A GUIDE TO:

CALS STUDY ABROAD

2023-2024
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Scholarships are an important resource for funding a study abroad program. Most scholarships that students receive can be applied towards a study abroad program where the student is earning academic credit. There are several scholarships available specifically for funding study abroad programs through departmental, university-wide, and other sources.

All CALS students are eligible to apply for the **CALS Study Abroad Scholarship** in the term that they are planning to study abroad. This scholarship is offered for spring, summer, and fall programs and the application can be found in ISUAbroad.

**Departmental Scholarships**
Some CALS departments offer scholarships specifically for students interested in international programs. Reach out to your academic advisor or student services office to learn about these opportunities. For example, students majoring in Agronomy are eligible to apply for the Agronomy Travel Awards.

**Study Abroad Center Scholarships**
Scholarships offered by the **Study Abroad Center** are open to all ISU students participating in a long-term study abroad program. Students should review the eligibility requirements for each scholarship and apply the semester before they plan to study abroad. Deadlines of October 31st and March 31st

*Students planning to study abroad for a semester can apply for the Waltz Study Abroad Scholarship which can be used in any of the following 7 semesters upon awarding.*

**Nationally Competitive Scholarships**
Privately funded and nationally competitive scholarship programs often support long-term study abroad programs and travel. For a list of commonly-known scholarships, go to [https://www.studyabroad.iastate.edu/costs-financing/scholarships](https://www.studyabroad.iastate.edu/costs-financing/scholarships)

*Students receiving a Federal Pell Grant could be eligible to apply for the Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship for assistance in funding their study abroad program.*

**CALS PASSPORT REIMBURSEMENT**
CALS students are eligible for a scholarship that will reimburse the cost of their **first passport** if:
- they have a major in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences and
- have applied for a study abroad program
  - If it is a passport renewal or they have had a minor passport, they are not eligible
Scholarships and Financial Aid

How to Search for Scholarships
Study abroad scholarships can be found on the ISUAbroad website, which also houses study abroad program applications. To find scholarships:

1. Go to isuabroad.iastate.edu
2. Click on "Scholarships and Financial Aid"
3. Choose between Other Scholarships, ISU Scholarships, and ISU Financial Aid

Scholarships may also be available in OneApp

FINANCIAL AID

As long as a student is earning academic credit, most or all ISU financial aid may be used to fund a study abroad experience. It doesn’t matter whether it is an ISU program or one through another institution or provider. It is important for each student to review their financial aid offer's requirements when determining how to finance a study abroad program.

For more information on financial aid advising, students should contact studyabroadaid@iastate.edu or visit https://www.financialaid.iastate.edu/resources/study-abroad/ for more information.

"I am incredibly grateful to have been awarded a scholarship to pursue this experience. Studying abroad to South America helped me gain an entirely new perspective that will help me better understand global agriculture in my career."

Megan Decker
Business Development Study Trip in Brazil and Argentina, Spring 2023
PROGRAM TYPES

TRAVEL COURSE:
- **Cost:** Pay a program fee, minimal out-of-pocket expenses
- 8 days to 6 weeks
- ISU course with an international or domestic field trip led by ISU faculty
- Travel takes place during school breaks
- Class sizes vary from 8-30 students

GLOBAL SERVICE-LEARNING:
- **Cost:** Pay ISU tuition and fees plus program fee, minimal out-of-pocket expenses
- One semester, one summer or yearlong options available
- Earn ISU credits while abroad in addition to ISU online classes
- Stay in ISU facilities on satellite campuses with ISU staff
- Work on independent projects as well as collaborate with the local community

SEMESTER-LONG:
- **Cost:** Pay a program fee or ISU tuition and fees
- One semester, one summer or yearlong options available
- Enroll in courses at a university abroad and transfer those credits back to ISU
- Live in university housing, apartments, or home-stay options available

NEW! STUDY USA PROGRAMS

Study USA programs are travel courses that allow students to earn credits and explore all that the United States has to offer from Coast to Coast. Students of any college and major are encouraged to participate!
STUDY USA PROGRAMS OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL THE UNITED STATES!

ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS:

Explore all that the United States of America has to offer from Coast to Coast through the new "Study USA" programs! These programs provide undergraduate students the opportunity to learn about diverse cultures, food and agriculture systems, natural resources and life sciences within the U.S. The programs are led by faculty within the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and students earn credit for their participation. Students of any college and major are encouraged to apply for a program. Students are assessed a course fee for the travel costs of the program.

