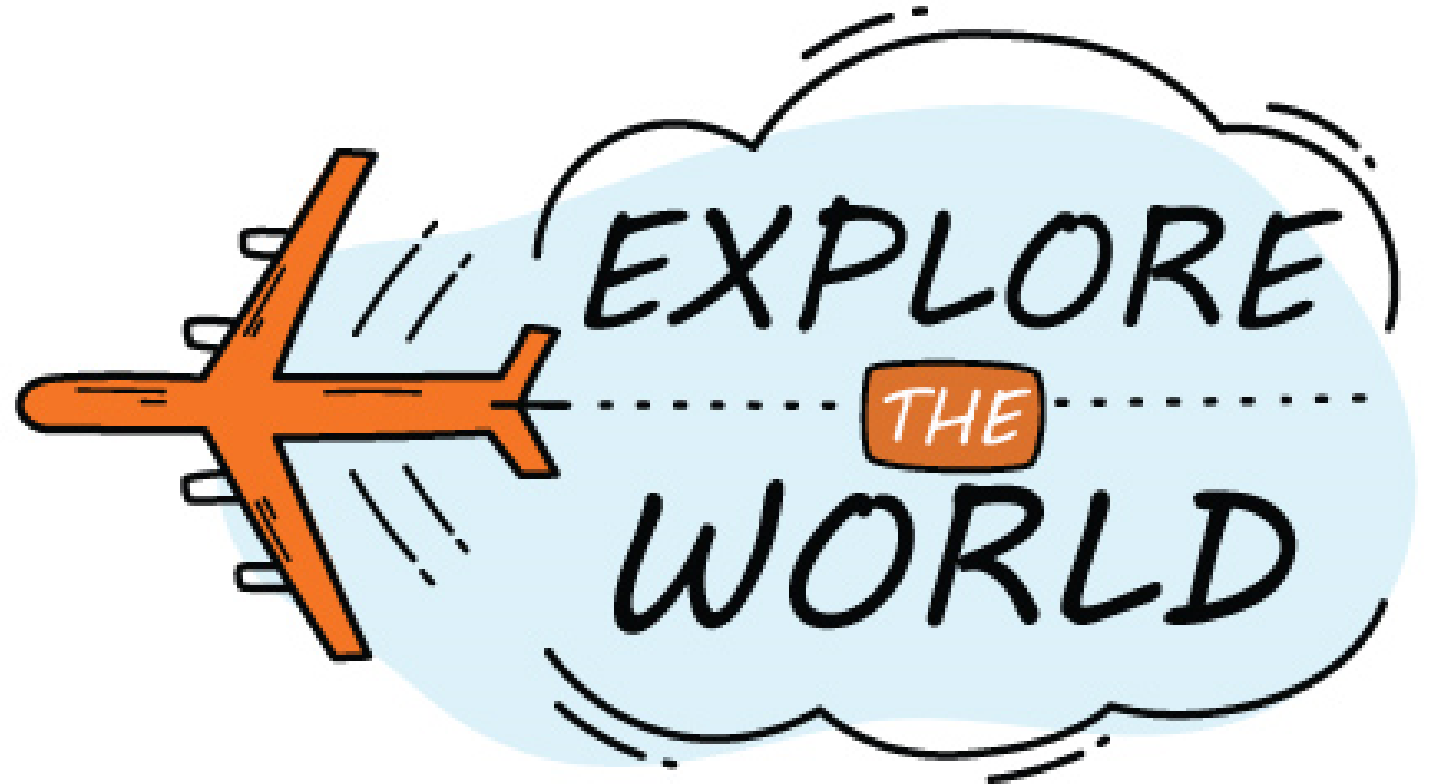


# Study Abroad 101

JUMP START YOUR  
INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE!



# You'll leave this meeting with...



## **INFORMATION**

Basics about  
RIT Study  
Abroad.



## **UNDERSTANDING YOUR PRIORITIES**

Starting to think  
more about what  
you want out of an  
experience.



## **RESEARCH TOOLS**

To help you  
research  
programs and  
narrow down  
your choices.



## **NEXT STEPS**

to make study  
abroad a reality.

