Current Situation

Stern is one of the top business schools in the US, and part of arguably the most global university in the world. In addition to the renowned academics, professors, and splendor that is New York City, NYU offers a broad array of study abroad options. Stern has begun to take advantage of this incredibly valuable tool through their BPE (Business & the Political Economy) and WST (World Studies Track) initiatives. These programs offer a more business-focused study abroad experience grounded by 2+ semesters living in the world financial capitals of London and Shanghai; but for students not interested in those programs, destinations, or duration abroad, the process is done entirely through NYU. While still an invaluable experience, studying abroad for these students holds a slight disconnect with the Stern community.

So the current problem is that there are many Stern students interested in both thinking and being global, but not much direct support for these people regarding the Stern community.

SPEX is here to fill that void.

We strive to think and engage on a global level - wherever and whenever; and we’ve got the resources to seriously pursue this goal.

Beginning with 3 initial bases in New York, London, and Shanghai, we hold the ability to diffuse anywhere and everywhere.

We’re interested in business, politics, economics, and anything and everything in between.

It should be obvious that SPEX is a great resource for any Sternie thinking about studying abroad. Hopefully this flyer gives you a helpful overview of the process.

If you have any further study abroad questions, feel free to ask any of us here at SPEX (chances are he or she have already been abroad).

We hope to see you at a SPEX event soon!
What are classes like? Harder than Stern in NYC?
Difficulty of classes vary among study abroad locations. Sometimes teachers are more lax, understanding that you are abroad; others, due to smaller class sizes, expect more from students. If you’re worried about fulfilling requirements, London and Shanghai offer the widest variety of Stern courses. These courses tend to change often though, so be sure to check availability regularly. Classes in IBEX programs vary too - you are studying at another university and will be taking classes from their professors, who may not speak English well or simply teach in manner unfamiliar to you. But remember, all IBEX sites have a close relationship with NYU, so use resources provided to you and research the different courses and professors at the location you’re interested in. For example, Bocconi University in Milan, Italy provides detailed course and professor descriptions in English on their website.

Should I dorm or search for my own place?
This is a personal decision and very specific to the location where you ultimately end up studying abroad.

Dorming will keep you closest to your peers and the campus. However, if you think NYU dorms are cramped, be prepared for dorm-life abroad, particularly in Europe where space is always limited. Learn to be creative with packing clothing and personal items because you’ll probably re-wear outfits many times! Pack what is uncomfortable, durable and easily washable - unlike NYC, there won’t be dry cleaners around every corner.

Home stays are a much different experience than dorming, and can be an exciting option for some people. Not all locations offer this possibility, but those that do can be particularly appropriate for students fluent or familiar with the country’s native language.

What costs can I expect to incur besides academic ones?
Studying abroad is never cheap, and while you’re powerless against a weak Dollar, there are other ways to keep costs down. Many cities offer student discounts, so remember to always keep your student ID with you. Museums and attractions will often have discounts, and some cities even compensate your public transportation for your entire stay! Taxis are always expensive, but if you are out late at night and unsure of where you are, never hesitate to take one.

Weekend Trips?!
Since most of you will have only 2-3 days of classes, use your weekends for trips to surrounding countries and towns.

Traveling by bus or train will save you money. If you must fly, seek out less expensive airlines like EasyJet and RyanAir. For weekend trips pack light, and only bring a carry-on (you’ll likely be charged per checked bag). Also, sometimes these airlines will have special weekend discounts to fly to certain places - check the websites frequently and plan accordingly.

Below are links to some websites to use when planning trips:

Skyscanner.com
StudentAgencyBus.com
Studentuniverse.com

What’s the nightlife like?
When it comes to nightlife, no two destinations offer the same experiences. Ireland thrives on the pub-life, while crowds in Spain flock to large clubs and raves, dancing all night. There is something for everyone, and something new to try wherever you may be. Many countries also host various festivals throughout the year, many of which warrant a weekend trip. A few popular festivals are listed below:

Cannes Film Festival, Cannes, France
Carnevale, Venice, Italy
Chocolate Festival, Perugia, Italy
Keswick Beer Festival, Keswick, England
Oktoberfest, Munich, Germany
Running with the Bulls, Pamploma, Spain
St. Patrick’s Day Celebration, Ireland

Popular Locations

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Czech Republic
France
Germany
Greece
Ireland
Israel
Italy
South Africa
Sweden
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France
Hong Kong
India
Italy
Korea
Mexico
The Netherlands
Singapore
Spain
Thailand

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Prague
Shanghai
Tel Aviv