



STUDY ABROAD BLUEPRINT

RESOURCES

Goal 1: Start dreaming about possibilities

How do students sum up their study abroad experience? View this video from the Institute of International Education (IIE) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ai1KB8XSUU>

Four things to ask yourself before studying abroad:

<http://www.diversityabroad.com/study-abroad/articles/four-things-ask-studying-abroad>

Setting study abroad goals: <http://capaworld.capa.org/2012/11/28/setting-personal-goals-for-your-study-abroad-experience>

Cultural immersion: <http://thestudyabroadblog.com/cultural-immersion/>

Country Research

- “Preparing To Go” on RIT Study Abroad website: <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/preparing-go#host>
- US Department of State for Students: <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/preparing-go#host>

Gaining employable skills through study abroad: <https://www.studyinternational.com/help-and-advice/10-reasons-employers-love-graduates-who-have-studied-abroad>

Top 5 attributes employers are looking for: <http://www.nacweb.org/s11182015/employers-look-for-in-new-hires.aspx>

Goal 2: Determine your priorities in choosing a program:

Things to consider when choosing a program: <http://www.diversityabroad.com/study-abroad/articles/things-consider-picking-program>

Get an overview of study abroad at RIT: studyabroad.rit.edu

Goal 3: Consider how your diverse characteristics (race, religion, gender, etc.), sexual orientation, learning styles or if Deaf/HOH may influence your choice of a program or affect your experience.

Academic Differences abroad: <http://ifsa-butler.org/for-students/academics/academic-differences.html>

Racial & Ethnic Minority students abroad: <http://www.diversityabroad.com/guides/diversity-and-inclusion-abroad-guide/racial-ethnic-minority-students-abroad>

LGBTQ students abroad: <http://www.studyabroad.com/resources/lgbt-students-and-study-abroad>

Study abroad resources for disabled students: <http://www.seattleglobalist.com/2014/03/21/12-study-abroad-resources-for-students-with-disabilities/21846>

Goal 4: Key questions - obstacles/anxieties

10 Study Abroad Problems & How You Can Conquer Them: <https://www.studyinternational.com/news/10-study-abroad-problems-you-will-face-and-conquer>

Goal 5: Consider how a study abroad experience will best fit into your degree program

Meet with your academic advisor to discuss study abroad timing and coursework.

- Ask your advisor for a copy of the pathway for your major to understand your course sequencing.

Goal 6: Identify study abroad programs that would be a good fit for you

Login to the Compass database to search programs: studyabroad.rit.edu, click on the Compass icon.

- Click on “Search Programs” tab.
- Use drop down menus to narrow down your search. Choose only two search criteria (ex. Destination, Field of Study) to maximize your search results.

Make an appointment with a study abroad advisor by calling 585-475-4466 or emailing global@rit.edu.

Utilize your college’s study abroad info sheet which will highlight some featured programs for your major: <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/additional-tools-and-resources>

Goal 7: Understand basic costs and funding options

- Go to fellowships.rit.edu to find study abroad scholarships.
- Read the “Funding Study Abroad” section on the study abroad website for an overview of costs and financial aid. <https://www.rit.edu/academicaffairs/global/funding-study-abroad>