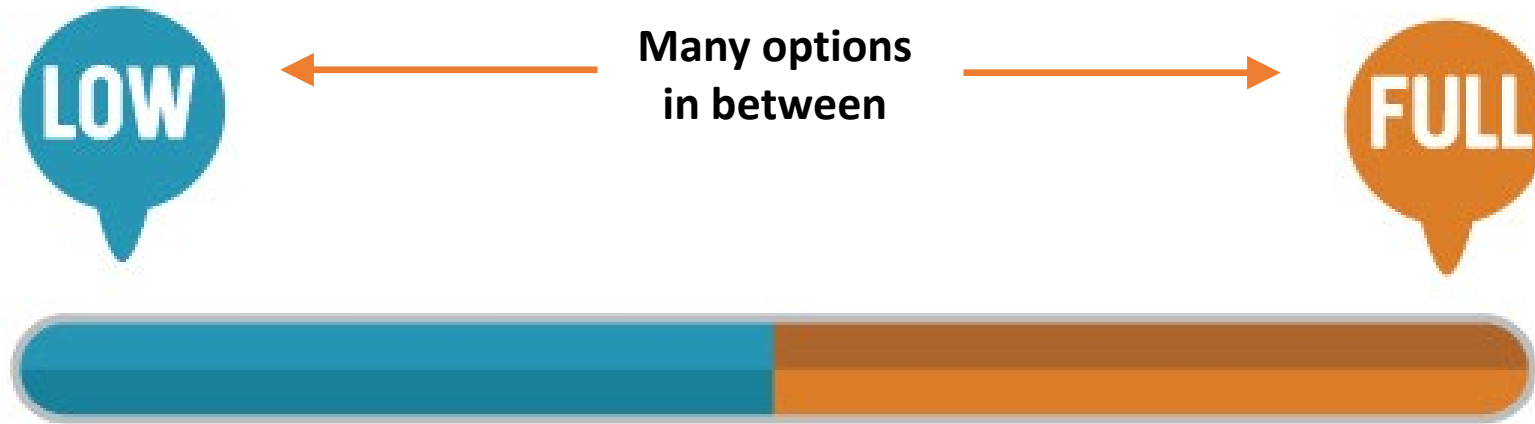
# Over 600 programs in 60 different countries!

## Program lengths

- Short term (1-3 weeks)
- Summer (3-10 weeks)
- Semester (fall or spring)
- Academic Year



# Cultural Immersion



- Study Center
- Live with other Americans
- Take classes in English
- Planned activities/excursions

- Enrolled in local University
- Home Stay
- Take classes in a foreign language
- Live and travel like a local



# Program Types



## RIT Global Campuses

- Croatia, Dubai, Kosovo
- Semester, Summer, Winter Break
- Easy, seamless study abroad

## Faculty-Led

- Led by an RIT faculty member
- Usually shorter travel portion (1-3 weeks)

## Affiliate

- RIT partner organizations that offer study abroad programs
- Variety of locations, lengths, coursework

## Exchange

- RIT has direct partnership with international university
- Major-specific, more culturally immersive

