

# WU Study Abroad **START HERE!**

[willamette.edu/offices/oie/abroad](http://willamette.edu/offices/oie/abroad)

**Get advising and apply.**

**No, it's not too late!**

**Make a plan to meet with OIE!**

**Application deadline**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2019**

**11:59 pm**

**It's late - what to do!** Did you miss all the *First Step* sessions? You will need to do more research on your own to understand how study abroad works at WU. Study away is a commitment that requires your investment to be successful, even at this stage.

- Follow all the links in this document to read up on the most essential details.
- Come to OIE to get an "express" appointment and pick up the Advising Worksheet.
- Still comparing programs? Narrow it to a few programs BEFORE advising. We can guide you but already knowing your priorities and having researched will help us give you the best guidance.

## **BEFORE MEETING with OIE:**

**1. COMPLETE the Study Abroad Advising Worksheet-** Bring it, completed, with you. Check [Upcoming Events](#) for added drop-in times. Also review the How to Apply page for steps to take.

**2. Get application info emails:** Sign up in our lobby or email us <<mailto:oieadvising@willamette.edu>>. The group is "go-abroad-2021". We share important changes with this list. If you are not on this group, you will miss critical information just before the deadline.

**3. START an application.** "[How to Apply](#)" website. Review ALL the links.

- **Find your most preferred program** and use the "Apply Now" button to link to the app site. Use the program list to find your program. \**Summer programs are listed like this: "Summer – Japan".*
- Alternate / secondary preferences. List your secondary choices in your primary program application in the Questionnaire called "Common Application". (*Do not open a separate application for every program you want to consider.*) This is how the committee will be aware of your preferences.
- If your primary priority changes after you start your application, [contact OIE](#) at least two days before the deadline so we can change it. Alternatively, if you hadn't asked for recommendations yet, start a new application and, by the deadline, withdraw the application you do not want.

**4. Before Thanksgiving break: Request the necessary recommendations!** They need time to make thoughtful responses. **See #5.** You must have an active application to request recommendations.

**5. USE the steps below.** You need this information to help you create a Statement for your application but also to identify your best program fit.

**1<sup>st</sup>... Why do you want to study abroad?** This helps you determine what programs to consider and helps you with your Statement. Get the Statement Writing Worksheet on our website in [Application Tips](#).

**2<sup>nd</sup>... Explore the Office of International Education's website.** With the application materials, this is your primary resource. **Research** Selection Criteria, How to Apply, Tips, Technical help, Contents, deadlines, available programs, and courses in those programs. In your application, there are Learning Content items with explicit directions. USE THEM. You will avoid pitfalls in your application that affect the quality of your application.

**3<sup>rd</sup>... Understand how Willamette credit is awarded** for courses completed abroad and the costs associated with studying abroad. This information is on the website.

**4<sup>th</sup>... Meet with your academic advisor** about your study abroad ideas and plans.

Remember, they will be completing an item in your application.

**5<sup>th</sup>... Make arrangements for the other [Recommendations](#) & the Personal Reference:** Ask their permission to be used for these BEFORE entering their name in your application. These include Faculty Recommendation, Personal Reference, and Language Assessment (for foreign language programs).

**6<sup>th</sup>... Get study abroad advising. We ask you questions and you can ask us questions.** This gives you more information about the programs, helps you identify programs that work for you, help you avoid application pitfalls, and answer application questions you have. Be familiar with the components so you are ready to ask us questions. We look forward to meeting with you!