# Study Abroad Recommendations for Education Majors

Many students think that the rigorous Education program doesn't allow time to study abroad, but with a little planning Education Majors can make room to study abroad sophomore, junior **or** senior year, depending on program.

**Education majors pursuing an Early Childhood or Elementary Certification:**

- To study abroad sophomore year: Take EDUC Professional Term A fall semester of sophomore year so that you can study abroad spring semester of sophomore year, taking concentration courses.
- To study abroad junior year: Move EDUC Professional Term B to fall of senior year so that you can study abroad fall of junior year, taking concentration courses.

**Education majors pursuing a Special K-12 Certification:**

- To study abroad sophomore year: Look at going abroad in the spring semester since you can focus on General Education requirements or Major/Minor options.
- To study abroad junior year: Take EDUC Professional Term A in the spring of sophomore year so that you free up fall of junior year to go abroad, focusing on Major/ Minor options.

**Education majors pursuing a Secondary (6-12) Certification:**

- To study abroad sophomore year: If you move Dialogue II to spring of junior year you'll have space to study abroad this spring, focusing on Major/ Minor options.
- To study abroad junior year: Take EDUC Professional Term A in the spring of sophomore year and push EDUC 3160 to either spring sophomore or spring junior semester so that fall junior year is clear to go abroad.
- To study abroad senior year: Mini teach and student teach in the spring in order to study abroad in the fall.

*No students study abroad freshman year since study abroad applications are submitted a year in advance. The only program available fall of sophomore year (for all students) is the group trip to SVF in Sweden. All other programs require a credit minimum that takes three semesters to reach.

**For more information on studying abroad through North Park University:**

1. Read through the Study Abroad Handbook to learn how studying abroad works at North Park. You can download it from www.northpark.edu/studyabroad or pick up a copy at the International Office on the first floor of Magnuson Campus Center.

2. Meet with your academic advisor to determine how and when studying abroad can best fit into your schedule.

3. Make an appointment at International Office to find out more about the programs listed above, or other programs that may fit your academic needs or personal interests.

4. Leave plenty of time to complete a quality application to the North Park Study Abroad Program. Check www.northpark.edu/studyabroad for up-to-date application instructions. Remember:
    a. Any North Park student who wishes to study abroad must *first* be accepted as a Study Abroad Candidate. North Park study abroad applications are due the January before the academic year in which you hope to study abroad.
    b. Secondary applications to specific study abroad programs (ISEP, bilateral exchange partners, CCCU, etc.) have different due dates. Acceptance as a North Park study abroad candidate does not guarantee acceptance into a particular study abroad program.