

STUDY AWAY

A FIRST SEMESTER CHECKLIST



WEEK 1

- Watch the Study Away 101 Video and learn what studying away is all about!
 - <https://youtu.be/GE8Cuj0dhQ8>
- Sign up for the Wang Center newsletter and follow us on social media to stay up to date on events, scholarships, deadlines, and more!
 - <https://www.plu.edu/studyaway/forms/interested/>
 - <https://www.instagram.com/wang.center/>

WEEK 2

- Check out our Explore page and see what study away opportunities are available. <https://www.plu.edu/studyaway/explore/>

WEEK 3

- Attend the Fall Study Away Fair: **Wednesday, September 20, 10am-2pm AUC**
 - Talk to our Gateway Program Directors, Featured Program Representatives, and students who have been on study away programs.
 - Stop by the Office of Financial Services table to learn about how your financial aid package can be used for studying away.

WEEK 4

- Figure out where the Wang Center is, and stop by to grab a #LutesAway sticker! <https://www.plu.edu/map/?id=1007#!m/174641>
- Make a meaningful connection with a faculty member. Part of the study away application is a faculty recommendation. It is much easier to ask for a recommendation if you have already established a relationship!

WEEKS

5-9

- Advising Appointments
 - Get the student perspective by talking to one of our student Global Ambassadors. They have studied away and can help you sort out the basics. Set up a time to chat by emailing: global.ambassadors@plu.edu
 - Meet with Study Away Advisor, Meredith Forrey. Meredith can help you figure out what study away programs best fit your personal, educational, or professional goals: calendly.com/forreymr
 - Meet with your academic advisor. Your academic advisor can help you figure out when studying away will best fit into your schedule.

WEEK 10

- Evaluate your options. Reflect on what you have learned during these past weeks, and ask yourself what you want and need out of a study away experience.
- <https://www.plu.edu/studyaway/evaluate/>
- <https://www.plu.edu/studyaway/studyabroad/identity-resources/>

WEEK 11

- International Education Week
 - Check out all the great events and activities happening this week: <https://www.plu.edu/wang-center/international-education-week/>
- Applications open for Semester programs in the 2024-2025 academic year
 - If you and your advisors decided the best time for you to study away would be a semester during the 24-25 academic year, open your application this week! Applications for semester programs are due **March 15, 2024**.
 - If you are planning to study away during J-Term 2025, you can relax until **February 1, 2024** when applications for those programs will open. Applications for J-Term programs are due **April 1, 2024**.
 - If you are planning to study away for a semester or J-Term in the 25-26 academic year, you can relax even longer. 😊

WEEK 12

- Talk to your support network about your study away plans. Do they have any questions or concerns? How can the Wang Center help
- <https://www.plu.edu/studyaway/families/>

WEEK 13

- If applying for a Semester program in the next academic year, review your application and make a plan to finish it before the March 15th deadline. Are there any pieces you can complete early over winter break?
- If applying for a J-Term program in 2025, take a peek at what is required for the application. <https://www.plu.edu/studyaway/apply/>
- Do you need to get or renew your passport? Make a plan to get the process started over winter break.
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html>

WEEKS

14-15

- Focus on finals
- Eat a cookie or your preferred baked good. You deserve it!

Questions? Email: wang.center@plu.edu Phone: 253.535.7577

