



Over 30%
of Hampshire students
study abroad

Limitless
Program options and
types of experiences

More than 25
countries host Hampshire
students each semester

Hampshire Guide to Study Abroad and Domestic Options

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Program Options

	HAMPSHIRE SPONSORED PROGRAMS	NON-SPONSORED PROGRAMS
SEMESTER	Hampshire Exchange Semester International or domestic programs that have been designed by Hampshire faculty or were created through an affiliation with an academic institution. They offer a variety of opportunities for language study, community engagement, coursework, independent research projects, internships, and more! See insert for list of programs. Options for Div II or 1 st semester Div III students.	Field Study Semester Field study includes a self-designed semester of academic work away from campus or a non-affiliated course-based program through an accredited university or study abroad program. Students remain enrolled at Hampshire and the semester counts towards divisional requirements. Options for Div II or 1 st semester Div III students.
	Fee Structure: Cost is similar to a semester at Hampshire. Students are billed Hampshire tuition for term(s) abroad and financial aid awards are applied. Room, board and other fees vary by program.	Fee Structure: Costs vary widely and may be more or less expensive than a semester at Hampshire. Students are billed a field study fee by Hampshire (1/3 of the semester's tuition) for the term abroad and financial aid awards are applied. Hampshire aid cannot be used to cover outside program costs such as program fees or tuition, room, board and other expenses. Federal and state aid may be transferable.
	Apply through the Global Education Office (GEO)	Apply through Academic Support and Advising (CASA) (Outside programs will have their own application process)
JANUARY/SUMMER	Hampshire Short-term Field Courses Faculty-led courses that occur abroad or elsewhere in the U.S. and are typically 2-4 weeks in length. These courses provide students the opportunity to focus on a particular academic theme or set of themes while drawing upon the unique resources of the local environment. Courses vary each year; options for Div I, II and III students.	Other Options Students may choose to do internships, language learning, short-term study abroad programs or other educational activities away from Hampshire. Whether or not these experiences can be used to fulfill Hampshire's academic requirements depends upon prior approval from a student's academic advisors.
	Fee Structure: Students pay a course fee to GEO to participate. Need-based financial assistance is available. Additional expenses typically include airfare, travel documents, and personal expenses.	Fee Structure: Costs vary widely and are the responsibility of the student. Financial aid awards cannot be applied to these experiences.
	Apply through the Global Education Office (GEO)	Apply through the program of interest
Students must be in good academic, disciplinary, and financial standing to be approved to study abroad or off-campus		

Get Started

GEO Info Session

- Get an overview of the process of studying abroad, program options and resources available
- View **GEO's Event Calendar** for the next Navigating Study Abroad session or to find out about other events > geo.hampshire.edu
- Schedule a 1:1 session with a GEO peer advisor > 413.559.5542

Goals & Challenges

- Reflect on what you want to accomplish, where you want to go, what type of program is the best fit for you, and strategize how to overcome obstacles
- How can study abroad support your personal, academic and professional goals?
- Review the Choosing a Program section in this guide for more in-depth questions

Research Options

- Visit **geo.hampshire.edu** to learn more about program options, view recent study abroad locations, and find programs by field of study
- Talk to returned students or people from your destination of interest
- Review eligibility requirements & prerequisites

Finances & Funding

- Review info at: **www.hampshire.edu/geo/finances-and-funding**
- Develop a budget: understand the fee structure, program costs & travel related expenses
- How much of your financial aid will apply? What study abroad scholarships are available?

Seek Expert Advice

- Make an appointment with a **GEO** study abroad advisor > 413.559.5542
- Talk to your **faculty advisors** and **CASA** about academic considerations
- Consult the **Financial Aid Office** about money matters
- Discuss your plans with your friends and family

Develop a Timeline

- Keep track of **deadlines** > application deadlines, scholarship deadlines, and academic and enrollment deadlines at Hampshire
- Allow adequate time to prepare application requirements > especially for recommendations and transcript requests!
- Plan 1 year in advance of your intended time away

Don't Forget to...



Choosing a Program

There are endless possibilities for incorporating study abroad into your Hampshire academic program. To find your best fit, we recommend asking yourself these questions. This is not an exhaustive list, but can help you get started on making your decision.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Why do I want to study abroad?
- What are my academic interests and career goals and what can I do abroad to support these interests? How long do I need to spend abroad to meet my goals?
- Where would I like to go? Do I want to spend most of my time in one location or travel to several places? Do I prefer cities or small towns? Large universities or small programs?
- Is foreign language proficiency necessary? If so, do I have the necessary proficiency, or do I have plans to gain it before I go?
- How do I want to be immersed in the culture? Do I want a more field-based or course-based program?
- What do I want to do in addition to studying while abroad? Learn a language? Participate in an internship? Independent research? Service-learning project? Travel?
- How much in-country support or independence do I want during my time abroad?
- How long can I afford (financially) to be abroad?
- What challenges would I face spending time away from my family and friends? Have I discussed my plans with them?
- What questions do I have about identity and study abroad?
- Do I have health-related concerns?
- What accessibility and disability concerns should I take into consideration when thinking about study abroad?

Questions to Ask About the Country

- What health and safety risks exist?
- Is this a safe location for students of my ethnic, racial, or national background?
- What are the “Western” accommodations (toilets, drinkable water, Wi-Fi)? How comfortable would I be living in a country where access to Wi-Fi is limited?
- What are the religious and cultural values?
- What are the cultural and legal attitudes towards gender, disability, mental health, race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation?
- How accessible and legal are the medications that I take to manage my health?
- What is considered appropriate behavior for friendship and dating?
- How far will \$1 USD take me in the local currency?
- How easy will it be to meet my dietary needs?

Questions to Ask About the Program

- Am I eligible to go on the program? Do I meet the language requirements?
- What types of courses can I take on the program? How do the course offerings fit into my area of study?
- How do I envision my housing arrangements? Dorm with students from the host country? Host family? Independent apartment?
- Does the program integrate community engagement opportunities into the curriculum?
- If I am a student with accessibility and disability concerns, what kind of accommodations can be made?
- What are the dates for the program and do they fit into other plans?
- What is the student make-up of the program? Students from the same school or a mix of students?
- What student services are available to me through the program? What support systems (student clubs, organizations, groups) are available that can help me adjust to the host culture?





The best decision I've made at Hampshire was to study abroad in Havana, Cuba. The experiences I had there totally informed my Hampshire divisional work as I saw myself growing as a person and student. Placing myself in an unfamiliar cultural context allowed me to more fully understand myself, my needs, and my abilities. It also allowed me to connect with people and places abroad, carrying different experiences and stories with me back home.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Monday-Friday, 8:30-12pm, 1-4:30pm

Location

1st floor of the Merrill Student Life Center

➤ Call, drop by or go to geo.hampshire.edu to schedule an advising appointment!

RESOURCES

GEO Weekly

Subscribe to GEO's listserv—visit our website!

Study Abroad Drop-In Advising

Wednesdays at 12pm