Northeastern University strongly endorses global experience as an important dimension of learning. To foster this, it maintains a Global Experience Office (GEO) that has developed a series of programs tailored to the interests and needs of Northeastern University students. Global experiences provide students with opportunities to deepen their knowledge of the world and their chosen field of study, develop intercultural and political sensitivity, utilize and strengthen foreign language skills, and explore global career options.

**International Study**

While studying abroad in a Northeastern-sponsored program, students maintain full-time Northeastern status and earn Northeastern credits. In all cases, upon successful completion of a program, grades are calculated in the student's grade-point average (GPA). To participate in GEO programs, students should be in good academic and disciplinary standing and have no registration-blocking holds. Traditional study-abroad programs require a GPA of at least 2.500. Some programs may have additional eligibility criteria. Students must also meet the requirements of the host institution abroad. Full information and application deadlines are posted on the GEO website (http://www.northeastern.edu/studyabroad).

Students who wish to study abroad should start by researching program opportunities on the GEO website (http://www.northeastern.edu/studyabroad) or by attending an information session or walk-in advising hours. Students refine their search by working with GEO advisors who provide the final planning assistance. Schedules for information sessions and walk-in advising hours are available on the GEO website and in the GEO office. After choosing a program, students should also consult with their departmental or college advisors. International students should also consult with the Office of Global Services (OGS) (http://www.northeastern.edu/ogs) to determine if an updated I-20 for reentry may be needed. Note that studying abroad in a student’s final semester may result in a delay in graduation due to calendar discrepancies across institutions.

**Types of Programs**

Northeastern University offers different types of study-abroad programs, with multiple options within each type. This robust program portfolio contains global experiences for any major on campus. Students are able to participate in multiple programs during their time at Northeastern.

1. **Study abroad (semester or summer).** Students are based at a partner institution where they attend classes, participate in student activities, and organize their extracurricular schedules just as they would on campus at Northeastern. Some examples include University of Sydney in Sydney, Australia; Technion: Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel; University of Montevideo in Montevideo, Uruguay; London School of Economics in England, United Kingdom; and the University of Tokyo in Tokyo, Japan.

2. **Dialogue of Civilizations.** The Dialogue of Civilizations are faculty-led study-abroad programs that build upon and enhance the students’ academic studies and training in Boston. The Dialogues allow students to engage with course content in different national, cultural, political, and social contexts. The programs foster meaningful conversations between Northeastern students and people around the world, including their peers.

3. **Internship.** These programs offer a combination of classes and related work experience for which students earn academic credit. Examples of internships students have held in the past include accounting at Morningstar in Sydney, Australia, as well as internships in various European parliament offices such as Brussels, London, and Dublin.

4. **International Research.** The focus of a student’s time abroad is on an independent research project. In most cases, the study-abroad program organizes small group seminars and field trips that are designed to help students learn about their international environment and focus on a research topic. Students spend three to four weeks toward the end of the semester working on their individual projects. Examples of projects could be studying tropical biology in Costa Rica, history and culture in Vietnam, and oceanography while sailing in the Atlantic/Pacific cruise track of the SEA Semester Program.

Visit the GEO website (http://www.northeastern.edu/studyabroad) to see a complete list of program options.

**Global Co-op**

The Global Cooperative Education Program provides opportunities for Northeastern students to co-op on all seven continents with foreign and multinational employers, U.S. employers doing business abroad, and other international organizations. Students may apply for existing positions or work with a co-op counselor to develop their own. All majors are welcome to apply. International students participating in co-op abroad should consult with the OGS in advance of departure to ensure reentry to the United States in proper nonimmigrant visa status. The Presidential Global Scholars Program (https://studentfinance.northeastern.edu/applying-for-aid/undergraduate/types-of-aid/scholarships/presidential-global-scholars-program) provides financial support for international co-op.

**Website** (http://www.northeastern.edu/studyabroad)

**Marina Markot, PhD, Director**

Global Experience Office
403 Richards Hall
617.373.5276
617.373.5702 (fax)
geo@northeastern.edu

Geo@Northeastern.edu

403 Richards Hall
617.373.5702 (fax)