

Choosing Your Program



- Program Type
 - Cost
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- Length and Term
- Academics/ Language
- Individual Considerations
 - Summer Programs

Program Types

Albion Programs

Grenoble, The Philadelphia Center

Affiliated Programs

Names often start with acronyms like “CIEE” or “ISA”

Classes are targeted, fewer options

Extensive support services, on-site staff

Service learning, internships possible

Fall, Spring, Summer, Academic Year

U.S. student intensive

International and U.S. options

Exchange Programs

University programs, lower-level support services

University Classes, more choice

Independence Required

Fall, Spring, Summer, Academic Year

International only



Cost, Financial Considerations

- Use a “Budget Worksheet”
- Basic Costs
 - Albion Tuition
 - \$1440 Admin Fee
 - Housing direct cost
- Albion Aid
 - 100% of need-based
 - 75% of merit-based
 - OCP Grant
- Reduce cost by choosing destination with low cost of living.
- Ample scholarship options

Scholarships, Grants, Fellowships

Albion College Off-Campus Programs (OCP) Grant

Grants of up to \$1,500 are awarded to students demonstrating financial need - check with the Office of Financial Aid with questions about this eligibility requirement. These competitive awards are also weighted by other factors such as program location (domestic or abroad), whether off-campus study is a requirement of the student's major, grade point average, and the quality of the application essay. Apply in the Brits Abroad portal after being accepted by the Albion Off-Campus Programs committee, by clicking the link above.

Kim Tunnicliff Fellowship

In support of individuals studying abroad, the Kim Tunnicliff Endowment seeks to provide Albion College students with financial support as they embark on experiential and international educational opportunities.

- Eligibility: Student must be engaged in an Albion-approved study abroad program. Preference shall go to a student studying in Russia, Africa or the Middle East, or to those who apply for an international program which includes independent field study or research. Preference is also given to members of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service.
- Requirements: As a follow-up to their experience, recipients will prepare an academic project on campus (i.e. reflection paper, public presentation) upon their return.
- Read about previous fellows and their stories: [David Utrata](#) and [Sydney Roeder](#).
- Highly qualified students are encouraged to apply for this prestigious fellowship. Apply in the Brits Abroad portal after being accepted by the Albion Off-Campus Programs committee, by clicking the link above.

External Grants and Scholarships for Study Abroad

- [Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship](#)
- [Boren Awards](#)
- [Institute of International Education \(IIE\) Scholarship Listings](#)
- [Diversity Abroad Scholarship Listings](#)
- [BUTEX International Scholarships](#)
- [The Bridging Scholarship](#)
- [French-American Chamber of Commerce Scholarship](#). Contact 248/936-9473.

Destination



What are your geographic interests?

Do you want to be in a country where English is spoken on the street?

Research your destination country, including customs and travel warnings

(<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country.html>)

How important is the weather, climate?

Do you want to be in a rural environment, a big city?

Housing Options, different by program

- **Dorms**
 - College life
 - Meal plan options
 - Flexibility in schedules
- **Homestays/ Host Families**
 - Family life
 - Meals provided (2 or 3)
 - options for family vacations/ excursions
- **Apartments**
 - Independent living
 - Meals not provided



Length and Term

- Fall, Spring, Summer, Academic Year
- Do the dates of the program conflict with other activities or Albion classes?
- Fitting in athletics, required courses, internships, etc.

Summer considerations:

- Albion tuition
- Pre- assured credit transfer
- Under “umbrella” of Albion College
- Insurance coverage
- Self-enrollment option



Academics: Program Eligibility

Albion requirements:

- ❑ 2.7+ GPA
- ❑ Junior+ standing, good Social Standing
- ❑ Writing Competency Exam

Additional requirements:

- ❑ Program provider websites list additional requirements
- ❑ Language proficiency may be required
- ❑ Pre-requisites may be required
- ❑ Higher GPA may be required

Academics: Program Choice

- ▶ What is missing in your degree plan? In your Major?
- ▶ Do you plan to take general courses, or major-specific?
- ▶ Are there modes and categories to fulfill?
- ▶ How much extra time do you want to travel, socialize, have fun outside of class?
- ▶ Talk to your academic adviser and department chair to get answers.

Individual Considerations

- ▶ Heritage Programs
- ▶ LGBTQ Friendly Locations
- ▶ Accessibility Needs
- ▶ DACA Students, International Students
 - ▶ Other...
- ▶ The Center for International Education is a good resource

Summer Programs

Albion enrollment	Self-enrollment option
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pay Albion summer tuition. “Summer Tuition and Fees” amounts on Albion website.• Pay \$1440 Administration fee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pay tuition and fees directly to the program.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Follow Albion application process.• Pre- assured credit transfer.• Pre-petition for modes/categories.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply directly to the program. No Albion application process.• Transfer credit is arranged after returning to Albion.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under “umbrella” of Albion College.• Considered an Albion student.• EIA insurance provided.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not an Albion student for the purpose of the program.• EIA insurance is not provided.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligible for OCP grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not eligible for OCP grant

Talking to Parents



It's Safe

It's Affordable

It's Life-Changing

It will get you hired!

Opportunities for Independence, growth

“Adulthood” with a safety-net!

Next Steps

Step 1: CIE Peer Advisor,
returning students

Step 2: Research Programs,
Brits Abroad

Step 3: Academic Adviser
and Department Chair

Step 4: CIE Director or CIC

Step 5: Apply!

