

Study Away Program Type Comparison Chart

Most semester long study away programs fall into one of three program types (direct enroll/exchange, center-based or a hybrid program). This chart provides a way to compare different aspects of a program based on program type. Each program in our semester portfolio lists what type of program it is.

	Direct Enroll/Exchange	Hybrid Program	Center-based Program
Who do you take classes with?	Local students and depending on classes possibly other international and study abroad students.	Program specific courses are with other students from the United States who are participating on your program. Program may also offer option to take courses at local universities; those classes would be with local students and possibly other international and study abroad students.	Classes are all with other students on your program. There may be interaction with local students or groups through course activities.
Where do you take classes?	At a local university	Program courses are offered at a program's study center and local university courses are offered on the university campus.	Courses are typically held at the program center, research station, etc.
What is the academic structure?	Student has access to university-wide curriculum (if course pre-requisites are met). Learning is more self-directed/independent. Syllabi may not be as detailed as in U.S. Homework and continual assessment is not as common as in U.S. Grades may depend more heavily on final project/exam. Classes may not be as participatory as in the U.S. Credits and grading are based on local university/country practices and will differ from the U.S.	Program hires faculty to teach program courses. Courses tend to be similar to U.S. teaching style with regular assignments, quizzes and exams, class participation and experiential components to the class. For classes taken at the local university, please refer to description in direct enroll/exchange program section.	Program hires faculty to teach program courses. Courses tend to be similar to U.S. teaching style with regular assignments, quizzes and exams, class participation and experiential components to the class.
What on-site support services are provided?	Student has access to university-wide services. The study abroad/visiting student office can serve as a resource to on-campus services. Student can participate in university clubs/societies. Student is expected to be independent and pro-active in asking for assistance.	Student has access to program on-site support. Programs often coordinate events (language partners, cultural activities, excursions, internships, etc.) for program participants. May offer additional scholarship opportunities. Student is still expected to be pro-active in asking for assistance.	Student has access to program on-site support. Programs often coordinate events (language partners, cultural activities, excursions, internships, etc.) for program participants. May offer additional scholarship opportunities. Student is still expected to be pro-active in asking for assistance.