Each year, over 500 Luther students study off campus...

Where can I study off campus?
You name a place! With the exception of countries for which a U.S. State Department Travel Warning has been issued, the world awaits you!

When can I study off campus?
Summer after 1st year, J-term or spring of sophomore, junior and senior years anytime.

How long can I study off campus?
3 weeks - 1 year. Note that a very high percentage of students report that they wish they had gone for a longer length of time!
- J-Term (3 weeks)
- Summer (2 - 10 weeks)
- Fall and/or Spring semester

Am I eligible to study off campus?
Students are considered eligible to apply for an off-campus program if they meet all of the following conditions:
- GPA level required by the program (2.5-3.3 minimum, depending on the program)
- Favorable letters of recommendation
- Good academic standing, both at the time of application and at the start of the program
- Good disciplinary standing, including not being on disciplinary probation at the time of application or at the start of the program

If I am an international student at Luther, am I eligible to study off campus?
Yes!

Can I study a another language while abroad?
Yes! Study Abroad is a great time to learn a new language or become more fluent in one you are already studying. There are language intensive programs available for interested students.

Do I have to speak another language to study abroad?
Not necessarily. Many programs allow you to take courses in English whether you’re in in English-speaking country or not. Additionally, there are many program options for students who wish to take some or all of their courses in another language.

Can I afford to study off campus?
That depends. Program costs vary greatly! It may cost the same as a semester on campus, more, or even less. Factors to consider are program type and the cost of living in the place where you will study. However, the single biggest factor is usually how much independent travel you do on weekends and breaks.
Are scholarships available for off-campus study?
Yes. Some are specific to certain majors, or countries, or off-campus study programs; others are open to a wide range of off-campus study participants. In addition to checking with the Center for Global Learning, the Financial Aid Office and department heads, you should also check with organizations in your community.

Does financial aid apply?
Yes, to varying degrees.
- **For Luther/Lutheran Consortium programs,** students continue to receive the same forms of financial aid they would receive to study on campus (with the exception of work-study and music lesson scholarships).
  - **Nottingham, England:** Multiple disciplines
  - **Germany:** German language, history, culture
  - **Malta:** Intercultural, International Understanding
  - **Italy:** Earth and Environment
  - **China (Hangzhou Program):** Chinese language, culture, political science
- **For all other programs,** students continue to receive their Federal/State Aid and outside scholarships, but not Luther aid/scholarships.

If I study off campus will I still graduate on time?
Yes...with good planning. Together we work hard to make sure that participating in an off-campus study program will not delay your graduation. The best way to ensure that off-campus study will not delay your graduation is to start investigating program options during your freshman year, or the fall semester of your sophomore year. This will enable you to know what courses will be available to you and how they will fulfill your degree program.

Will my off-campus classes transfer back to Luther?
Yes, in most cases. You should begin working with the Center for Global Learning staff and your academic advisor well in advance of studying off campus to make this go smoothly.

Where will I live?
Housing options vary by program. Typically students choose between dormitories, shared apartments or homestays with local families.

Will studying off campus be helpful to my career?
In today's world, almost any career you enter will have a multicultural or international aspect. In order to have a successful United States foreign policy and to compete in world markets, we must be able to work successfully with many cultures. This means that educators must be prepared to give students a global education; managers, researchers, and producers, sales, advertising, and communications personnel must be sensitive to many cultures and to developments throughout the world. While all students should have a good, solid background in their major field, significant international study or work experience may give you the edge over other candidates for employment.

Q's or want to meet to talk about your plans? Contact Elizabeth Finanger (finaeliz@luther.edu) or Corby Preus (preuco01@luther.edu) in the Center for Global Learning (Larsen Hall).