

Macon State College
Summer Study Abroad 2012
Procedures. Important Dates.

Step 1: Obtain information. Attend a study abroad information session, email Dr. Biek (Macon State College's Study Abroad Coordinator) with questions. Research available programs to see what fits your goals. Macon State College actively supports the European Council programs - we have faculty who frequently teach in these programs, and the courses have been pre-approved to count as credit at Macon State. Find out more details about European Council programs here:

<http://www.valdosta.edu/europeancouncil/>

Other programs through University System schools: http://www.usg.edu/international_ed/catalog/

Step 2: Complete the Macon State College Study Abroad Application. This application indicates your intent to travel and study abroad. It starts the process and allows the Study Abroad Coordinator ([Dr. Biek](#)) to determine if you're academically eligible and otherwise in good standing with the College. Dr. Biek will also check your intended plan of study to make sure the courses fit with your degree program at Macon State. The application is available here:

<http://www.maconstate.edu/academics/studyabroad/docs/studyabroadapplication.pdf>

Step 3: Research Scholarships and other methods of payment. Your study abroad program may seem like a lot of money, but consider that the price is all-inclusive; and each program is competitively priced, benefitting from volume discounts. Funds from your savings, combined with a scholarship, financial aid package (this is an academic experience so it qualifies!), holiday and birthday gifts, and fundraising can make this dream a reality.

Step 4: Complete the program-specific application. These can be found at the European Council website listed above. Or, if you've been approved to participate in a different program (for instance, Study Abroad in Costa Rica, Morocco, or Namibia), the application can be obtained from the program's website. You may also obtain these materials from Dr. Biek. Please contact him with any and all questions. **The application must be turned in to Dr. Biek, not mailed to the program.** The deadline for European Council programs is **March 1st, 2012**. Please plan to submit application materials to Dr. Biek at least one week prior to this time.

Step 5: Orientation! You will meet your fellow travelers and professors ahead of time in a pre-departure information session. You may also receive course materials ahead of time. Don't forget to apply for your passport as early as possible as well!