Advising for a Global Education

Advisors are encouraged to help their advisees explore the following key questions:

1. How can a global perspective benefit me?
2. What options are available?
3. What must I do now so as to avail myself of these options later on?

The Benefits of a Global Education

In discussing the benefits of global studies, you may want to consider the following:

- Fluency in a second language and intercultural competency are in increasing demand in a world characterized by heightened levels of intellectual, scientific, and economic exchange.

- A study abroad experience fully integrated into the liberal arts curriculum is the best way of achieving these goals and it is regularly identified by students as one of the most enlightening and gratifying aspects of their Wesleyan experience.

- With careful planning and advising, students from all disciplines have made progress in the major of their choice while studying abroad.

Options

- Wesleyan undergraduates study regularly in all regions of the world on either Wesleyan programs or certain third-party preapproved programs.
- Credits for study on these programs count automatically toward graduation.
- Departments determine how courses abroad may count toward their major.
- Students may satisfy certain GenEd expectations while abroad; inquiries should be directed to the Office of Study Abroad.

Advanced Planning

First-year course planning determines what study abroad options will be available later on. Due to Wesleyan’s “Foreign Language Policy” and to prerequisites set by many individual programs, first-year students are strongly urged to continue their language studies, in either the language studied previously or a new language. Students intending to begin a new language should do so immediately.

Application procedures and forms are available through the electronic portfolio.

To Sum Up:

Undergraduates often attribute greater value to study abroad as they gain a better understanding of their academic and personal goals. Advisors should remind students of this and should help them insure that important doors remain open at the right time.