

Center for Global Education- Study Abroad

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Areas of Responsibility: Course articulations, academic transcriptions, home school tuition payments.

The Center for Global Education is responsible for the following activities at the College:

- Study Abroad (both semester and short term, e.g., Maymester, summer)
- International Student and Scholar Services

Study Abroad Basics

- All students who wish to study abroad for a semester must apply for Providence College approval through the Center for Global Education by December 1st of the year prior to the program. For instance, students wishing to study abroad anytime during 2024-2025 must apply by December 1st of 2023. The Civ in London deadline for spring 2025 is March 15, 2024 (Class of 2027).
- Semester Student Eligibility Requirements:
 - Junior class standing at the time of study abroad (exceptions: Civ in London is available to sophomores; Seniors may study abroad fall of senior year)
 - A minimum CGPA of 2.75
 - A declared major
 - No serious disciplinary action or probationary period up to the time of departure
 - No outstanding financial obligation to Providence College (any student who is indebted to the College will need to arrange payment with the Bursar's Office in order to be approved for participation in a study abroad program).
 - More information is available here: <https://global-education.providence.edu/study-abroad/eligibility-requirements/>

Tips for Advising First Year Students

All freshmen should be asked whether or not they are considering spending a semester or year studying abroad. Students who express an interest in the possibility of studying abroad should be advised of the following:

- All majors can obtain major credit abroad (with the exception of Accounting)

- Students in the PC in Rome program may fulfill both Theology core courses concurrently during one semester (contingent on both courses being offered). This is the only program for which the Theology core has been approved.
- Students should take their Natural Science core during the freshmen or sophomore year, as this is more difficult to do abroad
- It is preferable for students to take ethics requirement on campus and their philosophy requirement abroad. The fine arts requirement is also limited to certain programs.
- Some majors have a major-specific approved programs list. Students should be encouraged to visit <https://global-education.providence.edu/> for the most up-to-date information
- Students may participate in summer study abroad any time after the freshman year.

Applying for Semester Study Abroad (Sophomore Year)

Phase I: Providence College students apply to the Center for Global Education in the fall semester of their sophomore year for approval to participate in a semester or year-long study abroad program during their junior year. (*Note: Juniors may also apply to study abroad for the fall semester of the senior year only.*)

Undeclared students must formally declare a major before the December 1st application deadline.

This is earlier than the declaration deadline for most Undeclared students, but this is done so that students applying to study abroad can discuss their study plans with and obtain approval from their major advisor and the department. Participation in a summer or short-term program is possible after the freshmen, sophomore, or junior years. Exceptions can be made for prospective business students who cannot declare their major until February of their sophomore year.

Phase II: Once approved by the Center to participate in study abroad, students must then apply directly to the program for admission. There are two exceptions to this: the *PC in Rome* program and all *DIS Study Abroad in Scandinavia* programs are “direct admit.” Students are admitted directly by the Center, so no application to the program provider (CEA and DIS, respectively) itself is required. All applicants will require recommendations at some point during this phase. Faculty advisors may find it helpful to provide students with a deadline for such requests, given their own teaching and office responsibilities.

During the program application phase is when the **course articulation, approval, and transfer credit process** occurs (whether for the semester or for summer study abroad). Students must submit to the Center for Global Education a Course Pre-Approval form on which they list their proposed courses of study. Course syllabi must be included (in the event that a syllabus is unavailable, a comprehensive course description may be included, but may be insufficient for final course approval).

Course Articulation, Approval, and Transfer Process:

- Each semester, the Office of the Registrar will circulate to the Chairs/Directors (and/or to the CCC, when necessary) the list of courses that need to be articulated and approved, along with the syllabi or, when not available, the course descriptions.
- Once complete, the Office of the Registrar then enters the list of course articulations in the study abroad course database, found at <https://www.providence.edu/study-abroad-course/>
- The articulated list of courses, by institution or program abroad, is available to future students intending to study abroad, as well as to the faculty in their advising work with students.
- The Center will notify the students as to what courses have been articulated, how they will count (e.g., core requirement or elective, free elective, etc.), and the number of credits approved for each course for assigning course credit at Providence College.
- Each semester, the Office of the Registrar and the Center for Global Education will provide departments and programs with a list of the Key Dates and Deadlines for the course articulation and review process.

