

PA101 PowerPoint Presentation Text

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- Semester and academic year, research, internships, summer, short-term

Slide 2: Why Go Abroad?

- Career advancement
- Academic growth
- Global experiences

Slide 3: What We Offer

- Semester Abroad
- Global Research & Internship Program
- Penn Global Seminars

Slide 4: Semester Abroad

Establish Yourself in a new global community through extended study for a semester or year Earn Penn credit while you are abroad

- Enhance language skills and cultural competence in an immersive, academic environment
- Develop lifelong friendships with students from all over the world
- Gain soft skills that will translate from study abroad to career goals post-graduation
- Use financial aid and scholarships just as you would at Penn

Slide 5: Semester Abroad – Timeline

- Think about how going abroad fits in with your academic career
- Meet with Penn Abroad advisor, academic advisor to talk through options
- Complete Penn Abroad application and host university application (typically in the year prior, but check individual program deadlines)
- Receive acceptance to your abroad program and complete any post-decision requirements
- Pre-departure Orientation, getting your visa, preparing to go abroad
- Abroad!

Slide 6: Global Research & Internship Program

Enhance your career potential through life-changing global work and research experience

- Research or intern for 8-12 weeks over the summer break
- Opportunities on every continent (except Antarctica) and in dozens of career industries
- All students receive generous funding to offset expenses, including flights, housing, or meals

Slide 7: Global Research & Internship Program – Timeline

- GRIP placements and application opens in mid-October
- October – January: Meet with a GRIP advisor for an advising session
- Submit your GRIP application by the early January deadline
- Receive decision on GRIP application and funding award in late February
- Pre-departure Orientation, getting your visa, preparing to go abroad
- Abroad!

Slide 8: Penn Global Seminars

Deepen your understanding of concepts discussed in the classroom through short-term travel

- Intensive semester-long study with an embedded short-term travel component
- Course options for students across majors and class years
- Short-term travel takes place over a break period (winter break, spring break, and in May)
- Flat program fee of \$950 that covers all travel expenses including round-trip airfare
- Financial aid packages can be applied

Slide 9: Penn Global Seminars – Timeline

- Applications open the semester prior to the PGS program in accordance with advance registration
- Submit application for PGS course via Penn Abroad PASSPORT portal
- May have an interview with the faculty leading the course
- Receive decision on acceptance to PGS program (after advance registration closes)
- Participate in campus portion of seminar course and prepare for short-term travel component
- Abroad!

Slide 10: Get Connected

- Advising & Events
- Penn Abroad Ambassadors
- Online

Slide 11: Closing Slide with Contact Information

- #WhereWillPennTakeYou
- www.global.upenn.edu/pennabroad
- @pennabroad on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter

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Hello. My name is Amber Leisher from the Penn Abroad office. Thank you for joining us. I'm excited to share all of Penn's global opportunities with you.

This is a great way to start to think about how going abroad can enhance your personal, academic, and career goals. Through our presentation today, I'm going to be talking about the benefits of going abroad or Penn Abroad programs, as well as next steps and how to get connected with our office.

To start off, we're going to focus on the benefits of going abroad, particularly in three areas. Certainly, there are many more benefits of going abroad, but these are the three most common themes that we hear from our students who have gone abroad and how they talk about the value of their international experience. Our programs provide students the chance to work and learn with people from different backgrounds, and through your time abroad, experience key skills that employers value, such as cultural competency and adaptability when working through challenges and new situations. While you are able to gain work skills in a professional setting, as well as further language skills, the soft skills that you take away from your abroad experience are valuable for career advancement and success.

Focusing on our programs that have academic credit, your earning Penn credit on both short-term and long-term programs. Particularly for our study abroad programs, you have the experience to take unique classes that you might not have otherwise taken at Penn. These courses may be specific to the country where you're studying and provide another country or culture's perspective on a certain subject or issue. In addition to expanding your knowledge, students are introduced to a new style of learning, which helps facilitate academic growth.

By going abroad, you have a chance to see the world and be part of a global community. Using these new skills and the knowledge that you gained during your time abroad, you can apply them in a global context.

We're going to talk about our Penn Abroad programs, which range from short term to summer to semester and academic year programs. There are many ways for students to go abroad during their time at Penn. And as we talk through our different Penn Abroad programs, I'll give a general overview, as well as discuss financial considerations, timeline, and application processes.

Our semester abroad program allow students to study abroad for one semester an academic year. We have over 100 study abroad programs with programs approved for each of the four home schools, so the college wherein engineering and nursing. You earn Penn credit while you're abroad so this is not transfer credit. And you're a full-time student as considered by Penn and the host institution or program, so you would be taking a full course load and earning between four to five Penn CUs.

You have the opportunity to enhance language skills through the environment, taking a language course or taking all of your subject courses in the language of the host country. We also have many programs where a student may be in the country where the native language is not English, but the program and the content courses are entirely in English, allowing for flexibility when choosing your abroad program. Students take a mix of major and general courses. So this is a great opportunity to take courses within your program of study, but through a different lens, which can help further your academic understanding.

As we mentioned before, when taking an elective or general courses, you have the unique opportunity to take part in courses about the host country's culture or history or courses that might not be offered at Penn. Regardless of which study abroad program you're interested in, every student will pay Penn tuition and a study abroad fee. Financial aid and scholarships will carry over just as you would use them at Penn, and your financial aid package will be adjusted to factor in costs when studying abroad, such as flights and housing.

