

Faculty-Led Study Abroad Programs at UMBC

The Education Abroad Office within the Office of International Education Services (IES) is responsible for working with you to develop proposals for short-term faculty-led study abroad programs. We will be holding monthly meetings throughout the spring semester which are required if you intend to propose a program for **summer term 2021 or winterterm 2022**. A cohort model allows us all to work together and learn from each other as part of the process as well as create stronger and more diverse program options for students.

During these meetings, we will cover all aspects of the program development. The meetings will take place on the following dates:

- **Thursday, January 23rd** from 12:00-1:00pm in Admin 218: Overview of proposal process and timeline, responsibilities of a faculty leader, and benefits. Followed by individual appointments to discuss your program idea with Education Abroad. To schedule this meeting, email educationabroad@umbc.edu
- **Monday, February 3rd**, 3:00-4:30pm in Admin 218: Learn how to work with providers including their services and specialties, several partner providers will be invited to discuss options with you
- **Monday, March 9th** from 12:00pm -1:00pm in Admin 218: Reviewing provider bids, creating your program budget and starting your proposal
- **Monday, April 6th** from 12:00-1:00pm in Admin 218: Proposal application questions and finalization
- **Thursday, April 30th**: Deadline to submit your completed proposal to Education Abroad

The deadline to submit your completed proposal is April 30th, 2020. This is a firm deadline, as your program will be reviewed by the Study Abroad Advisory Committee and the Committee on Non-Standard Program and Administrative Arrangements as well as receive further approval at financial, academic, and administrative levels.

To join this cohort and propose a program for Summer 2021 or Winter 2022, please email Caylie Middleton cmiddleton@umbc.edu by January 16th to be added to the group or RSVP via our [MyUMBC group](#).

Faculty-led study abroad programs are 2-6 week international opportunities designed to enhance and complement UMBC's current academic programs. Goals of faculty-led study abroad programs include:

- Develop international short-term study opportunities in a broad range of disciplines and geographical areas that will appeal to a wide range of UMBC students and faculty
- Keep program costs low to promote accessibility for as many students as possible
- Develop programs that complement, enhance, and are integrated into students' on-campus programs/curriculum to the fullest extent possible
- Offer courses that are closely and inherently related to the site at which they are taught—and thus offer educational opportunities students could not get on campus
- Develop opportunities for inter-cultural learning
- Encourage students, through international experiences and study, to value others' perspectives and see themselves as part of a bigger, global world