

## UNDERSTANDING MY OPTIONS

Program Type	Minimum GPA	Tuition / Fees	Housing Cost	Study Abroad Fee	Federal Aid Applies?	MSU Scholarships Apply?
Direct Exchange (DEX)	3.0	MSU Tuition & Fees	Varies	\$150 MSU fee per term	Yes, if earning 6+ credits	Yes, most apply
ISEP Exchange	2.75 - 3.0	MSU Tuition & Fees	MSU Room & Board	\$395 ISEP placement fee; \$150 MSU fee per term	Yes, if earning 6+ credits	Yes, most apply
ISEP Direct	2.75 - 3.0	Varies	Varies	\$395 ISEP placement fee; \$150 MSU fee per term	Yes, if earning 6+ credits	No
CCIS	2.5 - 3.0	Varies	Varies	\$150 MSU fee per term	Yes, if earning 6+ credits	No
Direct Enroll	2.5	Varies	Varies	\$300 MSU fee per term	Yes, if earning 6+ credits	No
Faculty Led	2.5	Varies	Varies	\$300 enrollment deposit	Yes, if earning 6+ credits	Depends

## MY FINANCIAL RESOURCES

- YES      NO      I receive federal financial aid
- YES      NO      I receive a MSU tuition waiver scholarship (WUE, Presidential, Merit, etc)
- YES      NO      I receive outside scholarships (from non-MSU organizations)
- YES      NO      I do not receive any financial aid or scholarships

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**Scholarship Opportunities**  
<http://www.montana.edu/international/studyabroad/scholarships>

## MY CHECKLIST FOR SUCCESS

### Phase 1 - Learn

- \_\_\_ Attend drop-in advising with MSU Global Ambassadors
- \_\_\_ Review “Your Study Abroad” online to learn about the process
- \_\_\_ Determine the best term to go abroad in relation to your academic plan
  - \_\_\_ Meeting with your academic advisor is key to this step
- \_\_\_ Create a *My Global Connection* profile online

### Phase 2 - Apply

- \_\_\_ Meet with a Study Abroad Advisor
- \_\_\_ Choose a study abroad program type & location
- \_\_\_ Complete the MSU Study Abroad Application on *My Global Connection*
  - \_\_\_ Requirements include official transcript, academic recommendations, essay, etc.
- \_\_\_ Participate in an interview when scheduled
- \_\_\_ Once nominated, complete the application for the university abroad, if applicable

### Phase 3 to 5 - Prepare

- \_\_\_ Attend Pre-Departure Orientation and a Travel Health & Safety class
- \_\_\_ Review financial implications of program & consult with Financial Aid, if needed
  - \_\_\_ Submit Study Abroad Budget & Financial Aid Agreement to the MSU Office of Financial Aid, if seeking additional financial aid
- \_\_\_ Complete Study Abroad Course Approval Form & submit on *My Global Connection*
- \_\_\_ Research visa requirements for country destination
  - \_\_\_ Apply if required
- \_\_\_ Apply for accommodations abroad

### Phase 6 - Go Somewhere

- \_\_\_ Share your experience - #MSUBobcatsAbroad
- \_\_\_ Register your independent travel under “Itinerary” on *My Global Connection*
- \_\_\_ Connect with Study Abroad if you have questions

### Phase 7 - Return and engage

- \_\_\_ Get involved! Global engagement doesn’t have to end when you return



# MY IMPORTANT NOTES AND CONSIDERATIONS

Lined area for notes and considerations.

# MY GOALS

Why do you want to study abroad, and what do you want to get out of your experience?

I want to study abroad because...

The people I will need support from are...

What I hope to learn about myself is...



## MSU STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM TYPES

Direct Exchange (DEX)  
MSU tuition & fees

ISEP Exchange  
MSU tuition & fees plus  
MSU room & board

MSU Faculty Led  
Fee based;  
program fee varies

CCIS  
Fee based;  
program fee varies

ISEP Direct  
Fee based;  
program fee varies

Direct Enroll  
Fee based;  
program fee varies

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring Semester

Summer/Fall Semester

ISEP Exchange: August 28  
All other types: September 15

ISEP Exchange: February 10  
All other types: March 15

Faculty Led Program Deadlines Vary; Check the Website