

7 Myths About Study Abroad

Myth #1 – I Can't Afford It!

Fact #1 – The cost of studying abroad is almost equal to what you would pay studying and living at CUI. If you choose the Exchange program, your tuition will be the same. Room and board is almost equal as well as to what you would spend on meals and other necessary expenses. Check out the budget comparisons on the websites for each exchange to see the exact figures.

Visit our [Study Abroad Scholarships](#) page to find out which scholarship opportunities are available to you.

Myth #2 – I Don't Speak a Foreign Language So I Can't Study Abroad

Fact #2 – There are many programs available in English-speaking countries such as England and Australia. There are also excellent programs available in non-English speaking countries that have all their classes, except for the language classes, taught in English, such as Spain, Italy, Japan, France and Thailand. Also, students who plan ahead can take basic language courses before they leave for their study abroad experience to have a basic understanding of a language before they study abroad. Studying abroad provides students with a terrific opportunity to learn and communicate in another language.

Myth #3 – My Parents Will Never Let Me Go Abroad; No One In My Family Has Ever Studied Abroad or Been Out Of The Country Before.

Fact #3 – Many students who have studied abroad are the first in their families to leave the country. Give your parents the facts about the program. Direct them to our [Study Abroad](#) website to help them find answers to their questions. Go to Information Sessions and the Director of Global Programs to get facts about the programs, the cost, the application process and the academic requirements so you can share the details with your family.

Myth #4 – I am a Math/Science Major So There Are No Programs That Would Fit My Academic Needs

Fact #4 – A study abroad program can be found for any major. There are several universities in Australia, Japan and New Zealand that have courses with strengths in math and the sciences. There are also programs throughout England, Australia, Japan and other European, South American, African, and Asian countries that have science courses that may fit your academic goals.

Myth #5 – Studying Abroad Would Delay My Graduation And Transferring Credits From A Study Abroad Program Would Be Difficult.

Myth #5 – As long as a student plans ahead there is NO reason studying abroad for a semester or longer would delay graduation. The earlier a student starts planning, the easier it becomes to fit studying abroad into his/her academic schedule and make sure that she/he meets all the requirements.

Myth #6 – Studying Abroad Will Not Help Me Get a Job Or Get Into Graduate, Law or Medical School

Fact #6 – Studying abroad actually enhances your resume. Employers and graduate schools are looking for students who have had a more well-rounded experience and are able to adapt to new situations. Many businesses and graduate schools wanted students who know a second language or can demonstrate that they are able to adjust to changing environments.

Myth #7 – I Have To Take Courses In My Major When Studying Abroad.

Fact #7 – Students do not have to take courses in their major while abroad, although they certainly may with the approval of the appropriate Division Chairs (by substitution form). You can take courses that will count towards your elective or minor credits. With early planning, you may also take classes to fulfill your general education requirements. There is a wide array of options that can be arranged to fit into your academic schedule.