

# STUDY ABROAD FACT SHEET

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

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

- Must have completed the introductory course (listed below) in your COM major AND
- Must be enrolled in or have completed a writing course in your COM major (listed below).
- CGS and IUT transfer students must be in COM 1 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 Student Services advisor to review and approve courses PRIOR to the student applying to participate in the program. Faculty advisors cannot sign off on the application.
- BUCOP students CANNOT participate in ANY study abroad until they have completed ONE full semester as a COM student.

### **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 2.3 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 2.3 overall GPA AND a 2.3 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.
- 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.
- All courses need to be pre-approved by COM Student Services and International Programs. If a student does not get pre-approval these courses will not count toward graduation requirements.

### **How do I apply?**

The application is available on-line at [www.bu.edu/abroad](http://www.bu.edu/abroad).

Applications are generally due by mid-October for Spring semester programs, and in March for Summer and Fall semester programs. Please check with International Programs 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 International Programs.

### **Approval of Student Participation Form**

COM students must gain approval from a Student Services 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 will replace the full advising appointment. Study Abroad Express is only available for: London, Sydney, Los Angeles and Washington, DC. Please check with Student Services for meeting dates and times. Students must obtain a signature from one of the academic counselors in COM Student Services (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 International Programs' requirements as well as COM's requirements in order to study abroad. **THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NON-NEGOTIABLE.**

#### **Introductory Courses**

Journalism — JO 357 • Photojournalism — JO 305 or JO 357 | Film and Television — FT 303 or FT 353 or FT 360  
Advertising — CM 317 • Public Relations — CM 301 • Communication Studies — CM 311 or CM 321 or CM 481

#### **COM Writing Courses**

Journalism — JO 307 | Film and Television — FT 310 | Mass Comm/Advertising/Public Relations — CM 331