

Advising for a Global Education

Advisors are encouraged to help their advisees explore the following **key questions**:

1. How can a global perspective **benefit** me?
2. What **options** are available?
3. **What must I do now** so as to avail myself of these options later on?

THE BENEFITS OF A GLOBAL EDUCATION

In discussing the benefits of global studies, you may want to consider the following:

- **Fluency in a second language** and **intercultural competency** are in increasing demand in a world characterized by heightened levels of intellectual, scientific, and economic exchange.
- A **study abroad** experience fully **integrated into the liberal arts curriculum** is the best way of achieving these goals and it is regularly identified by students as one of the most **enlightening** and **gratifying** aspects of their Wesleyan experience.
- With careful planning and advising, students from **all disciplines** have made **progress in the major** of their choice while studying abroad.

OPTIONS

- Wesleyan undergraduates study regularly in **all regions of the world** on either [Wesleyan programs](#) or certain third-party [preapproved programs](#).
- [Credits](#) for study on these programs count automatically **toward graduation**.
- [Departments](#) determine how courses abroad may count toward their **major**.
- Students may satisfy certain [GenEd expectations](#) while abroad; inquiries should be directed to the Office of Study Abroad

ADVANCED PLANNING

First-year course planning determines what study abroad options will be available later on. Due to Wesleyan's ["Foreign Language Policy"](#) and to [prerequisites set by many individual programs](#), first-year students are strongly urged to continue their language studies, in either the language studied previously or a new language. Students intending to begin a new language should do so immediately.

Application procedures and **forms** are available through the electronic portfolio.

TO SUM UP:

Undergraduates often attribute greater value to study abroad as they gain a better understanding of their academic and personal goals. Advisors should remind students of this and should help them insure that important doors remain open at the right time.