The costs of studying abroad is meant to be comparable to spending a semester on Penn's campus. Additionally, because you are still a full-time student at Penn, you still have access to all of Penn's resources, such as counseling and psychological services, student disability services, and career services. And you are also provided with Penn's International SOS health and medical insurance.

Students typically plan one year in advance of the semester that they would like to study abroad. Generally, you have the option to study abroad starting from the first semester of your junior year through the first semester of your senior year. However, this can differ by home school. So for example, nursing has three different study abroad programs where students are actually taking some of their clinical placements and selecting nursing curriculum abroad, so each particular program is offered during a specific semester to allow for a smooth academic planning.

As you start to plan for a semester or two abroad, you want to think about your personal and academic goals and interests which will help guide the search for a program that best aligns with these goals. Meeting with a Penn Abroad advisor will help in your decision-making process by learning more about the programs we offer and is how you'll start the process of applying for a specific program. You'll also meet with a dedicated study abroad advisor within your home school who will be able to speak more about academics and satisfying academic requirements abroad.

After completing the applications, you will hear directly from the program in your acceptance. As you prepare to go abroad and finalize things, such as your visa or housing, you would also participate in a mandatory predeparture orientation, which is an exciting chance to hear from not only past study abroad students, but also meet the other students who are going abroad to your program or other locations. During this time, you would also receive important final reminders as you prepare for your time abroad and then you would be all ready to depart for your study abroad program and have a great semester or two.

Our Global Research & Internship Program or GRIP allows you to gain preprofessional and research experience through our many internship and research placements that are in a variety of career industries. Students could participate in GRIP starting from their first summer at Penn. And for upperclassmen, you just have to be returning as a full-time student during the fall semester. This allows a lot of flexibility in terms of when you can take part in group.

All accepted GRIP students are given a generous funding award. We work with employers and programs to create budget sheets that you can view during the application process. So that way you can know what to expect in terms of being abroad for eight to 12 weeks, but then also knowing the minimum funding award amount you would receive making it very transparent and easy to plan.

Our placements and applications typically open mid-October. You can open a GRIP application on your own, but in order to complete and submit the application, you must attend a group advising session. Students are typically submitting a resume and cover letter as part of their application and applications are due early January.

We then send these applications to the relevant employers to review and they may reach out to connect and to have an interview. We let all students know at the end of February of decisions, and at that time, you would also receive final confirmation of your funding award. Then students would have a predeparture orientation where they typically hear from career services on how to utilize their experience.

This may be the first experience a student is having with a preprofessional opportunity through an internship or working with an employer, so we prepare them for that, as well as hearing from past students. You would then work on securing your visa if you need one and any other final items. And then you would go abroad for the summer on your GRIP placement.

Penn Global Seminars or PGS are courses offered during the fall and spring semesters at Penn with an embedded short-term travel component that takes place over a break period. Students travel for 8 to 12 days over winter break, spring break, or may right after the end of the semester, depending on when your specific PGS takes place. You travel together with your classmates and faculty member, and this travel portion is really meant to enhance the course content and what you've been studying during the semester.

There are many unique course offerings. Faculty members are deeply interested in the country and the content and often have special connections, which allow for unique experiences while you study and travel. Many of our courses are for students of any major class here allowing for a day first class and for students to apply to a PGS course that interests them, regardless of their school. Students can apply for PGS as early as their first semester at Penn, so this is a great opportunity to travel during your first year at Penn while gaining Penn credit.

Each PGS as a Penn course that's worth one CU. The low program fee of \$950 covers the group round trip airfare, which is booked by us, as well as housing, group excursion fees, and other on-the-ground expenses. This program fee is also financial aid eligible.

Students can typically start to look at the PGS offerings a year in advance and can read a description about the courses and the countries of travel. Applications open the semester prior typically in alignment with advance registration, and at that time, you're able to view the specific dates of travel and additional details and course information. It is still important to continue to register for a full course load as you are considering PGS.

You can always drop a course once you've been accepted into PGS. You can only apply to one PGS per semester, so it is important to review all of the information and to decide which course is the best fit for you. You do not have to meet with our office in order to complete and submit an application, but we are always happy to work with students if they have any questions. Once PGS application decisions are made, students are notified of the decision and then given a permit to enroll in the course. Throughout the course, you will be prepared for the travel component of the course, whether that's a visa or vaccine or what to expect during your time abroad.

Joining us for this Penn Abroad 101 today is a great first step in learning about our office and having a general overview of our programs. We're also going to have lots of other virtual events throughout this year through presentations and student panels or events will be listed on our website, which is a good place to be able to look for them, as well as subscribing to our newsletter, which will keep you updated on our upcoming events. We will also hold our drop-in advising virtually, which are quick 15-minute appointments and a way for you to talk through any general questions you have, such as how to search for programs on our passport website or what programs might be best for you.

Our Penn Abroad ambassadors are students who are eager to share their abroad experiences with you and can be a resource as you think about what programs might align best with your interest and your goals. Our ambassadors all have profiles on our Penn Abroad website so you can learn more about their time abroad. And then they also frequently write blogs, either currently abroad or reflecting on their experience, so we encourage you to read

through those. We also feature our ambassadors on our social media. So this is a great way to get connected and to follow along with our students who have gone abroad.

If you have any questions after today's presentation, our Penn Abroad website has a wealth of information. Our website features Penn, which are always available to you during your time abroad, as well as current health and safety plans. We also have great section for families. So your family member, if they would like to learn more, we would encourage them to explore our website starting with this section.

Thank you so much for joining us for our Penn Abroad 101 presentation. Again, my name is Amber. And on behalf of all of Penn Abroad, we look forward to meeting you and working with you to start your global experiences at Penn.

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