Complete and submit the RIT Compass application. Go to rit.edu/StudyAbroad and click on the Compass icon. Login with your RIT username and password and click on the Search Programs tab to find your program and apply.

Discuss your course plans while abroad with your study abroad and academic advisors. List your first choice and alternate courses on the Global Campus course selection form provided to you by your study abroad advisor. Email your completed form to maureen.shannon@rit.edu. The Education Abroad office will register you for your classes based on the course pre-approval form (you are not able to register yourself).

Ensure you have uploaded your COVID-19 vaccination status to the RIT COVID-19 Vaccination Information website (rit.edu/ready/covid-19-vaccine-information) In order to be eligible to study abroad, all students must be vaccinated against COVID-19 or have a valid RIT exemption.

Once you receive your budget worksheet, make an appointment with your RIT Financial Aid Assistant Director to understand what aid is available to you. Call (585) 475-2186 to make an appointment, mention that it is for study abroad and provide your financial aid assistant director a copy of your budget worksheet at least 48 hours in advance. Your budget worksheet will outline program costs including tuition, housing, program fees, and out-of-pocket expenses.

Explore study abroad scholarship options www.rit.edu/global/international-fellowships-overview. Note that scholarship deadlines tend to be early. Email global@rit.edu if you would like to make an appointment with a study abroad scholarship advisor for help with essays.

If you will require RIT Access Services support, make an appointment with them to discuss your needs. Email Anglea Hauser at abhdis@ntid.rit.edu prior to the application deadline.

To Apply  Complete these steps by the deadline.

After You’re Accepted  Log in to your Compass application and complete STEP 3 to confirm your participation and agree to be billed for the program.

Submit all required visa documents to the Education Abroad Office. Watch for important emails about visa steps.

Complete the passport information in the ‘My Profile’ tab in your Compass home page.

Attend the mandatory study abroad Bon Voyage meeting and a mandatory Global Campus pre-departure meeting. You will be emailed meeting details and registration link.

Visit the Preparing to Go section at rit.edu/StudyAbroad For important resources on host country research, health/safety, banking, communication and identity abroad.

Adjust Rochester housing arrangements as needed
Contact RIT Housing or your landlord

Enroll in the U.S. State Department Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)
This registers your travel with the US Embassy in case of an emergency (step.state.gov).

Complete the RIT Pre-Study Abroad Survey The Study Abroad office will email you a link shortly before your program departure.

While You’re Abroad  If you make any adjustments to your class schedule, email your new schedule to maureen.shannon@rit.edu and your academic advisor.
When You Return

☐ Complete the RIT Post-Study Abroad survey - you will receive an email with a link once you return.

☐ Attend a mandatory Global Engagement Workshop. You will receive an email with date, time and location.

☐ Participate in the Study Abroad Symposium and ROC Your Global Future conference that take place each fall (watch for emails with info.)

☐ Be a guest blogger or featured student on RIT Education Abroad social media - email michelle.fitz@rit.edu if you’re interested.

☐ Connect with us on LinkedIn (@RITGlobal) to start building an international professional network.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Choosing Your Courses & Registration
The RIT Education Abroad will register you for the classes you plan on taking on your Global Campus program (note: you are not able to register for these classes yourself in SIS). Fill out the course selection form provided by your study abroad advisor and submit it before your application deadline.

Budget Worksheet:
This document details the exact and estimated costs of your program and is provided by the RIT Education Abroad office. If you would like to use financial aid (federal and local grants, scholarships and loans) towards your study abroad program costs, set up a meeting with your RIT Financial Aid Assistant Director before your application deadline. Provide a copy of the budget worksheet to the financial aid office at least 2 days prior to your scheduled appointment.

Withdrawing Your Application(s):
If you decide that you are not going abroad, you will need to withdraw any applications or else you WILL be billed for erroneous study abroad charges. If your application is ‘Incomplete’ go in to your Compass account, click “Withdraw” and provide a reason for your withdrawal. If your application is ‘Pending’ email global@rit.edu to have your application withdrawn by an administrator.

Billing:
All charges you can expect to be billed are outlined on your Budget Worksheet. The RIT Education Abroad office will work with RIT Student Financial Services to list the study abroad charges on your eServices account on normal RIT billing dates. Payments can be made online or in person and are due on normal RIT due dates. If you would like to request a payment schedule, contact Student Financial Services.

Grading:
You will receive letter grades which will count toward your GPA.