



STUDY ABROAD BASICS



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ABOUT BUCKNELL GLOBAL EDUCATION

The mission of Bucknell Global Education is to facilitate first-rate study abroad opportunities that accommodate a range of disciplines and include diverse regions of the world. Bucknell Global collaborates with students and faculty to identify, develop and manage programs that support Bucknell University's educational goals. It prepares Bucknell University students to study abroad, internationally and domestically, while promoting a global focus to the academic life of the University and the local community.

The Office also manages international partnerships and agreements that aid in study abroad program development and cooperation with various institutions in the U.S. and around the world.

Bucknell's mission requires students to develop a “deep understanding of different cultures and diverse perspectives.” Of the five strategies outlined in The Plan for Bucknell, two — “enhancing diversity” and “building bridges” — specifically relate to global education and the vision of making Bucknell “a global portal, a place to which the world comes each day.”

Whether students choose to study abroad — internationally or domestically — or choose to remain at Bucknell throughout their undergraduate programs, Bucknell Global provides numerous opportunities for global learning.

The role of Bucknell Global Education in internationalizing Bucknell is enormous and multifaceted. This booklet will help you to understand the various aspects of our responsibilities and how Bucknell Global engages Bucknell University students and other constituents (faculty, staff, parents and community) to address the task of creating a campus environment that makes Bucknell the “global portal” we all envision.

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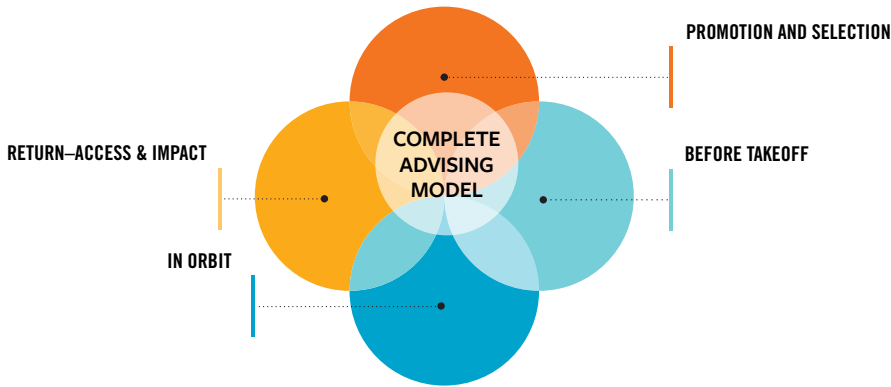
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BUCKNELL GLOBAL’S COMPLETE ADVISING MODEL

One of Bucknell Global’s major responsibilities is providing students with access to study abroad. That means working with both external and internal constituents to identify study abroad opportunities that meet Bucknell’s high academic standards and low risk tolerance. The Complete Advising Model (CAM) developed by Bucknell Global reflects the Office’s extensive, multifaceted structure for working with students for safe and rewarding experiences off-campus.



- PROMOTION AND SELECTION:** A combination of face-to-face and digital interaction between Advisor and student, one at a time, to select the appropriate program to satisfy academic, location and other needs.
- BEFORE TAKEOFF:** As aviation experts who engage in “before takeoff procedures” systematically check of the engine, controls, systems, instruments and avionics prior to flight, Bucknell Global Advisers engage students in nitty-gritty preparations and fine tuning to ensure a successful study abroad experience.
- IN ORBIT:** While students are out there literally orbiting the world and exploring new lands, ideas, cultures, and taking in new knowledge, Bucknell Global continues to engage them to enhance academic learning, processing of new experiences and assisting with the ever-present health, safety and security issues.
- RETURN-ACCESS & IMPACT:** Return from study abroad is only the beginning of serious reflections on the experience. Bucknell Global is ready to guide such reflections and provide opportunities for further contemplation and learning. Regaining access to campus, impacting the campus environment and ensuring further personal development are important goals here.

PROMOTION & SELECTION

Study abroad has many benefits, and Bucknell encourages all students to take advantage of study abroad opportunities. However, studying abroad also presents challenges. In most cases you will be studying in classrooms different from those at Bucknell, with instructors who may speak languages that are new to you. To enhance your likelihood of success, Bucknell requires you to have adequate preparation before you go.

- Have completed the full semester on campus prior to your semester abroad.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 Fall Semester or 3.0 Spring Semester.
- Have a history of good conduct with the University. All conduct violation records will be reviewed by Bucknell Global.
- Please review the chart below to understand what terms students are eligible to study abroad.

When are Bucknell Students Eligible to Study Abroad?

Class Year	Fall	Spring	Summer
First-year		✓	✓
Sophomore	✓	✓	✓
Junior	✓	✓	✓
Senior	✓		

● Available ● Unavailable

Summer Eligibility Requirements:

- Have a history of good conduct with the University.
- Have a GPA that meets the requirements of your desired program. The GPA requirements for summer programs vary but a 2.5 GPA is generally required.