PAST PROGRAMS

FIELD TO FORK ON THE PRAIRIE

- Travelled during early August
- Class met during the fall semester
- 3 credits of Agron 496B
- Students were exposed to the production and processing of sugar beets, sunflowers, potatoes, dry beans/peas, canola, and irrigated wheat in the Dakotas and Nebraska

COMPARING FOOD SYSTEMS- IOWA VS CALIFORNIA

- Travelled mid-May, at the conclusion of the spring semester
- Class met during the spring semester
- 3 credits of FSHN 496B
- Students reviewed the systems, supply chains, innovation and technology, demographics, and economics of food production in Iowa and California

CONSERVATION ETHICS AND VALUES

- Travelled during early August
- Class met during the fall semester
- 3 credits of SOC 234X
- Students hiked through Glacier National Park, the Mission Mountains Tribal Wilderness Area, Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness area, and the Great Burn Wilderness Area, learning about the history, present, and future of conservation and natural resource policy in the US.
If you are a student in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences and are first-time traveler, you are eligible for a scholarship that will reimburse you for the cost of your passport. Bring your new passport to 0018 Curtiss to claim your scholarship.

1. **Search and apply for a program(s).** Visit the [CALS Study Abroad](https://www.cals.iastate.edu/study-abroad) website to see upcoming programs. Complete program application(s) in [ISUAbroad](https://isubroad.iastate.edu). Students that apply for a program are not automatically accepted and committed to the costs of the program. Once the application deadline has passed, program directors will review all applications and select participants.

2. **Commit to the program.** If you have been accepted to multiple programs, you can choose which one you would prefer to participate in. If you have been waitlisted for a program, you will be notified if a spot becomes available and will then be able to commit. Committing means that you agree to pay the program fee and participate fully in both the class and travel portion of the program.

3. **Apply for a passport.** International programs require you to have a passport to travel, but domestic travel courses such as Study USA do not.
   - If you are a student in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences and are first-time traveler, you are eligible for a scholarship that will reimburse you for the cost of your passport. Bring your new passport to 0018 Curtiss to claim your scholarship.

4. **Apply for scholarships.** The CALS Study Abroad Office offers scholarships each fall, spring, and summer term for CALS students studying abroad. There are also scholarships available from academic departments and university-wide.

5. **Attend Class and Prepare to Travel.** Faculty-led travel courses typically meet as a group during the semester before travel. Throughout the course, you will learn about the country, aspects of the travel, and other components of the program established by the program directors. These classes help you learn about the location(s) you will be visiting and get ready for the trip!
CALS STUDY ABROAD TRAVEL COURSES

UPCOMING TRAVEL COURSES

FALL 2023

August

- Field to Fork on the US Prairie (Study USA)
- Conservation Ethics and Values in Montana (Study USA) (NEW!)

October

- Diverse Gardens and Landscapes of Philadelphia and New York City (Study USA) (NEW!)

Winter Break

- Natural History of Antarctica
- Tropical Agricultural Production, International Business, and Trade in Panama
- Crops, Culture, Food and Traditions in India (NEW!)
- Tropical Agriculture and Culture in Ghana (NEW!)
- Exploring the Marine and Terrestrial Biodiversity of the US Virgin Islands (Study USA) (NEW!)

Field to Fork on the US Prairie (Study USA)  Soils, Agriculture, and the Environment in Uruguay
CALS STUDY ABROAD TRAVEL COURSES

UPCOMING TRAVEL COURSES

SPRING 2024

Spring Break

- Soils, Crops, and Natural Resources of Costa Rica
- Caribbean Marine Biology in Honduras
- Service Learning Trip to Uganda
- Agricultural Business, Production and Trade in Spain
- Hiking Tour of Chile: Cultures, Forests, Volcanos, and Wildlife (NEW!)
- Exploring Ecosystem Services and Subsistence Farming Activities in Rural Nepal (NEW!)

May

- Study of Pork Industry in Japan and Thailand (NEW!)
- Greece and Italy: Food, Culture, and Agriculture
- For the Love of Food, Greece, and Italy (CHS program)

SUMMER 2024

- Cathedrals, Castles, Culture and Cuisine - Sustainable, Safe & Nutritious Food in France
- Creating a School Garden: Service Learning in Uganda
- Dean's Global Agriculture and Food Leadership Program: Rome, Italy

Each summer, a group of ISU students and faculty travel to Uganda to work on a bi-national team on cultivation, education, livestock, and nutrition projects.

