



Studying abroad is a life-changing, monumental opportunity. As an academic office, our primary responsibility is to help you choose a program that best meets your educational needs. The process of choosing a program is a dialogue between you and your OIS adviser. We'd like to begin that process before you even come in to our office for your first meeting. The questions below will help you better understand our philosophy and prepare you for the first few steps of your journey abroad. While you go through the questions, please keep in mind that the privilege of study abroad reflects an extension of, not a break from, your Villanova education.

Most advising sessions start with the question: 'What skill do you want to develop while you are abroad?' This particular skill could be related to your major, minor, your career path or your future goals. Essentially, what do you want to accomplish when you study abroad that you can't do here at Villanova? Please explain your purpose for wanting to study abroad keeping those first two questions in mind.

What other factors, beyond academic, are influencing your decision to study abroad?

One of our office goals is to send students on programs that focus on immersion into the host culture. Describe a few ways that you can see yourself being immersed in your host culture.

All students who study abroad in a non-English speaking country must take at least one course in the host language. Are you interested in continuing your language studies, would you like to study a new language, or are you interested in studying in an English-speaking country? Please explain your response.

Our primary responsibility is to you, the student, and we look forward to working with you throughout this exciting process! With that in mind, have you discussed your study abroad plans with your parents? How did they respond?