

Planning Tips for Off-Campus Studies

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Take as much foreign language as possible to help you prepare for your experience in a foreign country. Students with a strong background in at least one foreign language have many more choices of which foreign study program they can attend.

Want to study in France, Germany, or a Spanish-speaking country?

Little or No Background in a Foreign Language

- If you have little or no background in a foreign language, you will need to complete 4 to 5 semesters of the local language at the college-level or the equivalent. Start your language courses freshman year.

Intermediate or Advanced Level

- If you are at an intermediate or advanced level, you need to enroll in at least one course in the target language a semester or two before going abroad so that your language skills are fresh.
- Most programs require that you have at least one graded course in the target language on your Whitman transcript at the time of application.

Heritage Speaker

- If you are a heritage speaker of Spanish, Chinese or another language, you will need to demonstrate your competency in the language by completing at least one course at Whitman before you apply for study abroad.

Want to study in China, Japan or Taiwan?

- You need to take at least two semesters of Japanese or Chinese.

TWO THIRDS RULE

At least **two-thirds of all credits in all majors** at Whitman must be completed on the Whitman campus.

- Students are not able to transfer more than 8 to 12 credits from off-campus studies into the major. (The amount varies depending on the **major** and if you have other transfer credits.) Remember that students must show sufficient progress in their major by the end of their second year at Whitman before applying for abroad.