

## FRESHMAN YEAR

- Develop a four-year plan with your faculty advisor that includes a semester abroad or an international internship program.
- Research the over **120 programs in 35 countries** on Stonehill's approved study and internships abroad program list.
- Visit the Office of International Programs web site and resource library. View the information at: <http://www.stonehill.edu/x14103.xml>
- Begin your language requirement and explore study and internship program requirements with particular language goals in mind.
- Students take First Year Core courses (two per semester) in History, Literature, Philosophy, and Religious Studies.
- Explore courses with particular global themes or perspectives in order to prepare for an abroad experience and enhance your academic interests in a particular region/culture/language.
- If planning to study abroad, attend one of the mandatory **"Getting Started"** information sessions before meeting with an OIP advisor.
- Meet with a peer advisor to learn about study abroad through an experienced study abroad returnee.
- Meet with an OIP staff member to begin exploring program options and courses available during a study or internship program.

## SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Complete any of the goals from the First Year not previously completed from above list.
- Declare your major and continue to develop your four-year plan in conjunction with your faculty advisor(s) to include major and/or minor requirements and an international experience.
- Participate in a Learning Community with an overseas or domestic travel component. Programs have been offered to Ireland, Brussels, Italy, Mexico, Malta, Tunisia, and other locations.
- Continue doing research on study and internship program options through the web site, peer advisors, information sessions, workshops, and with an OIP advisor.
- Research study and internship program requirements, deadlines, and meet with an OIP advisor for more information.
- Start to narrow country/program/university and gather appropriate program information and application materials from the Stonehill College web site.
- Begin to discuss specific program options and course selection(s) with faculty advisors.
- Internship students must create a resume and should attend workshops and sessions through Career Services prior to applying to an international internship program.
- Utilize a summer domestic internship as an opportunity to build your interest/experience/knowledge in a particular field in order to prepare for an overseas internship opportunity.
- Select a program and apply through the Office of International Programs and complete materials by appropriate deadlines.
  - **Academic Year 09-10 & Fall 2009 Deadline: March 6<sup>th</sup>**
  - **Spring 2010 Deadline: October 9<sup>th</sup>**

- **Some programs have early deadlines and students must apply earlier than posted deadlines.**

### **JUNIOR YEAR**

- Complete any of the goals from the first year or sophomore year not completed previously.
- Students take a moral inquiry course the semester before or after a study abroad experience.
- Explore internship, volunteer, research, Fulbright, and other opportunities abroad in advance of the application process and discuss with your OIP advisor.
- Students typically study abroad during the fall or spring semester of their junior year depending on their major.
- International internships typically take place during the spring semester of junior year or fall of senior year.
- During study abroad, students should plan to explore informational interviews, volunteer opportunities, and create a resume for potential networking opportunities.
- Fall semester juniors planning to study abroad in the spring of the junior year should apply by the necessary deadline for Stonehill and their specific study abroad program.

### **SENIOR YEAR**

- Attend our Welcome Back Dinner and other events planned for study abroad returnees such as Marketing your International Experience and other programs or workshops.
- Students returning from study abroad should explore the Peer Advisor Program as a way to extend the abroad experience and build on skills gained while overseas.
- Attend the New England Study Abroad Reentry Conference:  
<http://www.studyabroadconference.com/>
- Consider incorporating some of your international coursework into your senior capstone research project or other classroom projects in order to infuse your new learning and skills into your Stonehill academic experience.
- Explore Fulbright and other competitive fellowship options through the Dean of Academic Achievement.
- Seniors can explore international study, work, volunteer, and teaching opportunities with Career Services and the Office of International Programs.
- Consider graduate study at an overseas university through Career Services and the Office of International Programs.
- Research year of service options through the Office of Community Service & Volunteerism (Peace Corps, CSC opportunities, and other programs)