



Study Abroad

FAQs for First-Year Students

Each year, more than 50 percent of Middlebury juniors study abroad in more than 40 countries at more than 75 programs and universities.

1. What should I do during my first week at Middlebury?

It's never too early to start planning for your study abroad experience. During your first week, you should already be considering whether you wish to study abroad in one of the languages taught at Middlebury. If so, and if you have never studied the relevant language before, you will need to register **immediately** to begin one of those languages. If you have studied the relevant language before, you will need to take a placement exam to determine what level you have achieved according to Middlebury standards so that you can register for the appropriate course.

2. What should I do during my first year at Middlebury?

- Discuss your academic plans and options with your first-year seminar advisor.
- Begin in your first year to plan for study abroad so you can fit in all of your requirements.
- Familiarize yourself with the study abroad options and programs in which you may be interested.
- Attend the **Study Abroad Fair** (Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026, 2:00-5:00pm, Axinn; see our web page for details: <https://www.middlebury.edu/schools-abroad/middlebury-students/events>).
- Take coursework that will prepare you for study abroad.
- Talk to returned study abroad students about their experiences.

3. Where does Middlebury have programs abroad?

Middlebury Schools Abroad:

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| ★Argentina (Buenos Aires) | ★Japan (Tokyo) |
| ★Brazil (Florianópolis & Niterói) | ★Jordan (Amman) |
| ★Cameroon (Yaoundé) | ★Morocco (Rabat) |
| ★Chile (Concepción, Santiago, Temuco, Valdivia, Valparaíso, Villarrica, & Viña del Mar) | ★Puerto Rico (San Juan & Mayagüez) |
| ★Greater China (Beijing & Taiwan) | ★Russia (temporarily relocated to Almaty and Astana, Kazakhstan) |
| ★France (Bordeaux, Paris, & Poitiers) | ★Spain (Córdoba & Madrid) |
| ★Germany (Berlin, Mainz, & Potsdam) | ★United Kingdom (Oxford) |
| ★Italy (Florence) | ★Uruguay (Montevideo) |

More information: www.middlebury.edu/schools-abroad

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Other affiliated programs:

- [Exchange programs](#) with the University of East Anglia (England), FLAME University (India), & University College Maastricht & University College Utrecht (the Netherlands)
- [The Centro: Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies](#) (Italy)
- **More information:** www.middlebury.edu/office/study-abroad

4. What if I want to study in a country where Middlebury does not have a program?

Each year a significant number of Middlebury students study abroad on **externally sponsored programs** in countries such as:

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| ■ Australia | ■ Madagascar | ■ Sweden |
| ■ Czech Republic | ■ Nepal | ■ Tanzania |
| ■ Denmark | ■ Netherlands | ■ The United Kingdom |
| ■ Ireland | ■ New Zealand | ■ Vietnam |
| ■ Kenya | ■ South Africa | ■ and more |

5. How and when do I apply for study abroad?

Your junior year is the best time to study abroad. The deadline for registering your intent to study abroad will be November 1 of your sophomore year and the deadline for completing the online study abroad application process will be February 1 of your sophomore year (for full-year, fall, and spring term study) for both Middlebury Schools Abroad and externally sponsored programs.

6. What are the study abroad application requirements?

Middlebury requires a minimum overall GPA of B- and an average of B or better in the major and language. See our [web page](#) for more information and for language requirements.

7. How much does study abroad cost?

Study abroad costs are generally similar to or somewhat less than U.S. college costs; see [our web page](#) for specifics. Students studying abroad (except those on official exchange programs) are charged an administrative fee (\$2,000 per semester in 2026-27) in order to help offset the cost of the services provided by International Programs.

Federal financial aid (aid other than Middlebury grants/loans) can usually be applied to study abroad expenses for any approved program. ***Middlebury grant and loan financial aid*** is available only for Middlebury Schools Abroad and a few other programs; see our web page for details.

More information: www.middlebury.edu/office/study-abroad

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