Education Abroad

At Quinnipiac University, we feel a sense of obligation to work toward a more diverse environment. We do this by increasing intentional global engagement opportunities for students, faculty and staff to learn both in and outside the classroom. Quinnipiac students participate in semester, short-term, internships, community engagement, clinical, research and faculty-led programs abroad in various countries such as Ireland, Dominican Republic, Australia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Poland, Spain, Italy, China, Germany and South Africa to name a few. Administered by the Department of Cultural and Global Engagement, study abroad programs have the opportunity to develop responsible and engaged citizens by cultivating their cultural awareness and sensitivity, as well as skills and knowledge necessary to participate respectfully in the global community. All students are advised to plan early for study abroad and to discuss with their academic adviser to determine whether they can fulfill their graduation requirements through a study abroad program. Students also must attend an information session to understand the policies and procedures for our education abroad opportunities.

For more information, contact the Department of Cultural and Global Engagement or visit the Quinnipiac Study Abroad website. (https://educationabroad.qu.edu)

Semester Abroad Policies

1. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the time of applying.
2. Students must not have any current and/or pending conduct sanctions at the time of applying.
3. The study abroad program must be preapproved by the Quinnipiac University Department of Cultural and Global Engagement.
4. Students must maintain full-time status (12–16 QU credits) while abroad. Some countries limit enrollment to 12 QU credits.
5. Students studying abroad are required to obtain approval from their academic advisers and respective dean(s) for all courses taken abroad. Students who fail to comply with policy and procedure, especially by not receiving course approval, will not receive transfer credit and will be ineligible to study abroad through Quinnipiac University.
6. The cost of study abroad includes, but is not limited to: Quinnipiac’s tuition and residence fees (less the dining service fee) and an obligatory overseas emergency medical insurance and security assistance fee. If the cost of the study abroad program exceeds the sum of Quinnipiac’s tuition and housing, the difference will be paid to Quinnipiac by the student. The student is also responsible for paying any refundable security deposits, program application fees and/or program withdrawal fees. Additional expenses include but are not limited to: airfare, visas, meals, academic materials, lab fees, Internet usage, public transportation, personal travel, etc.
7. Students are required to live at the study abroad program residence facility.
8. Students who receive financial assistance at Quinnipiac may apply their financial aid for study abroad, including federal aid, state grants, college grants and scholarships. Work study cannot be applied.
9. Withdrawal from a program initiated by the student, Quinnipiac, the program affiliate and/or the host institution will result in a loss of fees and tuition in accordance with Quinnipiac’s refund policy. Depending on the circumstances of the withdrawal, the student may be subject to action based on Quinnipiac’s Student Conduct System.
10. For Quinnipiac students studying abroad, the credits and grades for approved courses taken abroad become part of the student’s academic transcript and all grades are included in the calculation of the student’s GPA. Grades are the exclusive prerogative of the faculty members teaching the courses. If students have questions about grading in any particular course, they must consult the faculty member teaching that course. Quinnipiac will not change grades issued by another institution.
11. Students may not take classes for a pass-fail grade.

Short-Term Study Abroad Policies

1. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and must not have any current and/or pending conduct sanctions at the time of applying.
2. The short-term study abroad program must be preapproved by the Department of Cultural and Global Engagement.
3. Students shall be limited to two courses taken abroad during their short-term program. Students are not exempt from the Undergraduate Summer Credit Policy as outlined in the Course Schedule and Registration Bulletin, which prohibits students from taking more than 7 credits during the summer. If more courses are requested, then the student must file a variant procedure with the dean of their college or school.
4. Students may be eligible to apply for financial aid if they are enrolled in 6 credits. Please inquire with the Financial Aid Office for further information.
5. Students studying abroad are required to obtain approval from their academic advisers and respective dean(s) for all courses listed on the Study Abroad Course Preapproval Form.
6. A grade of “C” or better will be accepted for transfer credits for all short-term study abroad programs. No letter grade is given for these credits. If the short-term program course grades are less than C, the credits are not accepted at Quinnipiac University.
7. Students who have not completed the Study Abroad Course Preapproval Form or complied with Quinnipiac Study Abroad policies and procedures will not receive transfer credit and will be ineligible to study abroad through Quinnipiac University.
8. When studying through a Quinnipiac-approved short-term study abroad program, the student is required to pay the program cost directly to the host institution or affiliate. The student is responsible for paying Quinnipiac’s obligatory overseas emergency medical insurance and security assistance fee. This fee will be paid for the duration of the program. Failure to make the required payments will disqualify a student from receiving transfer credit.

Quinnipiac in Cork, Ireland

All Quinnipiac students have the opportunity to study at University College, Cork (UCC), in Ireland for a semester, academic year or summer term. Through this direct program, students are encouraged to fully participate in the programs and courses offered by UCC. Cork, Ireland, is a unique mix of a quaint Irish life with the bustle and convenience of a city. It is a hub of Irish music, culture, traditions, food and modern Irish life. The program includes:

- On-site orientation led by Quinnipiac faculty and staff: safety, protocol, academic advisement, cultural transitions, group meals, events, etc.
- UCC International student orientation
• Academic courses for many majors
• Discipline-focused workshops
• Wellness Retreat
• Involvement/community engagement opportunities
• Previous field excursions have included: Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle, west coast of Ireland, family farm weekend in West Cork.

For more information about the UCC direct program, visit the Quinnipiac Study Abroad website. (https://educationabroad.qu.edu)

Washington, D.C., Semester Programs

Please visit the QU in DC (http://catalog.qu.edu/arts-sciences/philosophy-political-science/washington-dc-program/) page under the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Philosophy and Political Science.

Quinnipiac in LA Program

The Quinnipiac in Los Angeles program is offered during the fall and spring semesters as well as during the summer, giving undergraduate and graduate students the experience of working and studying in the nation’s second largest city. QU in LA is open to all university students.

The program emphasizes experiential learning and is designed to enhance Quinnipiac’s professionally oriented education. It is intended to expand Quinnipiac’s career development programs, which prepare students to be contributors in the workplace from day one; meet the interests of students who want to experience and understand first hand the unique working environment of Los Angeles and the West Coast; and enable students to have internships, career practicum experience, a sense of independence and autonomy as part of our academic culture. For more information, go to Quinnipiac in Los Angeles (https://www.qu.edu/schools/communications/centers-resources.html#quinnipiacuniversityinlosangeles).

Faculty-Led Courses Abroad

Quinnipiac faculty members also plan courses with a travel component to various countries during the January term, spring break, and summer terms. Some of the countries visited include Barbados, Bonaire, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Japan, Morocco and Poland. Students interested in participating in a Quinnipiac faculty-led course abroad should contact the Department of Cultural and Global Engagement or attend one of the information sessions offered throughout the year.

Community-Engaged Global Learning

During summer, winter and spring recess, Quinnipiac offers for-credit and non-credit bearing faculty-led programs to sites in the United States and abroad. These experiential learning programs, to carefully selected locations, are intentionally designed to foster unique educational opportunities made possible by direct contact with other cultures. Pre-trip orientation and on-site instruction are facilitated by Quinnipiac faculty or staff from the Department of Cultural and Global Engagement.