# Coursework

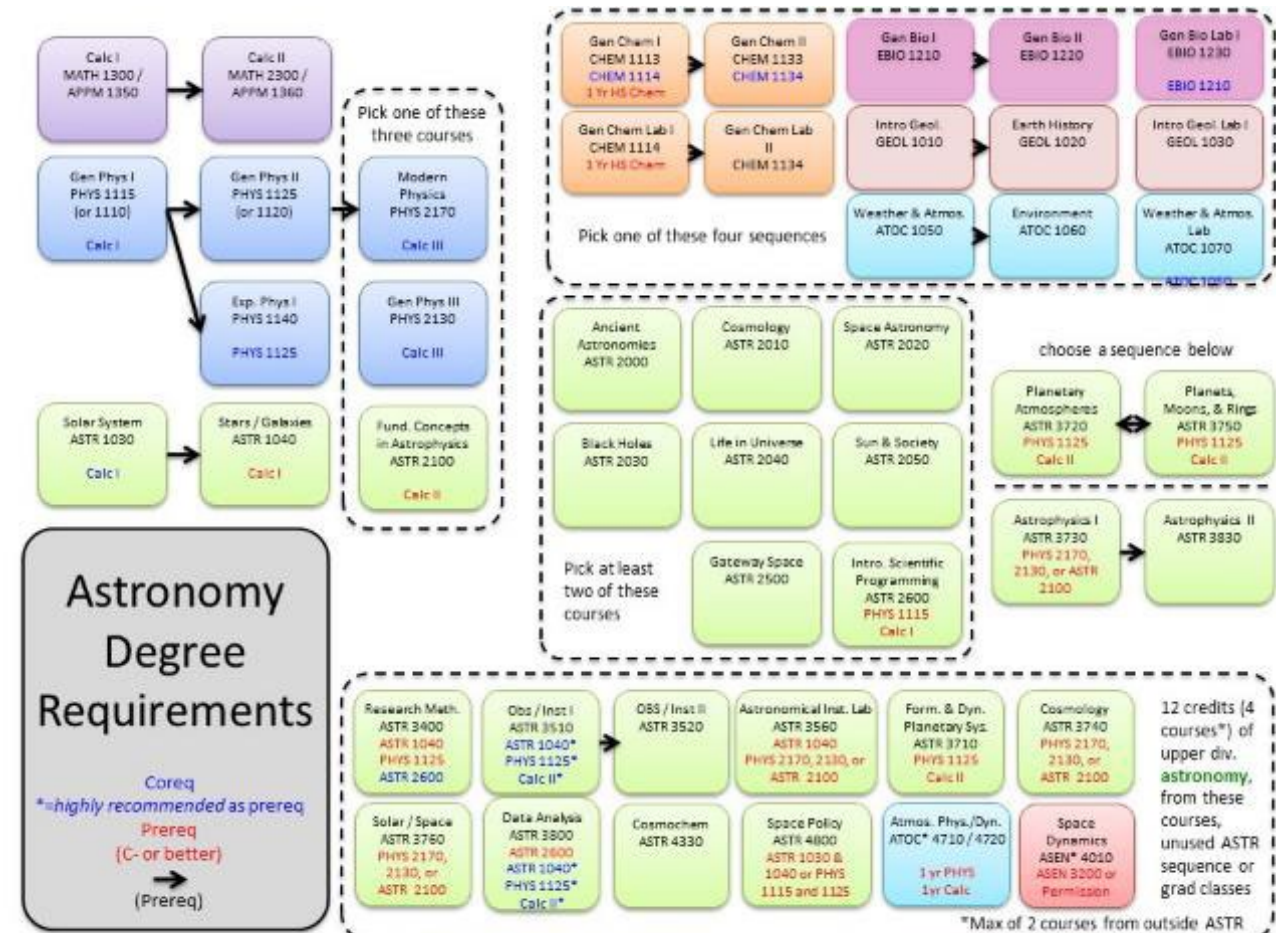
- **Study Abroad & Your Major**  
[rit.edu/StuayAbroad](https://rit.edu/StuayAbroad) > Study Abroad & Your Major
- **Minor, immersion, liberal arts, or free electives**
  - More program option available when your courses are flexible.
  - Try to save some electives or general education credits to take abroad
- **RIT Course Pre-Approval Process**
  - Ensures your courses abroad will count towards RIT degree program
  - Stay on track to graduation



# Your Degree Requirements

## Talk with your academic advisor:

- What degree requirements do you still have left to fulfill?
- If going for a semester** you are likely taking between 12-18 credits
  - Knowing types of classes you need to take to stay on track is essential when researching programs.
- If choosing a short term program** (3-9 credits)
  - Helpful to know where the credits you will take will fit in, but you will have more flexibility.





# Beyond Academics

## LANGUAGE

- Majority of programs don't require foreign language skills
- If language learning is a priority, options are available

## HOUSING

- Usually dorms or apartments (shared rooms)
- Homestays (live with a local family)
- Consider travel time between housing and classes

## MEALS

- Meal plans typically not common abroad
- Likely to buy groceries/prepare meals, eat out

## ACTIVITIES

- Planned excursions may be offered
- Availability of student clubs, sports teams, etc.



Japan



# Program Costs

- All programs will charge:



## Tuition



## Program Fee

(housing, orientation, airport transportation, excursions built into program)



## Out-of-pocket expenses

(flight, personal spending money, meals (if not included in program fee), in-country transportation (bus pass, taxi, etc.)



**A budget worksheet outlining all expected costs will be provided to you.**

# Financial Aid

You may be able to use financial aid and/or scholarships towards study abroad program costs.

