

## Best Semester to Study Abroad by Department/Program

### Saint Mary's College - Updated December 2025

**Note:** It is very important to begin discussions with advisors in your major/minor departments as soon as possible to plan for a study abroad experience.

Department/Program	Sophomore Fall	Sophomore Spring	Junior Fall	Junior Spring	Additional Notes
Art	✓	✓	✓	No	
Biology	No	✓	✓	No	
Business and Economics	✓	✓	No	No	Spring of Sophomore year is preferred for BUAD students.
Chemistry	No	No	No	✓	
Communication Studies and Theatre	✓	✓	✓	No	Theatre majors can also study in spring of Junior yr.
Education	✓	✓	No	No	
Engineering	No	No	No	No	Students may study abroad during the summer.
English	✓	✓	✓	No	CRWR majors can also study in spring of Junior yr.
Environmental Studies	✓	✓	No	No	
Exercise Science	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Gender and Women's Studies	✓	✓	✓	No	
Global Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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History	✓	✓	✓	No	
Humanistic Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mathematics and Computer Science	✓	No	No	No	PAM majors should go abroad in Fall of Junior yr.
Modern Languages and Culture	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Music	No	✓	No	✓	Must complete 3-semester Music Theory sequence first.
Neuroscience	✓	✓	✓	No	
Nursing	✓	No	No	No	Must take 2 summer courses before fall semester abroad, except Cyprus, Puerto Rico
Philosophy	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Physics	No	No	No	✓	
Political Science	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Psychology	✓	✓	✓	✓	To go Junior yr, should take Stats/Research first.
Religious Studies and Theology	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Social Work	✓	✓	No	No	3+1 students can only do short-term programs (most likely spring break programs)
Sociology and Criminology	✓	✓	No	No	May study abroad Fall Jr. yr if absolutely necessary.
Speech Language Pathology	✓	✓	No	No	To study in Spring Soph. yr, coursework will be required in summer after graduation