



UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS

Graduate School
& International Education

Kristen Collier Wright Office of Study
Abroad and International Exchange

GUIDE TO
**STUDYING
ABROAD**

PROGRAM TYPES

The University of Arkansas offers four distinct study abroad program types designed to support different academic goals, learning styles, and levels of independence. The descriptions below explain each option and the type of student it is best suited for so you can find your best fit.

U OF A ROME CENTER

Offers semester and summer study at the University of Arkansas campus in Rome, blending academic rigor with cultural immersion in a residential, campus-like setting where students earn U of A credit. These programs are a great fit for students who enjoy structured campus life abroad and want a consistent home base in a global city.

U OF A FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

Short-term international experiences led by University of Arkansas faculty that offer strong academic guidance and U of A credit. They are ideal for students who prefer structure, thrive in group learning environments, and enjoy hands-on, fast-paced learning.

EXTERNAL PROVIDER PROGRAMS

Offers study abroad opportunities through trusted third-party organizations with more locations and course options. This option is ideal for students who value flexibility, course variety, and a semi-structured experience while earning transfer credit.

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Allows students to study at partner universities abroad, taking local courses and earning transfer credit, and are ideal for bold, independent students ready for full cultural and academic immersion with minimal supervision.



U OF A ROME CENTER

The University of Arkansas Rome Center is a residential study center in the heart of Rome offering semester and summer programs for all majors. Courses are taught by the U of A faculty, and students earn university credit. Students are part of a campus-style community with staff support, classroom-based learning, and cultural integration through field trips and internships, providing a balanced academic and immersive experience in an international city.

All study abroad students will apply in HogsAbroad, our application portal.



"We are a satellite on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, but we are a part of the University. Students coming to Rome are not leaving their university, they are just entering in another building of the campus 8,000 miles away!"

FRANCESCO BEDESCHI
Director of the Rome Center





CHOOSING A PROGRAM

**All majors!
Every student!**



ACADEMICS

- Academic credit earned abroad appears on the student's U of A transcript and counts toward degree progress. Credit application depends on the program type: the Rome Center and most faculty-led programs offer U of A credit, while External & Exchange programs provide transfer credit in accordance with U of A Transfer Credit Policies.
- Students work directly with their college academic advisor and Study Abroad to determine the best academic fit for major.
- Students can take courses in major, minor, or elective subjects.
- We offer a variety of programs ranging from 2 weeks to a full academic year, spanning over 100 countries.

PRIVACY

The Study Abroad Office follows University of Arkansas policy under FERPA, which protects the privacy of student records. While general questions can be answered, student specific financial, personal, or academic information often cannot be shared without Third Party Access (granted in WorkDay). The Study Abroad Office is student-centered and will send all correspondence directly to the student. In keeping with university policy, we consider it the student's responsibility to keep their parents and families informed about their study abroad enrollment and experience.

Please make sure your student has listed family/supporters in WorkDay as a Third Party Access so that we can discuss student records.



FINANCES

- The Office of Study Abroad is dedicated to supporting students of all financial backgrounds in their journey abroad.
- Many U of A scholarships and financial aid may be used for studying abroad.
- Students may also apply for study abroad-specific scholarships through the U of A and outside organizations. Many programs are priced similarly to a semester at the U of A, making study abroad accessible for many students.
- Students are encouraged to talk with a Study Abroad Advisor to help find budget friendly programs. Call (479) 575-7582 for more information about Scholarships & Funding or to schedule an appointment.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SAFETY

- Student safety is our highest priority, and the Study Abroad Office takes precautions to reduce risk.
- All U of A affiliated programs have 24/7 on-site risk management support through on-site staff, local tour operators, host universities, or partner programs.
- All U of A affiliated programs have been evaluated and meet U of A safety standards.
- All study abroad students are enrolled in international health insurance.
- All students apply in the HogsAbroad portal, which houses student program information before, during, and after their experience.
- Students are encouraged to register with the Department of State through the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP).
- The Study Abroad Office also maintains a 24/7 Emergency Response Team, available through U of A Campus Police. More information is available on Study Abroad Health & Safety.



PARENTS & SUPPORTERS

HOW DOES MY STUDENT GET STARTED?

All students are required to attend a Study Abroad 101 presentation, and can access support through Walk-In Wednesdays, the Study Abroad Fair, and year-round advising.

WHEN SHOULD MY STUDENT STUDY ABROAD?

Timing depends on course credits, destination, and goals, though many students choose to study abroad during the summer after their sophomore or junior year.

HOW CAN I HELP MY STUDENT UNDERSTAND THE REAL COST OF STUDYING ABROAD?

Talk about financial wellness and smart budgeting. Help your student understand that costs go beyond flights and program fees and can include meals, personal expenses, luggage, a backpack, and comfortable walking shoes.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT MY STUDENT WITHOUT DOING EVERYTHING FOR THEM?

Encourage independence while staying connected and offer help without limiting your student's growth abroad. For example, helping find a birth certificate for a passport application is supportive without taking over.

HOW CAN I ENCOURAGE MY STUDENT THROUGH THE PROCESS?

Be an encourager. Studying abroad requires organization, time, and commitment. Students may feel discouraged by the amount of preparation, but the effort is worth it.





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