## **REMEMBER ... Everyone's financial aid package is different**

To really know how YOUR aid will apply, must take copy of official study abroad budget worksheet to a meeting with financial aid

### **In General:**

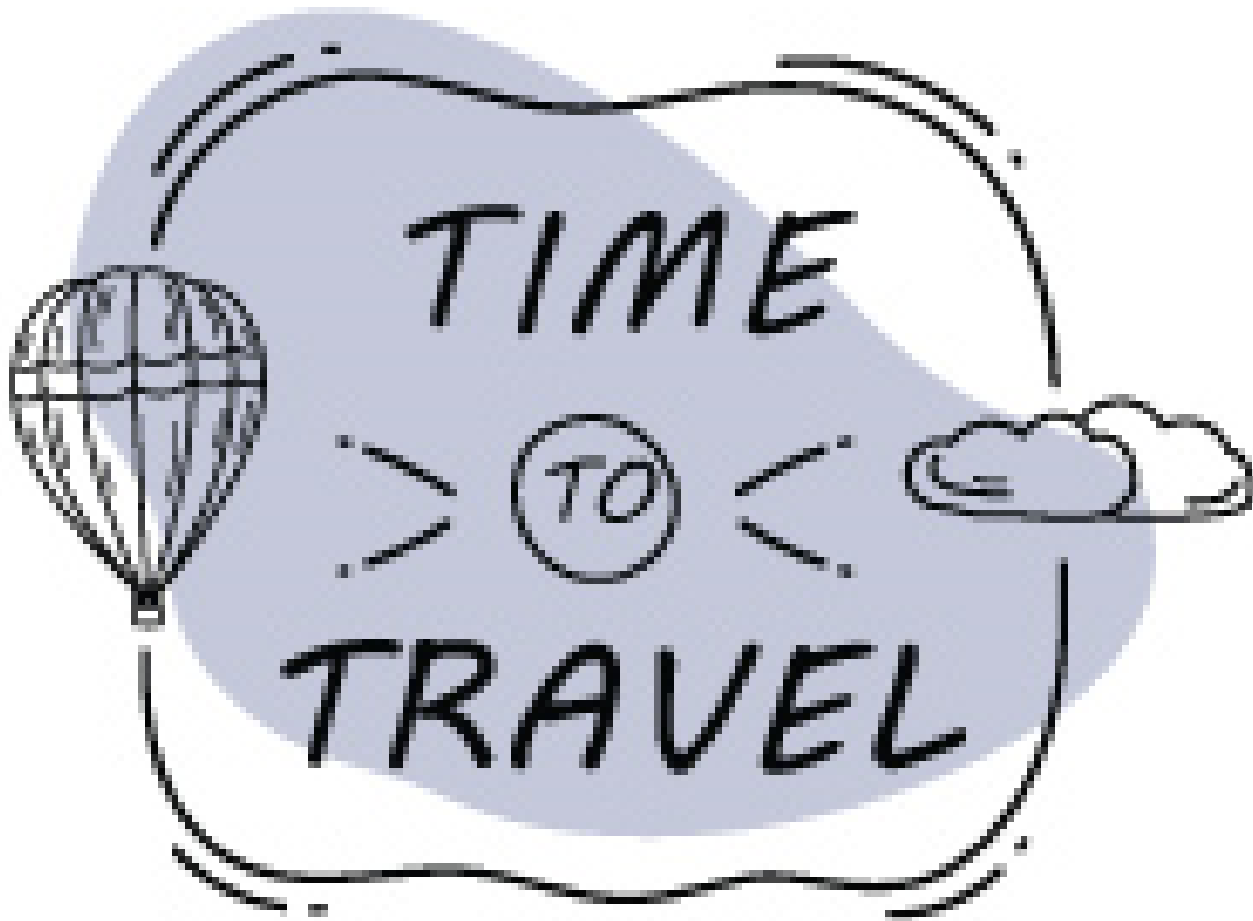
#### **Full time while abroad (taking 12 or more credits)**

- May use RIT and federal aid and scholarships
- Semester programs, some summer programs

#### **Half time while abroad (taking at least 6 credits)**

- May use federal aid
- Summer programs

**Study Abroad Scholarships are available – you can talk more about options with an advisor.**



# Your Priorities

## Study Abroad Blueprint

A brainstorming and reflection tool to help you prioritize what you're looking for in an experience.

