Students must be in good standing and be granted admission by Study Abroad as well as obtain COM approval.

**ALL students must meet the following criteria before considering any Study Abroad program:**

- Must have completed either the introductory course or the major COM writing course AND be enrolled or have completed the other (introductory course or major writing course – both are listed at the bottom of this page, by program) by the time you apply to participate in any Study Abroad program. Both courses must be complete before you can participate.
- CIMS students must have completed CI101 or CI102 and be enrolled in or have completed the other prior to participating in any Study Abroad program. Both courses must be complete before the program begins.
- CGS and IUT transfer students must be in COM one full semester before participating in abroad programs.
- Students transferring into COM from outside of BU must be in COM one full year before participating in any abroad program.
- Students must meet with a COM Undergraduate Affairs advisor to review and approve courses PRIOR to applying to participate in the program. Faculty advisors cannot sign off on the application.
- DDP students CANNOT participate in ANY study abroad until they have completed ONE full semester as a COM student.
- Students who have declared a COM minor (or wish to complete a study abroad COM internship in an area outside of their major) must have completed either the introductory course or the minor COM writing course AND be enrolled or have completed the other (intro course or minor writing course) at the time of applying to participate in any COM related Study Abroad program. Both courses must be complete before participating in the abroad program.

**COM Internship Based Study Abroad Programs**

Students who meet all requirements listed above may apply to participate in an internship based abroad program as early as the summer semester prior to their junior year. Students must also meet the following GPA and student status requirements:

- Students must have at least a 2.0 overall GPA and a 3.0 in COM to apply to participate in an internship study abroad program.
- Students must be in good standing.

**Non-COM BU Study Abroad or Non-BU Programs**

This includes liberal arts or language based programs. Students must have at least rising junior status to apply to participate in any abroad program and must have fulfilled all of the criteria listed above.

- Students must be in good standing and have at least a 2.0 overall GPA AND a 2.0 COM GPA.
- Students may not take any COM related courses to fulfill COM requirements while on a non-BU study abroad program—thus all course work will be counted as electives or will fulfill liberal arts requirements.
- If on a non-BU-program, students must earn a C or higher in courses in order for them to be transferred.
- Students cannot receive credit for an internship on a non-BU abroad program.
- On a non-BU-program, all courses need to be pre-approved by COM Undergraduate Affairs and Study Abroad. If a student does not get pre-approval these courses will not count toward graduation requirements.

**How do I apply?**

The application is available online at www.bu.edu/abroad. Applications are generally due by October 1 for Spring semester programs, March 1 for Summer and March 15 for Fall semester programs. Please check with Study Abroad for the exact dates. Non-BU programs will require additional forms that must be obtained from the school offering the program as well as from Study Abroad.

**Approval of Student Participation Form**

COM students must gain approval from an Undergraduate Affairs advisor as part of the application process. A full academic advising appointment is required for study abroad approval. COM will host two Study Abroad Express meetings that will replace the full advising appointment. Study Abroad Express is only available for: London, Sydney, Dublin, Los Angeles and Washington, DC. Please check with Undergraduate Affairs for meeting dates and times. Students must obtain an online signature from one of the academic counselors in COM Undergraduate Affairs (COM rm. 123). COM approval DOES NOT guarantee admission to an abroad program. It’s only one step in the admission process. Faculty advisors are not authorized to sign the approval form.

**All Students Please Note**

All references to GPAs are as of the time your application is signed by our advisors. Students must be in continued good standing in order to participate in ANY Study Abroad Program. If a student falls out of good standing (e.g. on probation, etc.), COM will revoke the abroad approval. All students must meet Study Abroad’s requirements as well as COM’s requirements in order to study abroad. **THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.**

**INTRODUCTORY COURSES**

- Journalism: JO 303/357
- Film and Television: FT303/353/250/201
- Advertising: CM 317
- Public Relations: CM 301
- Communication Studies: CM 311/321/481

**COM WRITING COURSES**

- Journalism: JO 250
- Film and Television: FT 310
- Mass Comm/Advertising/Public Relations: CM 331

**CINEMA & MEDIA STUDENTS ONLY:**

- CI101 and CI 102 required