

# Study Abroad 101

The purpose of this presentation is to provide important information about study abroad policies and the application process. The content primarily focuses on semester study abroad, and topics include the types of programs offered, finances, academics, eligibility criteria, acceptance decisions, application deadlines and more.

Students can refer to this PowerPoint when completing the required quiz for the semester abroad application.



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# Types of Programs



## Partner Programs

- Study alongside local & international students
- Significantly different teaching and assessment methods compared to Bentley (e.g., larger lectures, assigned but ungraded HW, or heavily weighted exams)
- Highest level of academic & cultural immersion
- Require a great deal of self-sufficiency & independence
- Support networks reflect the cultural values & style of local culture



## Affiliate Programs

- Administered by highly respected study abroad organizations approved by Bentley
- Enroll in courses that typically follow an American model of teaching & assessment (except for courses taught at host universities)
- You may have the option to take some or all courses at host universities with local students



Check out the full list of programs online.

The program type is found next to “Program Category” on each brochure page.



### American University in Cairo

Founded in 1919, the American University in Cairo (AUC) enrolls approximately 5,000 students in its degree, Arabic language, and study abroad programs. The student body at AUC is 85% Egyptian. Built in 2008, AUC's modern campus is located outside the city in a suburb called New Cairo. The new campus is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and technology.

The AUC offers an American-style liberal arts education to students in its three undergraduate divisions: the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the School of Business, Economics and Communication, and the School of Engineering and Sciences. Study abroad students enroll in courses across the curriculum in the three undergraduate schools.

Learn more on their website.

This program is not currently accepting applications.

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[Previously Approved Courses](#)


### Information sheet

Program Type	Semester program
Language of Instruction	Arabic, English
Eligibility	Undergraduate
Credits/Typical Courseload	12-15
Prerequisite	Either GLS 101, 102, 110, 114, 116, or any ML course
Housing	Dormitory/Residence
Program Advisor	Natalie Schlegel
Program Category	Partner

# Tuition & Fees

- Pay Bentley University tuition for your semester abroad
- Your financial aid applies to one semester abroad
- Housing costs vary by program; most housing is billed by the study abroad program or university directly
- Pay an international education fee (administrative fee) of \$500
- A "Budget Sheet" can be found on each program's webpage and contains estimates on tuition, room & board, international health insurance, and other extra costs
- Personal expenses may include travel, books, visa, etc. and vary widely by program and by person

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Overview	Location	Academics	Accommodations and Meals	Dates and Deadlines	Budget Sheets
<b>Semester Budget</b>					
Budget Item					One Semester At This Program
Bentley Tuition					\$28250
International Education Administrative Fee					\$500
Billable subtotal:					\$28,750.00
Housing					\$800.00
Insurance Billed by Provider					\$0.00
Meals					\$640.00
Course Supplies and Books					\$0.00
Roundtrip Airfare (!)					\$1,800.00
Student Visa					\$265.00
US Passport					\$165
Local Transportation					\$640.00
Personal Expenses (!)					\$1,400.00
Non-billable subtotal:					\$5,710.00
Total:					\$34,460.00

# Financial Aid & Scholarships

Students may apply federal, state, local & Bentley aid to a semester abroad. Keep in mind that Bentley aid is guaranteed for 1 semester only.



## Gilman Scholarship

Must be a Pell Recipient  
Up to \$5,000 for 1 semester  
Deadlines: October & March



## FEA Scholarship

Up to \$5,000 for 1 semester  
Deadlines: September &  
January



## Freeman Asia

Up to \$5,000 for 1 semester  
Deadline: March



## Babbitt Scholarship

\$2,000 for 1 semester  
Deadline: February



## Study Abroad Ambassador

Waive \$500 International  
Education Fee  
Deadlines: November & June



## Many more online!

Check our website and do  
some research on your own.  
[Attend a Financial Planning info  
session to learn more.](#)

# Academics



## Quick Tips:

- **Save electives for your semester abroad.** This allows for more flexibility when selecting courses abroad.
- **You can take major courses abroad, but we can't guarantee they'll be available.** Save major electives for this as well.
- Check out [full academic policies](#) online.

# Academics



## Course Approval Process

All course syllabi must be reviewed by Bentley faculty to determine eligibility for credit. In order to get a course reviewed, you must send the syllabus to your study abroad advisor.



## Credits

Students studying abroad in Bentley approved semester programs earn Bentley credits and Bentley grades for all approved courses. If the host program utilizes a different grading system, grades will be translated to the A-F system according to [Bentley's equivalency scale](#).



## Grades

Study abroad grades are NOT pass or fail. The Bentley transcript will show the term abroad with all approved course titles, Bentley credits, and Bentley grades in the A-F system. Study abroad grades are not factored into your cumulative Bentley GPA.

# Previously Approved Courses

Find them online on each program's brochure.

