



# Research Abroad

## Frequently Asked Questions

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**TIP:** Visit the ORSP website for a “linked” version of this handout (includes links to all agencies and on-campus groups referenced).

If you will be conducting research abroad, consider the following information as you prepare. For additional information or with questions, contact:

- **Office of Research and Sponsored Programs** at 173 HSS; (715) 836-3405; [orsp@uwec.edu](mailto:orsp@uwec.edu).
- **Center for International Education** at 111 Schofield; (715) 836-4411; [cie@uwec.edu](mailto:cie@uwec.edu).

### Can I conduct research anywhere?

UW-Eau Claire does not advise travel to countries where the U.S. Department of State has issued travel warnings.

### Do I need vaccinations? Are there other health issues I should consider?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provide information on vaccinations and health conditions by destination.

On campus, Student Health Service provides some travel vaccinations and country-specific health information.

It is best to consult with your primary care physician and discuss your specific health care needs.

### How do I get a passport?

The U.S. Department of State website provides passport information and allows you to search for locations to apply for a passport.

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In Eau Claire, you can apply for a passport at the Post Office (126 N. Barstow St., Eau Claire, WI 54703; 715-830-5300).

### **Do I need a visa?**

Visa requirements vary. Go to the U.S. State Department website and view Country Specific Information, specifically the Entry/Exit Requirements.

### **Should I get an international ID card?**

You can purchase an International Student Identity Card (ISIC) to receive discounts on entrance fees to museums and attractions as well as travel discounts. The current cost (Dec. 2008) is \$22. Visit the ISIC website to see a list of discounts by country. The ISIC card is not required.

### **Can I purchase travel insurance?**

UW-Eau Claire and UW-System require all students traveling abroad on behalf of the university to purchase insurance through Cultural Insurance Services International. This is an option for faculty and staff, but not a requirement. The current cost (Dec. 2008) is \$37 per month. Contact the Center for International Education (CIE) on campus to enroll.

### **Who can help me find contacts in the country where I plan to research?**

Visit with the Center for International Education (CIE) on campus; they may be able to help you. Also, CIE has international agreements with many universities and institutions around the world.

### **Do I need to take academic leave when researching abroad?**

If you are taking a semester off (i.e., are not registered for class), you may want to take academic leave. Academic leave has two benefits: (1) you do not need to apply for readmission and (2) you will keep priority registration. Contact the Dean of Students on campus for assistance.

### **Can I use my financial aid for research abroad?**

Contact Financial Aid on campus to discuss your specific situation.