Each Bucknell in faculty-led summer Programs will have additional eligibility requirements.

*For additional details on eligibility requirements for study abroad visit the [Bucknell Global Webpage](#).

ADVISING & ACADEMIC PLANNING

Students who plan to study abroad are required to first meet with their academic adviser and after that with their global education advisor. Planning for study abroad is an extensive process. Your academic and global education advisors are your main resources for planning properly to study abroad.

During global education advising, your advisor will cover various topics with you, including, but not limited to:

- discussing program options in detail and identifying methods to empower you to research and consider the best program fit for you based on academics, location, personal and career interests. To help you make your study abroad journey as meaningful to you as possible, please think about the items on the [*Things to Think About*](#) document and how they may impact your study abroad experience.
- reviewing your preliminary financial questions, and providing appropriate resources for your planning and sources of funding for study abroad including financial aid and scholarships.
- guiding you through the application process and discussing items of importance such as health, safety, security and crossing cultures.

As you continue to explore your study abroad options, please remember to complete the following important items:

Speak with your academic adviser(s) about studying abroad, discussing any academic progress you need to make while abroad, and complete the [*academic worksheet*](#).

Visit the [*Bucknell Global*](#) webpage to [*Study Abroad Programs*](#) so you can view programs that will complement your academic focus by using the [*Program Comparison*](#) document.

Complete the Pre-application Form through the [*Bucknell Global*](#) webpage, including watching the required video training.

After you complete all steps above, sign up for an advising meeting with a global education advisor.

SCAN THESE CODES TO ACCESS THESE RESOURCES:



PROGRAM
COMPARISON



THINGS TO
THINK ABOUT



ACADEMIC
WORKSHEET

Advising Process

Applications may only be started during the advising and application period for the upcoming term by a global education advisor.

The **Advising** periods are as follows, the year before you study abroad:

Fall Advising Period: 1st day of classes through the last day of classes (August – December)

Spring Advising Period: 1st day of classes through the last day of classes (January – May)

Summer Advising Period: August – April*

*Summer term advising only applies to non-Bucknell summer programs. Bucknell Global Summer programs will maintain individual advising and application periods. Check the specific program web page for additional details.

For students interested in studying abroad for a spring or fall semester, it is imperative to meet with your Global Education Advisor as early in the advising cycle as possible. There are limits to the number of students who can study abroad during a single semester, limits to the number of Bucknell students who can attend a single program/location in a given semester, and student applications are reviewed on a rolling basis. Thus, it is possible for semester and program capacity limits to be reached well before the end of an advising cycle. Early advising will be essential for students to ensure they are able to study abroad during their preferred semester and on their preferred program.

Financial Considerations

You and/or your family members may have questions about the costs related to studying abroad. Studying abroad is a financial **commitment and** understanding the full extent of the costs is an important part of the decision-making and planning process. There are many scholarship and grant opportunities for study abroad. Talk to your Bucknell Global advisor for information and referrals.

[Financing the Global Education](#) webpage outlines the basic guidelines to consider when estimating costs and meeting financial obligations for study abroad. You can also view a full list of Bucknell Global programs and their designations as Bucknell-in, Exchange Partner or Bucknell Approved.

For specific questions related to your financial aid package, please contact the Office of Financial Aid **at:** finaid@bucknell.edu or 570-577-1331.



BEFORE TAKE OFF

Once **you've** submitted an application and received approval from Bucknell Global, these are the next steps:

- Submitting post-acceptance materials to Bucknell Global and your program. Examples include transfer of credit forms, liability forms, passport copies, housing options, etc.
- Completing the required pre-departure modules on health, safety and culture.

IN ORBIT

You have done all the preparations, checked and cross-checked all logistical requirements and finally arrived at your destination. Everything looks different, and that is as it should be! To help you cope with your new environment, Bucknell Global will be in contact to engage in different aspects of your study abroad. It's important that you also reach out as often as necessary and respond to all safety and security prompts.

It's also important to know that Bucknell Global remains a resource for you while you are abroad by:

- Connecting with partners to help respond to potential issues.
- Engaging meaningfully with you, institutions, partners and personal communities from a distance using social media.
- Representing students' interests on campus.

As you get used to your new environment and are busy learning new and exciting things, returning to Bucknell might be the last thing on your mind. However, you must remember that while you are abroad, you should be making preparations for your return to campus.

RETURN – ACCESS & IMPACT

Return from study abroad is only the beginning of serious reflections on the experience. Bucknell Global is ready to guide such reflections and provide opportunities for further contemplation and learning. Regaining access to campus, impacting the campus environment and ensuring further personal development are important goals here. Stay in contact with your Global Education Advisor and your Academic Adviser(s) as you share your global learning experience at Bucknell.





REFERENCE THE BUCKNELL GLOBAL WEBPAGE FOR THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES:

Beyond the Classroom

Bucknell Global Education

- Study Abroad Programs
- Finance Off-campus Study
- For Students
- For Parents
- Our Staff



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