Study Abroad
CHOOSING A PROGRAM

The study abroad process can be overwhelming, but don’t panic! Remember, you sit in the driver’s seat and you can make this happen.

Identify your goals
Why do you want to study abroad? Consider your primary and secondary wants/needs.
1. Primary goals:
   o Study a specific academic subject
   o Live in a particular location
   o Become proficient in a specific language
2. Secondary goals:
   o Participate in an internship/volunteer
   o Live in a big city vs. a small town
   o Live with a homestay family, in an apartment, or in a residence hall

Pinpoint your ideal time and length of term to study abroad
Consider your academic career, your obligations at home, and your financial means.

Research the programs
Decide which of the 3 PCC options work best for you:
- PCC Study Abroad in Barcelona
- PSU Study Abroad (with PCC-PSU Co-Admission)
- Fully Funded Summer Programs*
  *Due to their competitive nature, students should also apply to a PSU study abroad program as a back-up.

Start with the PSU website:
- Take the time to read through and compare a variety of programs.
- Take notes.
- Don’t be afraid to ask questions!
- Meet with someone who has gone on the program, review photos, consider the dates of the program, and read the fine print.

Use your resources
- PCC Study Abroad Office
- Academic Advisor
- PSU Education Abroad Advisor or Peer Advisor
- The Fabulous World Wide Web