Chirico Career Center

Location: Slavin Center 108

Eileen Wisnewski, Executive Director

(401) 865-1290; <https://chirico-career-center.providence.edu/>

Office Hours: M-TH: 8:30-5:30 (Academic Year); F & Summers: 8:30-4:30

Meet with a Coach – We really want to see you!

- Drop-in Hours – Weekdays 1:00pm-4:00pm for quick questions
- Scheduled Appointments – Virtually or in person: Schedule in Handshake
- Studying Abroad? – Virtual and phone meetings are available
- Classroom/Club/Org Presentations – We love to present to groups of students, just ask!

Career Exploration –

- **FOCUS 2**– Online tool that combines self-assessment and career exploration – receive a list of careers based upon your results & helps in major/minor selection!
- **What can I do with this Major?** – Learn about typical career areas by major and how to prepare
- **Handshake** – Targeted, national internship and job database that also features events, interviewing, resource library, peer networking and more: <https://providence.joinhandshake.com>

Resumes – Create one as soon as possible

- VMock – Virtual resume review system that can take care of it for you! www.vmock.com/providence
- Resume Guide – attend a resume workshop use our guide (available in Slavin 108 and in Handshake)
- Coaching Review – Stop by Slavin 108 during Drop-in Hours or schedule an appointment

Interviewing – We assist all students with interviews

- Campus Interview Program – Employers conduct interviews in Slavin 108
- Need to interview by phone or virtually? – Contact our office to reserve a room!
- Big Interview – Virtual interviewing practice system

Internships FAQ – All of your internship questions answered

- Stop by Slavin 108 during Drop-ins/appointment, also available in the Handshake Resource Library

Career Expos – One each semester – see employers <https://providence.joinhandshake.com>

- Fall: Employers, internship, job, and volunteer opportunities Fair | Major/Minor Fair | Professional LinkedIn photo booth Feinstein Institute Community Partners Fair | Graduate School Fair
- Spring: Internship, job, and volunteer opportunities | Professional LinkedIn photo booth | Graduate School Fair

Connect with Alumni – A valuable resource for everyone!

- Friarlink – PC system of 2400+ PC Alumni, willing to share their career expertise and potentially shadow
- Careers in Series – Career panels in Science, Sales, Law/Government (more to come)
- Shadowing Program – Spend a day with PC alumni during June
- Career Treks – Site visits in DC & Los Angeles

Professional Skills Program – Workshops & programs to help prepare for a successful work life

- <https://chirico-career-center.providence.edu/professional-skills/>
- Professionalism & Work Ethic – Office etiquette, online presence, career search and salary negotiation
- Teamwork & Collaboration – interacting with others by using strengths and emotional intelligence
- Communication & Influence – communicate, network, influence others, personal branding
- Technology & Analytics – Budgeting, financial literacy, data fluency and search engine optimization
- Microsoft Office Suite Certification Program – virtual and workshop instruction to prepare students to sit for certification exams. PC is a certified testing center - some majors require certification, check with your advisor.
- Badging Program – Through the program students can earn digital badges and compete with their friends!

Health Professions Advising Program

Please refer to the Health Professions Advising website for more information.

The program assists students in pre-professional preparation for careers in all of the health professions including medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry, physician assistant, physical therapy, and other allied health professions. Because each of the health professions requires specific preparation, students must work closely with the Advisor for the Health Professions to plan a suitable program of study. This generally involves selection of an appropriate major, required courses, and internships and volunteer service opportunities in the health professions.

Admission to most health professions schools is extremely competitive, requiring strong academic performance, satisfactory scores on standardized admissions tests (e.g. MCAT, DAT, GRE, etc.), and evidence of leadership, service and a working knowledge of the health professions. For medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and optometry, academic preparation generally includes a minimum of two semesters each of

- General Biology
- General Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Calculus
- General Physics
- English

In addition, many health professions schools strongly recommend or require Biochemistry, Advanced Biology electives, and other specific courses. For example, medical schools may require biochemistry and social/behavioral sciences (psychology, sociology), NP, PA programs require human anatomy and physiology. It is important to contact the Advisor for the Health Professions to confirm profession specific prerequisites.