Overview Location Dates & Deadlines Academics Accommodations

University of Glasgow campus tour

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University of Glasgow Website

Previously Approved Courses

Host Code	Host Title	Bentley credits
▶ ACCFIN4002	Accounting & Business Ethics 3	4.00
▶ ECON4040	Advanced Macroeconomics	4.00
▶ MGT4056	Advances in B-to-B Marketing	4.00
▶ SPS5002	American Business and Management	5.00
▶ ADED1105E	Ancient Egyptian Temples	3.00
▶ ARCH1002	Archaeology 1B: Archaeology in the Modern World	5.00
▶ no code	Bagpipes: History, Repertoire and Performance	5.00
▶ no code	Black & White Photography	3.00
▶ ESH2002	Britain Since 1914	5.00
▶ MGT2001	Business & Management Level 2B: Organizations & Management	0.00
▶ KUUV	Business and Management 2A: Operations and Financial Decision Management	0.00
▶ 89YJ	Business and Management 3: Managing Complex Change	4.00
▶ 0QKW	Business and Management 3: Project Management	3.00
▶ NKNW	Business and Management level 3: Introduction to E-Commerce	3.00
▼ MGT 2010	Business Decision Analysis	3.00

▼ ENGLIT 4120	Creative Writing Hybrid Forms	5.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keywords:</b> Literature, LIT, English and Media Studies, EMS</li> <li>• <b>Prerequisites:</b></li> <li>• <b>Attached Docs:</b></li> <li>• <b>Equivalencies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ EMS - 490</li> <li>◦ LIT - 392</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
▼ MGT4060	Development of International Business	4.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Keywords:</b> Mathematics, MA</li> <li>• <b>Prerequisites:</b> GB 214, GB 215</li> <li>• <b>Attached Docs:</b></li> <li>• <b>Equivalencies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ MG - 4100</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

Click the arrow (▶) to see the Bentley course equivalent & prerequisites.

- ★ Some courses may count as an exact Bentley course.
- ▲ But most courses will count as an elective course.

XX - 4100 = business elective  
 XX - 4900 = arts & science elective



# Academic Planning

Planning ahead helps to ensure that your semester abroad fits in seamlessly with your graduation requirements.



## Declare your major

This is a requirement before submitting your study abroad application. You can do this online.

## Check your Degree Works audit

If there is something that you are unsure about, email your academic advisor or study abroad advisor.

## Research the academics

Search for the best academic fit for your interests and major. Consider how the courses fit in with your degree requirements.

## Complete a Plan of Study

If accepted to study abroad, you will work with both academic and study abroad advisors to plan your remaining degree requirements.

# Plan of Study Requirement

Undergraduate Academic Services and the Office of International Education will provide you with information, materials, and support to develop your official Plan of Study.



## **Include study abroad courses in your plan**

Accepted study abroad students will receive information about creating your plan in the spring term.



## **Academic Advisors will review and approve your plan**

Attend a Plan of Study session in the spring term to talk with Academic Advisors and Study Abroad Advisors at the same time.



## **Attend an Academic Planning for Study Abroad info session**

You should become familiar with Degree Works. Attend one of these sessions to ask academic related questions.

# Eligibility Criteria

- **GPA Requirement**
- A GPA of 3.0 or higher is strongly recommended for all programs. Many of our partner institutions require a minimum 3.0 GPA for acceptance.
- Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 should meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss program options before applying.
- A GPA of 2.5 is the minimum for consideration.
- **Declared major before applying for semester study abroad**
- **Must be in good academic & judicial standing**
- **Completed and passed one of the following prerequisite courses**
- GLS 101, 102, 110, 114, 116 OR any Modern Language course
- AP or transfer credit for any of the courses listed above IS acceptable to fulfill the prerequisite.

# Acceptance Decisions

Here is what we consider:

## Did you meet the requirements?

Check the eligibility criteria slide and any additional program specific requirements.

## Are your essays high quality?

Be sure to explain your personal, academic, and professional goals and how they relate to your program choice.

# Acceptance Decisions

Here is what we consider:

## Does your 1<sup>st</sup> choice have limited spots?

Your 1<sup>st</sup> choice program is NOT guaranteed. You can only submit ONE application per term which must include your 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice programs. Carefully consider each program you list in your application.

## Is there balance between fall and spring?

For some programs, we must consider the number of outgoing students per semester.

# Acceptance Decisions

Keep in mind what we do NOT consider when reviewing applications:



**Attending the same  
program/location as your friends**



**Personal travel plans or desires  
outside of host country**

We make our best effort to accept students' first choice program and semester, but this is not always possible. It's important to be open to other programs and to consider your goals for study abroad independently from those of your friends and your plans to travel outside of your host location.

# Bentley Housing

## Before/After Study Abroad

### Fall Study Abroad Students

- Placed in open individual spaces in on-campus housing in the spring term
- The Residential Center cannot guarantee that students will live with their friends upon their return to Bentley

### Spring Study Abroad Students

- Select housing and roommates for the fall term through the normal housing process

[Bentley University Housing Process](#)

[Ask The Residential Center your Bentley housing questions](#)



# Dates and Deadlines

for Fall 2023, Summer 2023, and Spring 2024

<b>Applications Open:</b>	Friday, September 30, 2022
<b>\$50 App Fee Waiver Deadline:</b>	Wednesday, January 4, 2023
<b>Final Application Deadline:</b>	Wednesday, February 1, 2023
<b>Decision Announcement:</b>	Wednesday, February 22, 2023
<b>Commitment Deadline &amp; Deposits Due:</b>	Friday, March 3, 2023

Faculty-led International Course deadlines and information are online.



# Next Steps

## Get answers to your follow-up questions

- Check out [our website](#).
- Attend drop-in hours on Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2-3:20 pm for quick, general questions.
- Speak with an [Intern or Peer Advisor](#).
- Attend an [info session](#).
- Schedule a [meeting with an advisor](#).

## Discuss your options and plan with your family

- Share this presentation.
- Share the [family resources link](#).

## Start an application in [BentleyAbroad](#)

- All students are required to take the Study Abroad 101 Quiz in the semester application
- Use this presentation as a reference when completing the quiz

# Thank You

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**Good luck with your application!**



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