

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.



Types of programs

- **Partner Programs** allow for studying alongside local and international students. The methods of teaching and assessment are significantly different from those in the U.S. and may include large lectures, assigned but ungraded homework, and more heavily weighted exams. Partner programs provide the highest level of academic and cultural immersion and require a great deal of self-sufficiency and independence. The support networks reflect the cultural values and style of the host university and are typically less hands-on than Bentley's administration.
- **Affiliate Programs** are administered by highly respected study abroad organizations approved by Bentley. Students enroll in courses designed for American study abroad participants and typically follow an American model of teaching and assessment. Students may have the option to take some or all courses at foreign universities with local and international peers, in which case teaching and assessment methods are very different from those in the U.S. Affiliate programs typically offer a high level of on-site support.
- To determine the program type, check out the “Program Category” found on the brochure page. See screen shot here:
- [View Program list](#)

API Program at University Autònoma of Barcelona
Check out API's Barcelona catalog [here!](#)
[And the program home page here.](#)

Students may split their studies between two campuses: the Sant Pau campus and the Eixample campus. The Sant Pau campus is located in the Eixample neighborhood of Barcelona. Here students study in a fabulous, renovated UNESCO World Heritage building. The Sant Pau campus is a 20-25 minute metro ride from the Plaza Catalunya. The Eixample campus is located within a 5 minute walk of the Saint Pau campus. Coursework at the Eixample campus can be combined with coursework at the Saint Pau Campus.

[Previously Approved Courses](#)

Information sheet	
Program Type	Semester program
Language of Instruction	English, Spanish
Eligibility	Undergraduate
Credits/Typical Courseload	12
Prerequisite	Either GLS 101, 102, 110, 114, 116, or any ML course
Housing	Apartment, Dormitory/Residence, Homestay
Program Advisor	Katie Shields
Program Category	Affiliate



Finances

- Tuition & Fees
 - Students pay Bentley University [tuition](#) for their semester abroad
 - Housing costs vary by program; in some cases housing is billed by Bentley while in others it is billed by the study abroad program/university directly
 - Students pay an [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 fees
 - Personal expenses may include travel, books, visa, etc. and vary widely by program
- Financial Aid
 - Students may apply federal, state, local & Bentley aid to a semester abroad
 - Bentley aid is guaranteed for 1 semester only
- Scholarships
 - [Gilman Scholarship](#) (for Pell Grant recipients only)
 - Other scholarships available for students on programs through IES, API, CIEE, Semester at Sea, The Alliance for Global Education and The American College of Thessaloniki
 - Robert Alan Study Abroad Scholarship (For [STEP](#) students only)
 - Many more scholarships are available, some of which can be found on our [website](#), so do some research!



Academics

- Save elective courses for your semester abroad; this allows for more flexibility in course selection abroad
- Major courses are not guaranteed but it may be possible to take them abroad
- Previously Approved Courses can be found on each program's webpage

▪ As shown here →→→

the list displays the course abroad as well as the Bentley equivalency. Click on the small blue arrow (circled), and the Bentley equivalency will appear in a dropdown.

▶ED395	Teaching Internship	3.00	General A&S elective credit		
▼IF311	The Impact of Globalization in Latin America	3.00			
Keywords: Global Studies, GLS Prerequisites: Attached Docs: Equivalencies: GLS - 101					

- 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 & Grades
 - Students studying abroad in Bentley partner and affiliate semester programs earn Bentley credits and Bentley grades for all approved courses. If the host institution utilizes a different grading system, grades will be translated to the A-F system according to [Bentley's equivalency scale](#). The Bentley transcript will show the term abroad with all approved course titles, Bentley credits, and Bentley grades in the A-F system. The grades from abroad will not be factored into the Bentley GPA.



Academic Planning

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

- Make sure you have declared your major before you apply.
- Check out and understand your Degree Works Audit!
- Remember to research the academics of your study abroad programs of interest and consider how they fit in with your Bentley degree requirements.
- If accepted to study abroad, you will map out your remaining academic requirements by completing a Plan of Study. This allows you to better understand your degree requirements and how study abroad will impact your academic progression. More info on Plan of Study can be found on the next slide.



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.
- Academic Advisors in Undergraduate Academic Services will review and approve your Plan of Study.
- You will receive more information about creating your Plan of Study during the application process.
- We strongly suggest you become familiar with Degree Works and attend an “Academic Planning for Study Abroad” info session to ensure you will be able to fit a semester abroad into your academic requirements and complete your Plan of Study.



Eligibility Criteria

- 3.0 Strongly recommended
 - Certain programs require 3.0
 - Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 should meet with an advisor to discuss program options prior to submitting an application. A GPA of 2.5 is the minimum for consideration.
- Declared Major
- Good academic & judicial standing
- Pass one of the following prerequisite courses:
 - GLS 101, 102, 110, 114, 116 OR any Modern Language course



Acceptance Decisions

- We have hard decisions to make! Here's what we consider:
 - Do you meet the requirements? (refer to “eligibility criteria” slide)
 - Did you write high quality essays?
 - Did you receive a good faculty recommendation?
 - Don't forget to ask your professor if they will complete your recommendation before entering their name in your online application!
 - Does your preferred program have limited spots available?
 - Have we achieved a balance between fall and spring?
- All students should thoughtfully consider their second and third choice programs
 - High demand programs are not recommended for a second or third choice. These programs include API in Barcelona, Universidad Pontificia Comillas in Madrid, Bond University in Australia, Lorenzo de' Medici in Florence, IES Milan, and Semester at Sea.
 - **Please note:** You can only submit ONE application per term. You do not need separate applications for your second & third choice programs.
- Be open to studying abroad without your friends
 - Our priority is always to give students their first choice program and semester, but it's not always possible. It's important to be open to other programs, even if you have a high GPA.



Housing @ Bentley before & after study abroad

- Students studying abroad in the **fall** will be placed in open individual spaces in on-campus housing in the spring
 - The Office of Residential Life cannot guarantee that students will live with their friends upon their return to Bentley
 - Contact the Office of Residential Life with questions
- Students studying abroad in the **spring** will select their housing and roommates for the fall semester through the normal housing process



Internship/job search

- Many students are able to secure internships from abroad for when they return home. Here are some ways to do that:
 - Start planning early
 - Connect with [Career Services](#) for advising before studying abroad
 - Research Bentley alumni network in your host country to make connections before you go
 - Familiarize yourself with the recruiting season for your particular field
 - Some students think on-campus recruiting only happens in the spring when in reality many companies begin their on-campus recruiting in the fall
 - Interview via Skype/Zoom from abroad
- Consider getting an [internship abroad](#)
 - Many programs offer internships for credit which can be completed alongside academic coursework



Dates & Deadlines

Application Opens	Late September
Priority Application Deadline (application fee waived)	December 9 th
Priority Application Decision Announcement	January 13 th
Final Application Deadline	January 27 th
EUSA Summer Application Deadline	January 27 th
Final Application Decision Announcement	February 10 th
All Other Summer Programs Deadline	Rolling

- Faculty-led International Courses
 - Suspended for 2020-21



Next steps

- Do you have further questions?
 - Visit the [website](#)
 - Attend [daily drop-in hours](#) for quick, general questions
 - Attend [region-specific Q&S Sessions](#)
 - [Set up a meeting](#) with an advisor
- Keep your family in the loop & share this presentation
- Start an application in [BentleyAbroad](#)
 - The application opens in late September
 - All students are required to take the Study Abroad 101 quiz as part of the semester application process. Students may use this PowerPoint for reference when completing the quiz.



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