

Yale *Study Abroad*

FroCo Handbook 2024-2025

Dear First-Year Counselors,

This Study Abroad team is excited to work with you throughout the academic year.

To start, you should never feel pressured to advise students on how various particulars of study abroad work at Yale; in fact, we prefer that you don't advise on information that could complicate a student's ability to study abroad, like how credit works. If ever in doubt, [our staff remain available](#) for all advising needs.

That said, you play very important roles! Hearing from [past study abroad participants](#), for example, is one of the strongest influences for students to decide to study abroad. If you have studied abroad—or even if, for any number of reasons, you didn't—we hope you will share your stories with first-year students and encourage them to pursue their own experiences.

So, with great appreciation for your work ahead, we have included information below to help answer “the 5W's” of study abroad. We hope you find this helpful, and we are always available should you have any questions or suggestions.

Best wishes,

The Yale Study Abroad Team

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- Email Yale Study Abroad: studyabroad@yale.edu
- Yale Study Abroad Website: <https://studyabroad.yale.edu>
- [Get to Know Our Team](#)

What Is Study Abroad?

- Study abroad is an immersive academic and cultural experience.
- At Yale, study abroad means taking courses outside of the U.S. for academic credit.
- We oversee **Yale Summer Session Programs Abroad**: Summer programs led by Yale instructors for Yale College credit.
- Yale Study Abroad supports **Year or Term Abroad & Non-Yale Summer Abroad** experiences: Programs that are run by other institutions/education providers and identified by Yale as eligible for transfer credit. Options include:
 - Enrollment at a local university outside the U.S.
 - Enrollment in a program designed for study abroad students, which often involves experiential learning outside of a traditional classroom setting.
 - Enrollment in a hybrid option with both program and local university courses.

Who Is Eligible for Study Abroad?

- Students from all majors can study abroad. Some majors may require more advanced planning to fulfill requirements within the same graduation timeline.
- Specific eligibility requirements vary depending on the intended study abroad experience, including whether the experience is for Year or Term, Yale Summer, or Non-Yale Summer programs abroad.

When Can Yalies Study Abroad?

- Summer study abroad is possible any summer prior to graduation.
- A Year or Term Abroad is possible during any one OR two of these terms:
 - Second semester of sophomore year
 - First semester of junior year
 - Second semester of junior year
- Students can participate in summer study abroad and a Year or Term Abroad.

Where Can Yalies Study Abroad?

- Yale Study Abroad has designated 250+ programs in more than 65 countries.
- We recommend starting with our [designated programs list](#). Students who do not find the right fit from this list may petition to attend a different program.

Why Study Abroad?

- Yale's [mission statement](#) declares the commitment to improving the world and educating aspiring leaders worldwide. We invite all Yalies to participate in the mission through a study abroad experience.
- The benefits of study abroad can be limitless and should be tied to the individual's goals. Past participants report such gains as increased resiliency, decreased fear of making mistakes, and new insights on perspectives that differ from their own.

How Can Yalies Make Study Abroad Happen?

- Review the Yale Study Abroad newsletter for updates and events, sent automatically—no need to sign up!
- [Meet with a study abroad adviser](#) to discuss programs, policies, and processes. Advisers support students holistically from academic considerations to location insights to identity-based concerns.
- Make note of [important deadlines](#).
- Discuss plans with the relevant DUS and Residential College Dean.
- Consider how to [pay for study abroad](#).
 - [Yale Financial Aid](#) can be used toward participation in a semester or full academic year abroad.
 - The [International Study Award \(ISA\)](#) can be used by eligible students for any approved summer program abroad (YSS Programs Abroad or Non-Yale Summer Abroad).
 - Note: It is possible to use **both** Yale Financial Aid during a Year or Term Abroad and the ISA for a summer program.
 - [Fellowships](#) and [outside scholarships](#) can fill the gaps in Yale funding OR provide funding sources for students who don't receive aid from Yale. Deadlines for funding are often earlier than study abroad deadlines.