**Let's work on Goal #2**



# Important Considerations

## ■ Health/Wellness

- Study abroad has the potential to heighten pre-existing health conditions or contribute to new ones.
- Physical health, mental health, etc.
- Consider your needs/support.

### EXAMPLE

If you have a chronic health condition that requires regular out-patient treatment – you may not want to choose a program in a remote location.

## ■ Your Identity

- Your diverse characteristics may be more or less embraced in the country you travel to.
- Race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, etc.

### EXAMPLE

It is important to you that you attend regular religious services – research potential locations to see if those are offered.

You are LGBTQ+ - perhaps prioritize locations that have an active LGBTQ+ community and/or embraces LGBTQ+ individuals.



# Researching Programs

## MAIN TOOLS

- Study Abroad & Your Major website
- Your College Info. Sheet
- Compass (RIT program/application database)
- Affiliate Websites

# Study Abroad & Your Major

[rit.edu/global/StudyAbroadMajor](https://rit.edu/global/StudyAbroadMajor)

- A good starting point to explore some programs.
- College info. sheet for your major
  - Highlighted programs based on your major
- Also look at other colleges of your minor, immersion, or area of interest.



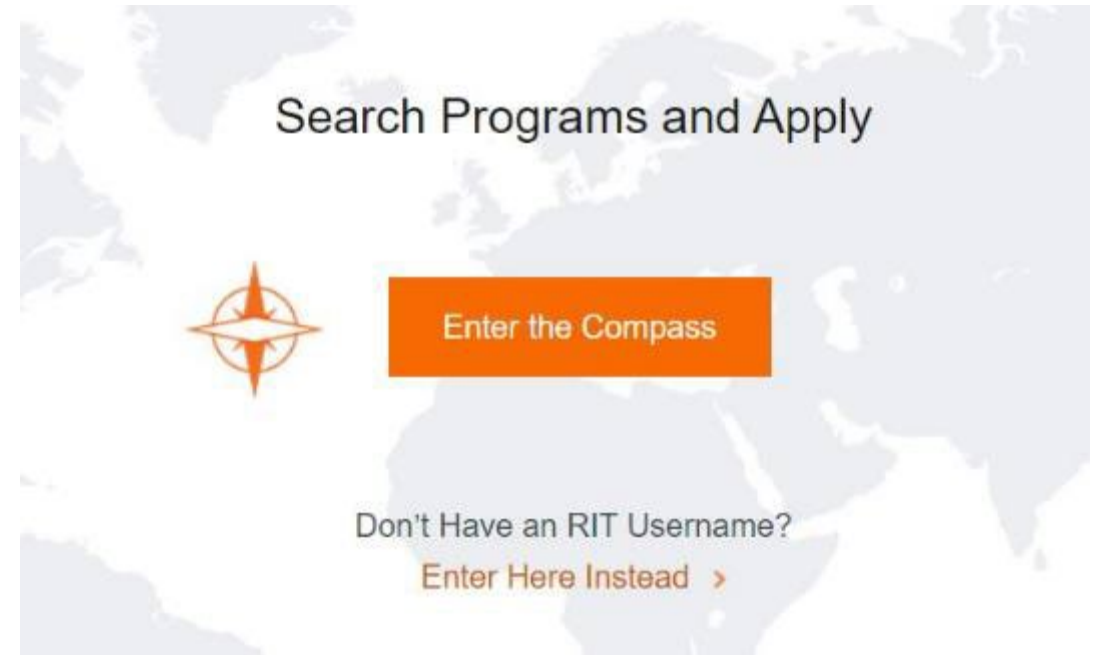


# RIT Study Abroad Compass

The Compass is RIT's study abroad program and application database

- Search programs in the **Compass**
  - Login with your RIT username and password
  - Use filters like 'Destination' or 'Field of Study' to narrow results (limit to 2 filters for best results)
- **Affiliate programs** – affiliate website will have additional information – visit affiliate link listed in program description

[www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply](http://www.rit.edu/global/compass-search-programs-apply)



In addition to being a search tool, the Compass is also where you'll apply for study abroad through RIT.

