

Study Abroad Goal Setting: *How do I Decide What I WANT??*

Step 1: Ranking Questions

In this section, read through all the questions. Number the top 3 questions that seem most relevant to your decision-making process.

	Are you looking to hone your language skills in the classroom? Or casually while out and about and take classes in English? Do you want to learn a new language?
	Are you looking for credit for your major, minor, NTC core or for fun?
	Do you want to do an internship or research?
	Do you want to live in a dorm, apartment, or homestay?
	Will your identity impact your experience? Will there be some places that are safer than others?
	Do you want to take classes with mostly other American students, or side by side with other host university students?
	Do you want to be in a specific geographic region?
	Do you want a big city, or do you want to be close to nature?
	Do you want individualized, on-site support, or do you want to be more independent?
	Do you want your program or host university to offer merit/need based scholarships?

Step 2: Goal Setting

This section is for you only! Be honest with yourself. Think about how you will achieve these goals, too. This will be a great jumping off point for your application essay.

Examples:

- I want to study abroad for a whole year, and take courses that fulfill major credit, preferably in English, though the country doesn't have to be English speaking.*
- I want to improve my Spanish over the course of one semester. I mostly want to take courses for fun and primarily focus on my language acquisition. I would love a homestay!*
- I want a really immersive experience where I feel like a student from my host country. I'm not picky on location, but I would like NTC core credits if possible. Places to hike nearby would be nice, too!*

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