

Department of Business Administration and Economics (BUEC)

Study Abroad Guide

For majors in Accounting, Business Administration, and Economics, programs in the department emphasize student learning goals that include: To develop a multicultural/international business perspective. One way for students to accomplish that goal is to participate in Saint Mary's College study abroad programs.

Students in any of the department's major programs may study abroad during the academic year, but early academic advising is a must! First year BUEC students who plan to study abroad should make an appointment as early as their first semester with the department chair. Generally speaking, all courses required for BUEC major programs should be taken on campus. Students should select study abroad courses to fulfill Sophia requirements or to deepen their experience by taking courses not offered at home.

BUEC students generally study abroad during the fall or spring semester of sophomore year. Most BUEC students choose to go in the spring of their sophomore year. Going in your junior year is more challenging, as many upper level courses in Business are offered only once every other year, making it difficult for a student to be able to take the necessary four upper level courses in their concentration. But again, prior planning is essential to successfully outlining a student's proposed graduation plan. If a student is not able to participate in a semester length program, we encourage BUEC students to join summer and semester break study abroad programs. When possible, the department participates in faculty-led study abroad programs by offering an applicable course which counts toward the International Business concentration. In addition, some BUEC students even go on more than one study abroad program over multiple summer or break sessions.

Consider your individual student learning goals in selecting a study abroad program. The College offers semester-long immersion study abroad language programs in Spanish and French. These programs are especially attractive for BUEC students who also want to double major or minor in foreign languages. Attaining world language proficiency is a valuable skill for those who opt to concentrate in International Business or work for a multinational firm following graduation.

All of the semester long study abroad programs teach courses approved for the Sophia Program.

Consult the program advising sheet available on the Study Abroad website or speak with a member of the Global Education Office. Some of our study abroad partners offer upper-level business classes taught in English. With good academic planning and advising sophomore BUEC students may be able to meet course prerequisites. These include programs in Ireland, Italy, Morocco, and South Korea. Other programs feature distinctive cultural experiences with

all classes taught in English. These include Ireland, South Africa, and at Oxford, England. Many of our partners also offer internships, practicums, and service learning courses for students who have advanced language proficiency skills. Note, the courses offered in the London Business Practicum do not apply to the BUEC major, but rather to Sophia requirements.