# Next Steps

## **(1) Finish your Study Abroad Blueprint**

- We will email you some resources

## **(2) Check in with your academic advisor**

- Ask them for a list of courses you still have left to fulfill towards your degree

## **(3) Research programs**

- Start with your college info. sheet on the Study Abroad & Your Major website, Compass search
- Keep a Word/Google doc with your research and list of programs

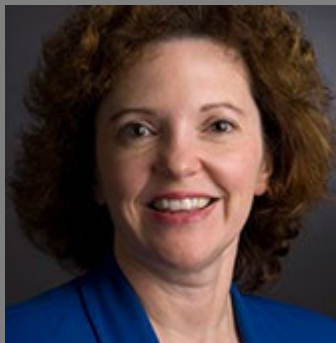


Abu Dhabi

## Meet one-on-one with a study abroad advisor



**Roseanne  
Hernandez  
(DiFlorio)**  
Advisor  
Affiliate Programs



**Maureen Shannon**  
Advisor  
Global Campus and  
Exchange Programs

**For Faculty-Led  
programs, contact the  
faculty director**

Portugal



**[rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting](https://rit.edu/global/AdvisorMeeting)**

### **Make the most of your one-on-one meeting:**

- Know what courses you still have left to fulfill at RIT
- Have 2-3 programs in mind that you've researched



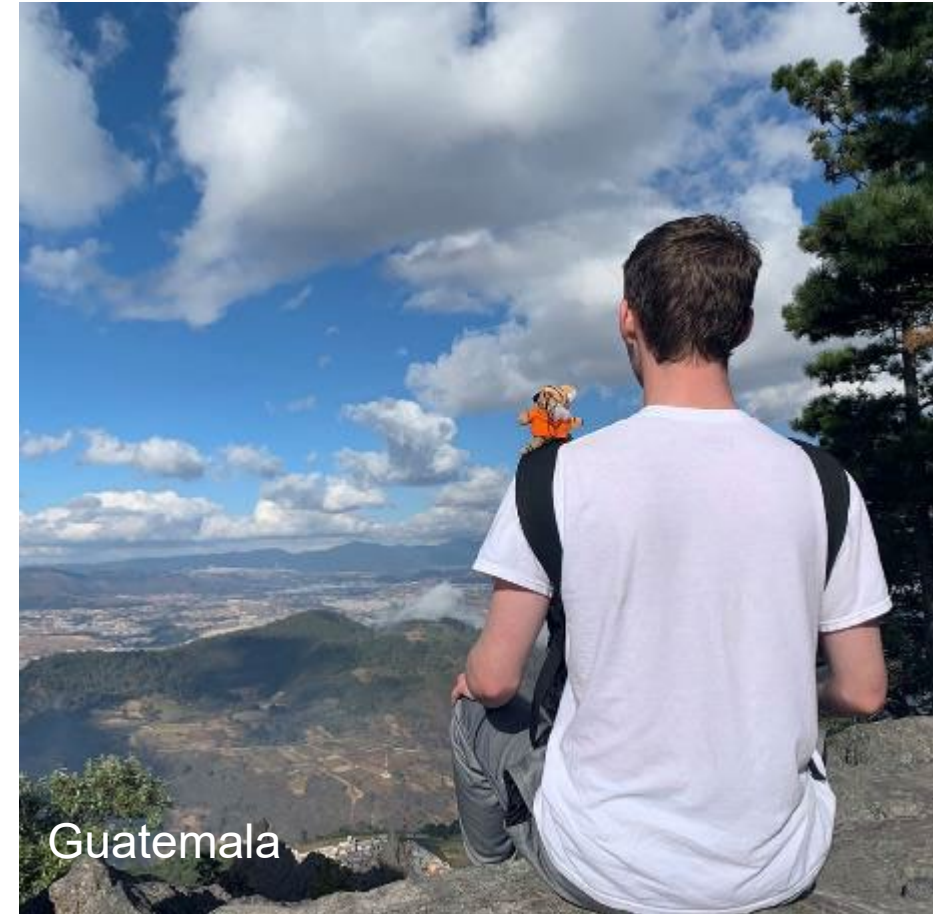
# Planning & Deadlines

## General Planning Timeline:

- Start planning (and your applications) at least 6 months before you plan to go abroad.
- Start planning a year in advance if you plan on applying for scholarships.

## RIT General Deadlines:

- Fall semester programs – March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Winter break programs – October 1st
- Spring semester programs – October 1st
- Summer programs – March 15<sup>th</sup>  
(Global Campus Summer usually mid-Feb.)
- Faculty-Led programs – typically mid-October and mid-Feb.



France



# Start Exploring!

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