How do I choose a program?

Interested in academic adventure overseas? Not sure what your options are? Do you want information on all the programs that GT has to offer? Stop by a Study Abroad Open House! You’ll be able to meet the advisors, enjoy some free pizza, and gain an introduction to Georgia Tech study abroad opportunities. Open Houses occur once a week during the first month of Fall and Spring semesters.

At the Study Abroad Open House, you’ll learn about:

- Types of programs: Exchange, GT Faculty-Led, & Non-GT
- How to choose a program
- Academics and transfer credit
- Deadlines and timelines
- Application process
- Financial considerations, financial aid, & scholarships

Can’t make it to the office? Chat with an advisor via our Online Advising hours to get your questions answered about Georgia Tech study abroad opportunities for all students. Visit OIE’s website for more details.

For more information about Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs please contact the program coordinator directly using the information found on the OIE website. You can apply to the program through the online application system at www.oie.gatech.edu/sa/apply/.

If you’re fairly certain you want to spend a semester or academic year at a host university in a foreign country, come to an Exchange Info Session!

Exchange Info Sessions discuss:

- Exchange programs in all parts of the world
- How to choose a program
- Application and selection process
- Academics and credit transfer
- Program costs
- Financial aid and scholarships

If you are interested in studying abroad but none of the GT programs fit your academic or geographic needs, you have the option of studying on a program sponsored by another university or organization. Students on Non-GT Programs must attend an advising session before going abroad.

Non-GT Program Advising Sessions cover:

- How to choose a program
- Where to get info on Non-GT programs
- Academics and credit transfer
- GT mandatory forms
- Financial considerations
- Insurance

Finally, if you’re interested in enrolling in GT’s innovative International Plan (IP) and have questions about the requirements, contact the International Plan Office directly via www.internationalplan.gatech.edu.
Four Steps to Success
choosing a program abroad

Step 1: Identify your academic goals
Which courses or subjects would you like to study?
Do you have specific degree requirements to fulfill during your time abroad? Are you participating in the International Plan?
Are you interested in acquiring or improving language skills, or are classes in English preferred?
Would you be interested in taking courses abroad not available at Georgia Tech (i.e. country/region/culture specific)?
Would you like to have the opportunity to undertake research or an internship as part of your overseas program?

Step 2: Identify your personal preferences and requirements
In which country or region would you like to study?
Would you prefer to live with a host family, students from the host country, international students, or other American students?
Do you want to make your own arrangements and plan your daily activities and travel, or do you prefer that the program organize that for you?
For how long do you want to study abroad? Programs range from a few weeks to a full academic year.

Step 3: Assess available program options
Search the OIE website and attend a General Advising Session to discover the many Georgia Tech programs around the world, when each program takes place, which type of coursework each offers, how much each costs, how to apply, etc.
Are there courses you need to take before going abroad to fulfill prerequisites?
Do you have the necessary language skills to participate in the program or can you acquire them before going abroad?
Do you have adequate personal funds and/or financial aid and scholarships to cover the cost of the program of interest to you?

Step 4: Consult OIE
See a Study Abroad Advisor in OIE for help with making a final program choice. Once you have selected a program, your advisor will help make your dreams of education abroad a reality!