While there is no "premed" major, most premedical sciences students complete one of the following majors:

B.S. degree in Biology
B.A. degree in Chemistry
B.S. degree in Biochemistry

However, with careful planning, a student may also complete the premedical sciences courses in combination with a liberal arts major.

Pre-Law Advising Program

Paul E. Herron, J.D., Ph.D., Pre-Law Advisor, Associate Professor of Political Science
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The Pre Law Program at Providence College provides students with the information they need to decide if they want to attend law school and resources for the application process. This is not a set curriculum or minor. Students with all levels of interest (from those who are just curious about the law school option to students who are already sure they want to be an attorney) are invited to take advantage of the program. One of the main goals is to organize a community of undergraduates interested in pursuing a career in the law. We do not associate with any particular academic department, and our events and workshops are open to all. The program seeks to help students make the decision that is best for them; we do not push anyone to attend law school, and we do not discourage those who have decided to apply.

One on One Advising

Undergraduate Advising: I provide advice regarding class selection and internship opportunities.

Career Counseling: I meet with students and discuss a variety of possible paths after graduation, including, but not limited to, the practice of law.

Application Guidance: Students can find help with all phases of the application process.

Events

Alumni Panels: A panel of law students and lawyers who graduated from PC and offer insight into law school and a variety of legal practices.

Law School Admissions Panels: Representatives from four to six schools give students an insider's view of the application process.

Careers in Law & Government Event: Annual event featuring PC alums who work in law and government. Usually held in January or February and coordinated with the Career Center.

Workshops

Personal Statement Workshop: A session for juniors and seniors working on law school applications is held every fall in the Writing Center.

If you are interested in getting resources and updates on events and workshops, please email Professor Herron (pherron@providence.edu). The program is actively engaged with the student-run Pre-Law Society – information is available on the student clubs and organizations webpage.

The Student Success Center

SSC@providence.edu

Phillips Memorial Library, 2nd floor

The Student Success Center (SSC) offers a variety of programs to support inclusive excellence and equal access to educational opportunity. Services are offered in a safe, supportive environment where all students are welcome and challenged to realize their full potential.

Academic Advising

All students at Providence College have a dedicated academic advisor from their major, their academic program, or the Student Success Center (SSC). Professional academic advisors in the SSC offer holistic support focusing on educational planning and degree monitoring. In their efforts to provide holistic support, SSC advisors offer a wide range of services, including:

- Just-in-time, drop-in advising
- Core curriculum navigation
- First-year and transfer student support
- Preparation for course registration
- Individualized academic consultation for double major/minor opportunities, semester coursework, winter/summer courses, midterms, final grades, and more!

Academic Coaching provides individualized, strategy-based support through one-on-one meetings, skill-building workshops, and campus outreach. Programs are designed to help all students, including multilingual learners, build academic resiliency and self-efficacy skills while navigating obstacles that may impact their academic experience.

Accessibility Services fosters an equitable and inclusive learning environment by providing reasonable academic accommodations and working to remove barriers that may impede equal access to the College's educational programs.

The Christie Family Tutoring Center offers individual and group tutoring in most subject areas. Peer tutors are eager to assist fellow students by reinforcing concepts, building confidence, and strengthening general study skills.

Multicultural Student Success

Multicultural Student Success supports multicultural students by offering academic and social support services that facilitate their transition, retention, and progress toward graduation. In accordance with the Providence College mission, the MSS advocates for the inclusion, equity, and belonging of multicultural students.

The MSS coordinates:

- Multicultural Scholarship Program (MSP)
- Transitions Program

Student-Athlete Services offers a comprehensive support system that is designed to foster student-athletes' personal, educational, professional, and personal growth. Services include academic mentoring, quiet space for study, and life skills programming.

The Writing Center

The Writing Center's mission is to help PC students realize their full potential as writers. With a learner-centered approach to writing development, the staff create an environment where all students — from first year to graduate level — can feel comfortable talking about their work. The Writing Center offers both in-person and online consultations, as well as a variety of other workshops, programs, and events.