

## About Study Beyond

Walsh University's **Study Beyond** programs provide students with meaningful opportunities to learn, serve, and explore in global and domestic settings. Each program connects classroom learning to real-world experiences while helping students develop cross-cultural awareness, leadership, and a deeper understanding of the world.

The **Office for Culture & Belonging (C&B)** oversees all Study Beyond initiatives and supports students every step of the way—from application to travel and re-entry.

## Before You Apply

### Why should I participate in a Study Beyond experience?

There are many reasons to participate in Study Beyond. International and experiential learning opportunities allow students to grow personally and academically while developing adaptability, problem-solving skills, and a broader understanding of global cultures. These experiences can also strengthen career readiness and provide valuable perspective for future professional goals.

### Am I eligible to participate in Study Beyond?

General minimum requirements include:

- Good academic, disciplinary, and financial standing with the University
- Completion of at least one semester at Walsh University
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 (some programs may require higher)
- Must be at least 18 years of age

Additional requirements may apply depending on the program or partner institution.

### Can I graduate on time if I participate in Study Beyond?

Yes. The Office for Culture & Belonging works closely with academic advisors and departments to help students incorporate a Study Beyond experience into their academic plan without delaying graduation.

### Do I need to speak the language of the host country?

No. Many Study Beyond opportunities are offered in English. However, learning basic phrases and becoming familiar with local customs is encouraged to enhance your experience and demonstrate cultural respect.

### How do I get started? How do I know which program is right for me?

Students interested in Study Beyond should schedule an advising appointment with the Office for Culture & Belonging. During this meeting, staff will help you explore program options and determine which opportunities align with your academic goals, schedule, and interests.

### Can I talk to a student who has already participated in a program?

Yes. Study Beyond Student Ambassadors are often available to share their experiences and offer advice to prospective participants.

### When should I start planning?

Students are encouraged to begin exploring Study Beyond opportunities early—ideally during their freshman year—so that the experience can be incorporated into their academic plan.

## Applications, Costs, and Financial Aid

### How do I apply for a Study Beyond program?

Application processes vary depending on the program or partner institution. Students should meet with the Office for Culture & Belonging to receive current application instructions, program requirements, and deadlines.

### Can I afford a Study Beyond experience?

Many students are able to participate in Study Beyond experiences through a combination of financial aid, scholarships, personal savings, and payment plans. Students should first meet with the Office for Culture & Belonging to review program costs and details, and then consult with the Student Service Center to determine how their financial aid package may apply.

### What costs should I expect?

Each program will provide specific details about expected costs:

- Program or partner institution fees
- Tuition associated with the academic course
- Housing
- Airfare
- Meals and personal expenses
- Passport or visa fees (if required)
- International health insurance or travel coverage

### Is airfare included in the program fee?

Airfare policies vary depending on the program. In many cases, students are responsible for arranging their own travel, though guidance and recommended travel timelines will be provided by the Office for Culture & Belonging.

### How do I make payments?

Payment procedures vary depending on the program. Tuition associated with a Study Beyond course will appear on your Walsh student account. Additional program fees may be processed through designated payment systems or program providers. Students will receive payment instructions once they are accepted into a program.

### Are scholarships available?

Some Study Beyond opportunities offer internal or external scholarships. Students are encouraged to meet with the Office for Culture & Belonging to explore potential funding sources.

## After You Apply

### When should I apply for a passport?

Students should apply for a passport as soon as possible, ideally several months before their program begins. More information is available at: <https://travel.state.gov>

### Will I need international health insurance?

Most Study Beyond programs require students to have international health insurance coverage during the program. Specific insurance requirements will be communicated prior to departure.

### Are vaccinations required?

Vaccination requirements vary depending on the destination country. Students should consult their healthcare provider and review guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

CDC travel information: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

### Can I withdraw from a program after applying?

Students who need to withdraw from a program should notify the Office for Culture & Belonging in writing as soon as possible. Refund eligibility will depend on program policies and any non-recoverable costs already incurred.

### How should I prepare for cultural differences?

Students are encouraged to research the culture, customs, and expectations of their host country before departure. Pre-departure meetings and program resources will help students prepare for their international experience.

### What should I pack?

Packing recommendations vary by destination and program length. Students will receive guidance prior to departure regarding travel documents, clothing, and recommended items.

## During Your Study Beyond Experience

### Who should I contact if there is an emergency while abroad?

Students should first contact their on-site program provider or program coordinator. The Office for Culture & Belonging at Walsh University is also available to assist students and families in the event of an emergency.

### Do I need an international phone plan while abroad?

An international phone plan is not required but may be helpful. Many students use Wi-Fi-based messaging applications such as WhatsApp to stay in contact with family and friends. Some students may also choose to purchase a local SIM card depending on their destination and program length.

### What should I do if I need medical care while abroad?

Students should follow the procedures provided by their program's insurance provider or on-site program staff. Information about accessing healthcare services will be provided at pre-departure meeting.