Photo from 2022 program
GET INVOLVED WITH A GLOBAL SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM!

CALS students have the unique opportunity to participate in global service-learning on ISU satellite campuses in Uganda and the U.S. Virgin Islands. There are opportunities to be involved in community outreach and education, complete independent and team projects, immerse in another culture, and earn credits that count towards an ISU degree. Programs are offered each semester and summer, in addition to travel courses over university breaks!

How to Get Involved!
1. Learn about the different programs offered at each campus by attending informational sessions, meeting with a program director or researching the program online.
2. Check in with your academic advisor and discuss what credits you will earn through the program. Will these credits contribute to your electives, international perspective/US diversity requirements, or fill an international agriculture minor or major?
3. Apply for a program(s) in ISUAbroad!
4. Complete an interview with the program directors and discuss why you want to participate in the program.
5. Commit to the program in ISUAbroad! Prepare for travel with your pre-departure class and orientation sessions.
EARTH PROGRAM ON ST. JOHN

St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands
Semester, Summer, and travel courses available

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- Fork in the Road, the program’s base of operations and residential facility, has welcomed CALS students and staff since 2010
- 100+ ISU and University of the Virgin Islands undergraduate and graduate students have participated in this program
- Students will learn about U.S. Virgin Islands’ agriculture and ecosystems, natural resource management, and culture while working with community organizations and doing their own research projects
- Partnerships on the island include the National Park Service, Friend of USVI National Park, local food banks, conservation agencies, and more!
- 60% of the island of St. John is national park lands, so students have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors through beaches, hikes, snorkeling, and more!

SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

- Ag Communication
- Ag Education
- Ag and Rural Policy
- Animal Ecology
- Agronomy
- Ag Studies
- Biology
- Dietetics
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Food Science
- Forestry
- Global Resource Systems
- Horticulture
- Nutritional Science
- and more!

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CALS GLOBAL SERVICE-LEARNING

EXAMPLES OF PAST STUDENT PROJECTS

- Verification of Potential Erosion Locations on St. John
- Nutritional Value of US Virgin Island's Fruits and Vegetables
- Creating 7th Grade Curriculum on Coastal Ecosystems in USVI
- Insects and Pests of Seagrave on St. John, USVI
- Effects of Nitrogen Concentration on Algae Growth
- Historical Cruz Bay Walking Tour
- Red Mangrove Floating Nursery

KEY POINTS

- Must be in good academic standing
- Open to all majors but CALS students preferred
- Service-learning course meets US Diversity course requirements
- Background check required (for working with minors) and driving check
- Independent projects depend on students's interests and the needs of the local community
- Fork in the Road Campus is the home base for CALS students, with a student dormitory, kitchen, meeting space, and faculty housing
- Highly structured program with free time to explore in the evenings and weekends

Want to learn more? Contact Gail Nonnecke (nonnecke@iastate.edu) or Emily Zimmerman (emilyz@iastate.edu)
ISU-UGANDA PROGRAM
Kamuli District, Uganda
Semester, Summer, and travel courses available

ABOUT THE PROGRAM
- Live and study at the Mpirigiti Rural Training Center, an ISU satellite campus in Kamuli, Uganda
- Complete an internship or independent project in addition to working with the local community
- Experience native wildlife with visits to Lake Mburo National Park and Jinja, the source of the Nile River
- Take ISU classes online while abroad, in addition to the service-learning credits
- Interact with Makerere University students and be immersed in Ugandan life and culture!

PROGRAM ACTIVITES
- Develop and work in school gardens to raise food for students and their families
- Assist in teaching science and agriculture in the local rural schools
- Assist with the nutrition education center programs
- Help with the youth entrepreneurship program
- Visit local farmers and learn about different cropping systems and production methods

SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:
- Ag Communication
- Ag Education
- Ag Engineering
- Ag and Rural Policy
- Ag Studies
- Agronomy
- Animal Ecology
- Animal Science
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Global Resource Systems
- Horticulture
- Nutritional Science
- and more!

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KEY POINTS

- Open to all majors but CALS students preferred
- Previous international experience not required but preferred
- Students must be in good academic standing
- Service-learning course meets international perspectives course requirements
- Mpirigiti Training Center hosts the programs with 13 acres of facilities including: a dining hall, student and faculty dormitories, soccer field, basketball and volleyball courts, demonstration gardens, and livestock facility
- Highly structured program with free time to relax at the campus in the evenings and on weekends

Want to learn more? Contact Gail Nonnecke (nonnecke@iastate.edu) or Catherine Swoboda (cswoboda@iastate.edu)
The cost of a semester-long program depends on the program’s location and contents. In some scenarios, the cost of a program is less than a semester at Iowa State. GPA requirements vary by program. A semester-long program can also be for a summer.

