

Before meeting one-on-one with the Study Abroad Advisor, don't forget to do your HOMEWORK!!!

I. Please rate your study abroad goals using the following scale: H= high priority N= neutral L= Low priority

- Experience how people in another part of the world live, work and play
- Attain fluency in a foreign language
- Develop skills to help me get into a good graduate program
- Gain a more global perspective for better future job opportunities
- Get out of my comfort zone. I'm in this for personal growth.
- Gain a more comprehensive understanding of my major or minor
- I don't know.... I can't explain it... I just have to go!!!
- Other reason: _____

Name: _____
 Student ID #: _____
 Major: _____ Minor: _____
 Cumulative GPA: _____ (find on your student portal)

When would you like to study abroad? Check all that apply:
 Fall 20__ Spring 20__ Year 20__ Summer 20__

How do you finance your education at Stanislaus? Check all that apply:
 Family support Work Scholarship Cal Grant
 University State Grant Pell Grant Student Loans Other

Have you *EVER* been put on sanctions by University Housing or Student Judicial Affairs? Yes No

II. Please rate your study abroad preferences using the following scale:
 H= high priority; N= neutral; L= low priority

When I study abroad, I prefer to...

- Sit in class with native students and be instructed by a native professor. I want to experience university life like the local students.
- Be a part of a group of U.S. students that travels together to the host university. I'm not ready to step too far outside of my comfort zone.
- Have a really "foreign" experience. The greater the difference from the U.S., the better.
- Live with other **American** students, or other international students who speak English. (circle one)
- Live with a local host family or share an apartment with native students. (circle one)
- Receive a lot of support from staff at the host university and/or a resident director assigned to my specific program. I don't want to "go it alone."
- Fly to the country, find the host university, and discover the country and its people *on my own*.
- Live in a country where a foreign language is spoken, but I would like to be able to study my major subjects in English.
- Live in a country where the native language is English, or where most people in the country speak English fluently.
- Live in a country where a foreign language is spoken, and devote myself to learning that language while I am there.
- Live in a country where a foreign language is spoken, and all of my courses are taught in that language by native professors of the host country.
- Live in a big, bustling city.
- Live in a city about the size of Turlock (or even smaller).

Check all that apply:

- I want to ensure that most or all of the courses I take will "count" toward my degree here at CSU Stanislaus.
- I am not concerned how many of my courses transfer to CSU Stanislaus because I am doing this for other personal or academic reasons.
- I want to take courses that count toward (circle one or more): my general education pathway and/or my major/minor in _____.
- I do not want to spend more money than I would at Stanislaus for the year (not even one more penny!!!)
- I don't mind spending more money than I would at Stanislaus if it is necessary to fulfill my dreams of a specific location or program.

Do you have any special needs or challenges that you will need extra support for abroad? ___ no ___ yes (please explain):

III. Check all that apply:

___ I have lived or studied abroad before in _____ (country) for (circle the correct option): summer; semester; year; longer
___ I have traveled internationally before to the following countries: _____
___ I have never left the States before!!!

IV. Identify your top three program choices:

After you have assessed your goals and program preferences, you are ready to select the program that is perfectly suited to your unique set of circumstances. **This will take a bit of research on your part.**

- 1.) Read through the pamphlets, brochures and/or website information on CSU Stanislaus' study abroad programs (USAC or IP).
 - 2.) Pay close attention to the program requirements (GPA, prerequisites and class standing). Do not select a program unless you think you may qualify!!
 - 3.) Select three specific programs (the city/country is not sufficient). *Think "outside the box": **Only two options can be located in the same country.***
 - 4.) Make an appointment to meet with the Study Abroad Advisor, and bring this sheet with you. You are now ready to begin the application process!
- Note: *It's okay if you have a three-way tie, or more than three options listed (use a separate sheet of paper if you need extra space).*

Option #1

Name of Host University City Country Subject/s you will study

GPA req: _____ Class standing req: _____ Prerequisites (if any apply): _____

Total cost of program, including tuition, living expenses & airfare (according to brochure): _____

Option #2

Name of Host University City Country Subject/s you will study

GPA req: _____ Class standing req: _____ Prerequisites (if any apply): _____

Total cost of program, including tuition, living expenses & airfare (according to brochure): _____

Option #3

Name of Host University City Country Subject/s you will study

GPA req: _____ Class standing req: _____ Prerequisites (if any apply): _____

Total cost of program, including tuition, living expenses & airfare (according to brochure): _____