Gathering information - explore your options

Meet with COF International Programs to learn basics about options, program selection/application as soon as possible!

Meet with academic advisor to establish academic goals for overseas experience and optimal time and duration of program.

Select program and term/semester

Meet with COF International programs and program advisor to discuss specific program details - fit with goals, application process, finances. 1 yr - 3 months in advance of program

If program has multiple course offerings (e.g., exchange), meet with academic advisor to select specific courses to be taken.

Apply to program

Complete application process. Most programs require transcripts, essays and references. Many require interviews. 9-6 months in advance of program

Apply to both COF sources and external funders for scholarships to support program.

Student accepted into program

Complete secondary paperwork for OSU GO and program provider. Confirm housing options, make travel arrangements. Term before program.

Student program budget is sent to financial aid, which determines aid amount for overseas study. Meet with financial aid if necessary.

Pre-departure

Apply for visa (if required). Attend required orientations. Visit travel clinic, arrange for any needed medications/vaccinations. Term before program.

Confirm payment arrangements. Prepare financial arrangements abroad. Register with CRN provided by OSU GO. Pack!

While abroad

Understand academic requirements. If enrolled directly in overseas university, send course syllabi to COF International Programs/academic advisor. Register for following term at OSU.

COF International Programs/OSU GO send syllabi to departmental advisors for establishment of equivalencies, prior to articulation.

Upon return to OSU

Attend any returnee meetings, debrief and encourage others to go. Give feedback to COF International Programs and academic advisors.

Once course equivalencies are approved by academic depts, COF International Programs/advisors receive overseas transcripts and report credits/grades to registrar.
STUDY, RESEARCH OR INTERN ABROAD – QUICK FACTS

This page is meant to provide a quick guide to the opportunities available to OSU students. For more complete information, visit our website at:  http://www.forestry.oregonstate.edu/international

PROGRAM TYPES

Exchange programs: Typically semester or academic year experiences, where students are integrated into host university academic model and student community. Offers the broadest range of available courses, among the most affordable opportunities (for the number of credits earned/duration of time abroad), as cost is based on outgoing OSU students paying their home campus

Study Abroad programs: Programs of any length, where students are taught at a study center or other location in a group comprised of only American (or international) students, or they may be integrated into an overseas host institution.

Faculty-led programs: Generally have a specific thematic focus, and short-term (but sometimes a full term in length) these programs are led by OSU faculty. Some may include study with overseas students or instructors. The College of Forestry runs several of these every year.

International Internships: International internships are available through the College of Forestry and through IE3 Global Internships. Most internships are a minimum of ten weeks in length, and are available in a host of countries. These internships satisfy College work experience requirements.

Service Learning programs: Overseas programs that involve hands-on outreach to a community or organization. Service learning programs are almost always coordinated as group experiences, and several are offered by OSU.

PROGRAM DURATIONS

Short-term: Faculty-led programs make up the majority of short-term programs (typically one – four weeks). These programs may have a single location, or travel to different sites. Most of these occur during the summer.

Term programs: Some providers have programs that last a ten week term, and are designed to align with OSU’s academic calendar. The majority of these are OSU institutional or OUS study abroad programs.

Semester programs: As a large proportion of universities worldwide are on a semester system, the majority of exchange programs, and many study abroad programs are linked to this model. For OSU students, this generally means that students studying abroad in the Fall are away for one term, and those abroad for the Spring are gone Winter and Spring terms from OSU.

Year-long programs: Most exchanges and study abroad programs are able to accommodate students for an entire academic year.

PROGRAM PROVIDERS

College of Forestry: The college offers a range of exchanges, faculty-led programs and internships specifically designed for Forestry students.

Oregon State University: Exchanges and faculty-led programs are also developed on a university-wide basis.

IE3 Global: IE3 Global provides internship, research, exchange, and faculty-led programs to students throughout the Northwest and beyond.

Co-Sponsored Program Providers: Organizations (profit and non-profit) external to OSU that have been approved by OSU to offer study abroad programs to OSU students. Providers offer the full range of program experiences listed above, with the exception of exchanges. These include SIT, CIEE, API, Semester at Sea, and several others.