1. **Search for a program.** Look for programs in the country/area of the world you are interested in living in for a semester on the [CALS Study Abroad](https://cals.iastate.edu/study-abroad/) or [Study Abroad Center](https://studyabroad.iastate.edu/) website.

2. **Narrow down your search.** Look at the courses available for the semester you plan to study abroad at the host institution. If you can’t decide which university you would like to go to, make a pros and cons list for each program (What do you like about a location/what don’t you like? Are there things that interest you to do and see in the town/city or nearby? Which university has the most interesting/useful courses available? etc.).

3. **Set up an appointment** to discuss opportunities and possibilities and some logistics with a study abroad advisor.

4. **Check course options with your academic advisor** by bringing your ideal class list to your advisor. Work with them to determine how the courses will transfer back to Iowa State.

5. **Apply for a program(s) in ISUAbroad.** The ISUAbroad application is important for the selection process, as well as used in many departments on campus once you commit to a program (for course registration, financial aid, On Call International insurance, etc.).

6. **Complete host institution application.** Each international university will require you to complete their application as well, this will take place after you have been nominated by ISU.

7. **Commit to the program.** Once you have been officially accepted by the host institution and your application in ISUAbroad has been changed to accepted, go in and click on the commit button.

8. **Get ready to travel.** Meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss packing, money, flights, safety, and final details. Finalize a visa, if necessary, and meet other students participating in your program.
SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

Animal Science  
Agronomy  
Biochemistry  
Biology  
Biosystems Engineering  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Food Science  
Genetics  
Horticulture  
Microbiology  
Nutritional Science  
Soil Science  

and more!

ABOUT KU LEUVEN

• Ranks among the best 50 universities worldwide  
• Named Europe's most innovative university  
• Located in the heart of Europe - less than 2 hours by train to London, Paris, and Amsterdam

KEY POINTS

• CALS students only  
• 3.0+ GPA  
• Master's-level classes offered in English; Bachelor-level classes in Dutch (Note: Master's-level classes are often doable for academically strong individuals)  
• Spring semester works the best with ISU's academic calendar, but fall is also an option

Want to learn more? Contact Marta Grant at mmgrant@iastate.edu or stop by 0018 Curtiss Hall
PERROTIS COLLEGE AT THE AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL

Thessaloniki, Greece

ABOUT PERROTIS COLLEGE

- The only American-founded Ag/Tech College in Greece
- Perrotis is a great combination of accessible city-life with a rural campus-life
- Campus includes a dairy farm, poultry unit, greenhouses, vineyard, olive grove and dairy processing lab

KEY POINTS

- 2.5+ GPA
- All courses are available in English
- Study for the fall, spring, or summer term
- Internship and undergraduate research opportunities available (summer)
- One of our most popular programs

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SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

Ag Business
Animal Science
Agronomy
Ag Studies
Ag Systems Technology
Biology
Culinary Food Science
Dairy Science
Dietetics
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Food Science
Horticulture
Nutritional Science

and more!

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UNIVERSITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND APPLIED LIFE SCIENCES (BOKU)

Vienna, Austria

SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:
Agricultural Studies
Animal Ecology
Animal Science
Ag Systems Technology
Biochemistry
Biology
Environmental Science
Forestry
Horticulture
and more!

ABOUT BOKU
- One of the best universities for sustainability in Europe
- Vienna technically sits in two different climate zones
- The Vienna International Airport (Wien-Schwechat) is less than an hour by bus/train

KEY POINTS
- Both CALS and COE students may attend
- 3.0+ GPA
- Master's-level classes offered in English; Bachelor-level classes in German (Note: Master's-level classes are often doable for academically strong individuals)
- Spring semester works the best with ISU's academic calendar, but fall is also an option

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ABOUT WUELS

- Wroclaw is a student-oriented city with over 140,000 students, many of them international
- Veterinary medicine classes offered at the undergraduate level
- Central European location ideal for travel with a low cost of living

SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

- Ag Business
- Ag Communication
- Animal Ecology
- Animal Science
- Agriculture Biosystems Engineering
- Agronomy
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Food Science
- Horticulture
- Industrial Technology
- Seed Science
- and more!

