

# Exploring Programs

## How Should I Begin?

Students go abroad for a variety of reasons—to explore other cultures, learn about themselves, enhance their resumes, learn another language, or to gain professional experience. Before you start to research your options, consider your priorities and preferences for your time abroad.

- Program Type**
- Academics Abroad**
- Location**
- Length of Program**
- Language Learning**
- Budget**
- Level of Independence**
- Goals & Value**

## Learn about Our Programs

**Faculty-led programs** allow K-State faculty to take K-State students abroad to fulfill a specific course work. These are typically short-term programs, ranging from one to six weeks. Students will usually take a course during the semester or summer and travel during fall, winter, spring or summer breaks.

**Exchange programs** typically require a higher level of independence. KSU students will enroll at one of our partner universities abroad. Students will pay tuition to K-State to cover an incoming exchange student from that university and will not pay tuition to the university abroad.

**Direct enroll programs** can be more independent. Students will enroll at a university abroad and pay the tuition and housing for their program directly to the university abroad.

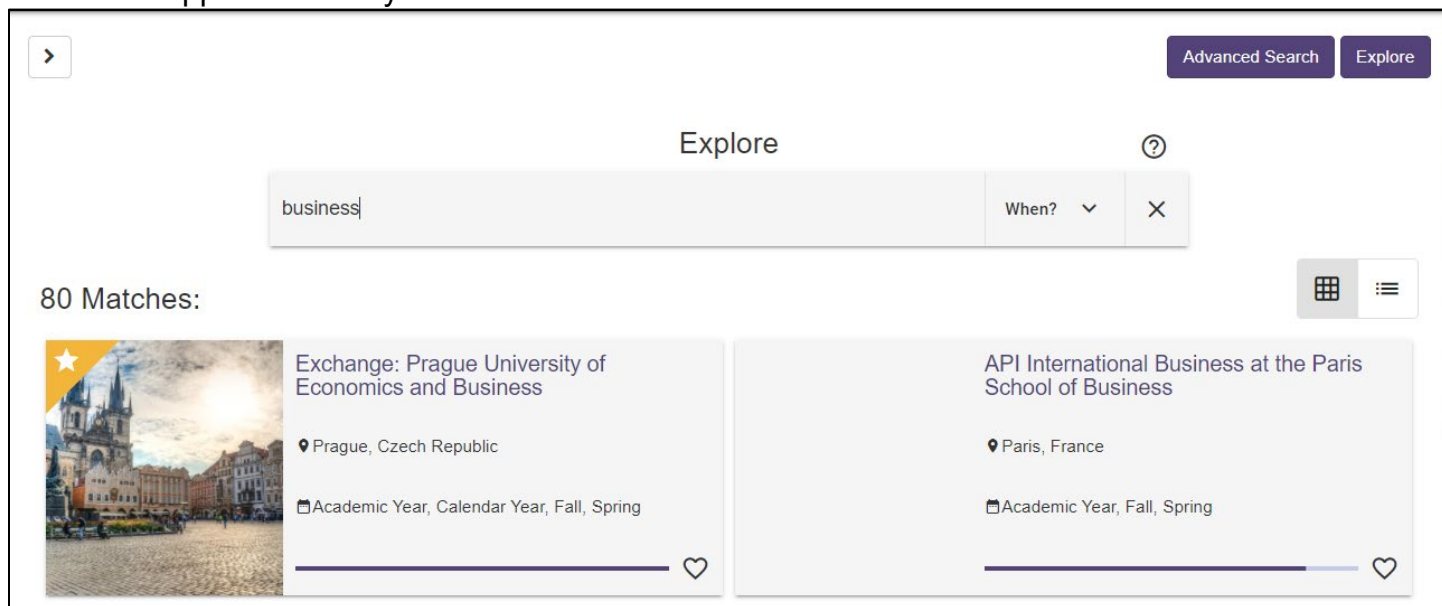
**Program providers** are third party organizations that help facilitate Education Abroad programs. They can open the number of options that a student has in terms of countries and other programs like internship, service learning or volunteer work. They often include excursions as part of the program

## Searching for a Program: Major/Minor Advising Programs (MAPs)

Once you have an idea what you are looking for in a program, there are a few ways you can get started looking at different program options. If you are looking for a program that would be a good fit for your specific major or minor, you can view recommended programs by major/minor [here](#).

## Searching for a Program: Online Program Database

Another way to search for programs is to use our online program database. You can access our program database by visiting our website [www.ksu.edu/abroad](http://www.ksu.edu/abroad) and clicking on the “Explore” icon. Using this tool you can search by keyword such as “Business” or “Thailand” and the results of your search will appear below by relevance.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing the text "business". To the right of the search bar are buttons for "Advanced Search" and "Explore". Below the search bar, the text "Explore" is centered. A dropdown menu labeled "When?" is visible. Below the search bar, the text "80 Matches:" is displayed. Two search results are shown in a grid format. The first result is "Exchange: Prague University of Economics and Business" with a location of "Prague, Czech Republic" and "Academic Year, Calendar Year, Fall, Spring". The second result is "API International Business at the Paris School of Business" with a location of "Paris, France" and "Academic Year, Fall, Spring". Each result has a heart icon for favoriting.

If you want to do a more specific search, you can click on the “Advanced Search” on the top right-hand side of the page. The advanced search allows you to look for programs by city, country, region, term, program type, faculty leader or academic college.

## Next Steps

- Browse the Website**  
The Education Abroad website has a lot of great information and resources. The **Getting Started** and **Funding** sections are a great place to begin.
- Start an Advising Application**  
The **advising application** is a place to write out your goals for your program and topics that you would like to discuss prior to meeting with an Education Abroad Advisor
- Contact an Education Abroad Advisor**  
Once you have had a chance to think about your priorities for your program, or if you have questions, you can **request an appointment** with an Education Abroad Advisor.
- Consider Participating in a Virtual Education Abroad Program**  
**Virtual Education Abroad Programs** allow you to gain international experience without ever leaving Kansas. You can take online classes from partner universities abroad or even complete a virtual internship. These experiences can help prepare you for a future in person program.
- Contact Your Academic Advisor**  
If you have not already, let your academic advisor know that you are interested in participating in an Education Abroad program so you can start to plan how this can fit into your degree plan.