out when it works in your schedule.
2. **How much does it cost?** While you are abroad you will pay Wartburg tuition. Additional expenses may include your plane ticket, room and board, textbooks, personal living expenses, and local travel while abroad. The Study Abroad office will be able to provide you with an example of cost.
3. **What will I be doing abroad?** If you go abroad through the Diers program (see question 4) to Tanzania, Australia, or China your classes will be facilitated by Wartburg College. If you go abroad through another 'umbrella' program provider (see question 5) you will take classes offered through that program. Besides taking classes abroad you will be living in and learning about a whole new culture, meeting local people, traveling, trying new foods, and possibly volunteering or doing an internship.
4. **What is the Diers Program?** The Diers Program is a program that originated from and is facilitated by Wartburg. These programs are unique because of the close connections they have with local culture and include service learning and field work. There are programs in Tanzania, Australia, and China.
 - In Australia you will be working with Lutheran Community Care 17 centers. Work may include assisting immigrants with mother's and children's programs, tutoring at-risk youth, and working with people from diverse socio-economic backgrounds in Adelaide.
 - In China you may help with English instruction, visit homes assisting with family well being and health education, or contribute to community development.
 - In Tanzania you will visit Maasai villages and do field experiences.
- **Do I have to be Lutheran to participate in this program since there are many connections made through the Lutheran church?** No. However, the Tanzania trip revolves around visiting Maasai village worship services so the Australia or China trips may be better suited for a student not comfortable with participating in these services.
5. **What are 'umbrella' program providers? When do I apply for these programs?** There are many study abroad companies out there. However, not all study abroad programs are legitimate. Wartburg affiliates with programs that have strong academic programs and safety records. Wartburg works with at <http://www.wartburg.edu/studyabroad.html>. You will have to apply to the program you select by its application deadline. You must apply to the Wartburg Study Abroad Program by February 1st and the 'umbrella' program by its separate deadline. You must be accepted by both programs before you go abroad.
6. **How do I apply to study abroad?** Your application must be submitted by Feb. 1st of the academic year before you want to study abroad. (If you want to go abroad in Fall 2011 or Winter 2012 you must apply by Feb. 1st, 2011) You can find the application at <http://www.wartburg.edu/studyabroad>.

7. **Will I receive credit?** You will be registered as a full time Wartburg student the semester you are abroad. All credits will transfer back, and you will receive a full semester's worth of credits. There is the possibility of completing your ID 373 and Religion 373 credits while abroad.
8. **Do I need to be able to speak a language besides English?** Only students who are studying abroad to fulfill a language major requirement need to have prior language experience. All other programs are either for English speakers or provide language classes as part of the experience.
9. **Where will I live?** Depending on the program you will live either in a house with a host family or in a dorm or flat with other university students.
10. **Will I be studying with other Wartburg students?** It depends on how many students apply to go abroad during the term you plan to go. You may be alone or you may be with a small group of one or two other students.
11. **Do I have to have a certain major to study abroad?** NO! As long as you and your advisor can work it into your schedule it is possible for you to study abroad no matter what your major is.
12. **Is there a GPA requirement for studying abroad?** You must have a minimum of 2.5/4.0. Some 'umbrella' programs may require a 3.0 or higher.
13. **Where can I go?** Wartburg has approved programs in as over 75 different countries! Visit <http://www.wartburg.edu/studyabroad.html> to see for yourself.
14. **What are some other important things I should consider before traveling abroad?** You should consider the academic, physical, emotional, and financial challenges that studying abroad may pose and if you demonstrate the maturity to face these challenges. You should be sure to talk with your family about your intentions to study abroad. You should have a genuine interest in learning about and participating in cross-cultural issues, events, and relationships.
15. **What about my Passport and Visa?** Passports take about 4-6 weeks to receive. You can start this process at any time; passports are good for ten years. Visit http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/get_4855.html to get started. You will not need a visa until after you have been accepted into the Study Abroad program. We will help you with that process.



Still have questions? Contact:

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