KEY POINTS

- CALS students only
- 3.0+ GPA
- Courses are available in English
- Spring semester works the best with ISU’s academic calendar, but fall is also an option

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ABOUT AGRO³

• Consortium made up of 4 French universities
• Areas of expertise in agronomy/agro-ecology, food sciences, rural development, and animal sciences
• France is the world's most popular tourist destination

SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

Ag Business
Agriculture and Rural Policy Studies
Animal Science
Animal Ecology
Agronomy
Biochemistry
Biology
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Food Science
Horticulture
and more!

KEY POINTS

• CALS students only
• 3.0+ GPA
• Select Master's-level classes in English; Bachelor-level classes in French (Note: Master's-level classes are often doable for academically-strong individuals)
• Study for the fall, spring, or summer term

Want to learn more? Contact Marta Grant at mmgrant@iastate.edu or stop by 0018 Curtiss Hall
UNIVERSITY OF HOHENHEIM
Stuttgart, Germany

SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:
Ag Education
Ag Business
Ag Communication
Animal Science
Ag Systems Technology
Agronomy
Biochemistry
Biology
Environmental Science
Food Science
Horticulture
Industrial Technology
and more!

ABOUT HOHENHEIM
• Oldest university in Stuttgart
• Agricultural research ranked #1 in Germany and among the best in the world
• 20-30 minutes to the airport and autobahn

KEY POINTS
• Both CALS and COE students may attend
• 3.0+ GPA
• Master's-level classes in English; Bachelor-level classes in German (Note: Master's-level classes are often doable for academically-strong individuals)
• Spring semester works the best with ISU’s academic calendar, but fall is also an option

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SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

Ag Business
Ag Systems Technology
Agronomy
Animal Science
Animal Ecology
Biology
Dairy Science
Environmental Science
Environmental Studies
Forestry
Food Science
Horticulture
Industrial Technology
Seed Science
and more!

ABOUT UCD

- The UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science is ranked number one in Ireland and in the top 100 in the world
- Ireland’s most international university
- UCD has two swans that live on campus, like Lancelot and Elaine at ISU!
- One of the few schools outside the US with an ag systems technology program

KEY POINTS

- 3.0+ GPA
- All courses available in English
- Study for the fall or spring semesters, or stay for the academic year
- One of the most popular exchange programs

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Unilasalle, Polytechnic Institute
Beauvais or Rouen (France)

ABOUT UNILASALLE
- UniLaSalle offers courses in English on two different campuses, both approximately an hour from Paris
- Specializes in natural resources, food science, plant breeding, environmental science, global agriculture, and technology

KEY POINTS
- Both CALS and FSHN students may attend
- 3.0+ GPA
- Classes are taught in English
- Students choose a specialized program and take block-style classes
- Study for the fall, spring, or summer term
- Internship opportunities available (summer)

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SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:
- Agricultural Business
- Agricultural Studies
- Agronomy
- Ag Systems Technology
- Biology
- Culinary Food Science
- Forestry
- Geology
- Genetics
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Food Science
- Nutritional Science
- and more!

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ABOUT WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY

Wageningen, Netherlands

SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

Animal Science  
Animal Ecology  
Agronomy  
Biology  
Biosystems Engineering  
Dairy Science  
Environmental Science  
Environmental Studies  
Forestry  
Food Science  
Global Resource Systems  
Horticulture  
and more!

ABOUT WAGENINGEN

• Repeatedly voted the most sustainable university in the world
• Wageningen is regarded as one of the world’s top agricultural research institutions
• Offers studies in agrotechnology and food science, animal science, environmental sciences, plant sciences, and social science

KEY POINTS

• 3.0 GPA (3.5 GPA preferred)
• Bachelor’s and Master’s level courses offered in English or Dutch
• Must have junior or senior status
• Study for the fall or spring semesters, or stay for the academic year

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ABOUT VICOSA

- Considered the main Brazilian university in agriculture
- UFV is ranked among the 100 best universities in the world in the areas of Agriculture and Forestry

KEY POINTS

- Both CALS and COE students may attend
- 3.0+ GPA
- All courses are taught in Portuguese and this is attainable for students who take 1-2 years of Portuguese or have a strong background in Spanish
- Study for the fall or spring semester, or stay for the academic year

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SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

Ag Business
Animal Science
Ag Systems Technology
Agronomy
Biochemistry
Biology
Environmental Science
Food Science
Industrial Technology
and more!

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ABOUT BUENOS AIRES

- Considered the most prestigious university of Iberian-America
- UBA is responsible for roughly 40% of the country's research output
- Argentina's Mendoza Region is one of the biggest wine producing areas in the world

SUGGESTED MAJORS FOR THIS PROGRAM:

- Ag Business
- Animal Ecology
- Animal Science
- Ag Systems Technology
- Agronomy
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Food Science
- Horticulture
- Industrial Technology
- and more!

KEY POINTS

- Open to any student at Iowa State University
- 3.0+ GPA
- All classes are offered in Spanish (B1+ Level)
- Study for the fall or spring semester, or stay for the academic year

Want to learn more? Contact Marta Grant at mmgrant@iastate.edu or stop by 0018 Curtiss Hall.
The Study Abroad Center, found in 281 Parks Library, manages semester-long programs available for all ISU students.

The programs differ in price, length, housing options, and the classes and academic content available.

Programs are offered in the UK, Italy, Spain, Greece, Northern and Central Europe, Central and South America, Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

For more information, check out [www.studyabroad.iastate.edu](http://www.studyabroad.iastate.edu) or email studyabroad@iastate.edu

Students interested in animal ecology, environmental science, biology, and conservation could consider School for Field Studies programs. These are intensive, hands-on, programs in diverse and sometimes remote locations. Contact Nicole Humphrey, nicoleh@iastate.edu, for more information.

CALS students are encouraged to find the program that works best for them, whether that is through the CALS Study Abroad Office or the Study Abroad Center.
Students that have an interest in studying abroad may have a lot of questions about classes and how they transfer back to ISU! Learn about this process and other FAQ here.

**How will courses taken abroad transfer back to ISU?**

1. Transcripts from international institutions are sent to the CALS Study Abroad Office if the student was on a CALS program; or to the Study Abroad Center in 281 Parks Library if they were on a non-CALS program.

2. The CALS Study Abroad Office sends a certified copy of the original transcript to the Registrar’s office. The student's academic advisor (or in some cases, the leadership in your college/the college where you will earn your credit through) will determine how the credits transfer back. *In some cases, the course will come in as a specific ISU course (e.g., HIST 201); in other cases, the course will come in as a more generic course (e.g., HIST 2T**).

3. This course information is sent to the student in both AccessPlus and the degree audit system (uAchieve). **The student must alert their academic advisor that they have received their transcript otherwise their academic advisor will not know.**

4. The advisor will then review these courses to see how they might be used in the student’s degree program. If the course isn’t falling where they want it to in uAchieve, they will need to submit a degree audit adjustment request. Departmental approval is required for all adjustment requests; additional approvals are required for requests involving college or university requirements. **Students are highly encouraged to save all their coursework and syllabi while they are abroad in case these materials are needed to secure the required approvals.**

5. The student picks up their original transcript from their host university in 0018 Curtiss Hall if they were on a CALS program; if they were on a Study Abroad Center program, they need to go to 281 Parks Library to pick up their original transcript.

Find more information and advising resources visit: [https://www.agstudyabroad.iastate.edu/advising-cals-students](https://www.agstudyabroad.iastate.edu/advising-cals-students) or contact Marta Grant, mmgrant@iastate.edu.
Where can students find information on courses offered abroad?

- The CALS Study Abroad Office can help students access course lists from universities abroad. Students can meet with a study abroad advisor to help them access a list of courses or typically the information is listed in the academic section of the program brochure on ISUAbroad. Class offerings can change, so it is important for students to have selected several different courses for their semester abroad. Once a student has been accepted to a semester-long program, they will receive more information on signing up for classes from the exchange university.

Can students take ISU online classes while abroad?

- This is not recommended as it can be difficult to manage when living in a different time zone. Additionally, depending on the program, students could be billed for ISU tuition and fees for the online classes in addition to what they are already paying for their study abroad program. Students participating in the Uganda or U.S. Virgin Islands do take ISU online classes as part of the curriculum.

**SUMMARY:**

Studying abroad is one of many opportunities an Iowa State student has during their time on campus. There are programs available for CALS students in every major, whether they participate in a travel course or a semester-long program. It is important to make students aware of these opportunities to gain skills and have hands-on experiences that supplement their ISU degree.

ISU scholarships and financial aid can be applied to study abroad programs in most situations as long as the student maintains their full-time status. There are also departmental, university-wide, and national scholarship opportunities available to help fund study abroad programs. Learn more at: [https://www.agstudyabroad.iastate.edu/scholarships-and-funding-opportunities](https://www.agstudyabroad.iastate.edu/scholarships-and-funding-opportunities)

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