

Blake Semester/Year Study Away Opportunities

This list of semester/year study-away programs is not all-inclusive, but instead represents the programs most accessed recently by Blake students. More information about other programs not listed (e.g. Chewonki Semester School, Conserve School, Youth for Understanding, American Field Service) is available in the office of the Director of International Programs. Please contact Dion Crushshon for more information at dcrushshon@blakeschool.org.

Decisions: Most programs notify applicants of decisions by April 15th or 30th of the year preceding the study-away year.

School Year Abroad (SYA)

www.sya.org

Schools in China, France, Italy, Spain, Vietnam and Japan each enroll approximately 60 students to complete their junior or senior year of high school. The central elements of SYA – the homestay and an academic program emphasizing foreign language acquisition – ensure that students return home with mastery of a second language.

Check with Director of International Programs for current tuition as well as all deadlines.

Deadlines: Since Blake is a Member School all SYA applications must be submitted through the Office of the Director of International Programs (Dion Crushshon). Applications are due in February.

Tuition: Includes academic counseling, medical insurance, public transportation to school and school trips. Tuition does not include trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific transportation and personal spending.

Financial Aid: Nearly 50 percent of SYA's students receive need-based financial aid grants. Financial aid applicants must submit all required financial aid documents by March. Check with Dion Crushshon for current deadline date.

Merit Scholarship Applicants must submit a complete application in January/February. Students studying Mandarin in Levels II or above and in the 10th or 11th grade may apply for a merit scholarship.

School for Ethics and Global Leadership (SEGL)

www.schoolforethics.org

Located in Washington, DC, SEGL is a selective, semester-long residential program for 32 intellectually motivated high school juniors from across the United States. The program selects students who have shown outstanding character, promise for leadership and scholastic ability and provides them with a unique curriculum that emphasizes ethical thinking, leadership development and international affairs.

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Deadlines: Since Blake is a Sending School all applications must be submitted through the Office of the Director of International Programs (Dion Crushshon).

Tuition includes room and board. Additional expenses for insurance, travel, optional off-board meals and souvenirs vary widely.

Financial Aid: To apply for financial aid, parents/guardians must fill out the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) through the National Association of Independent School's (NAIS) School and Student Service (SSS) for Financial Aid. In the application, please enter SEGL's school code: 5063. Send financial aid questions to info@schoolforethics.org.

Swiss Semester

www.swissemester.org

Swiss Semester is a coeducational program of academic, personal and physical challenge for high school **sophomores**. Swiss Semester's campus is Zermatt, Switzerland.

Check with Director of International Programs for current tuition as well as all deadlines.

Deadlines: Since Blake is a Founding School all applications must be submitted through the office of the Director of International Programs (Dion Crushshon). Applications should be submitted in November.

Tuition: Includes academic counseling, medical insurance, and school trips. Tuition does not include transportation and personal spending money.

Financial Aid: Swiss Semester responds to financial aid requests on a case-by-case basis.

Decisions: Swiss Semester will notify applicants of decision in December.

CITYterm at The Masters School, NYC

www.cityterm.org

CITYterm, a semester program for 30 intellectually adventuresome juniors and seniors in high school, makes New York City its laboratory and classroom.

Deadlines: Applications for both the fall and spring terms are due in March.

Tuition: Does not include transportation to NYC.

Financial Aid: Financial aid is provided for approximately a third of student applicants. CITYterm semester asks families to file Parent's Financial Statements (PFS) with the School and Student Service for Financial Aid in Princeton, N.J. Families who wish to apply for aid should indicate their desire to do so on the application. SSS school code is 4948. Families must file their PFS prior to March 1. Admissions office: (914) 409-1021.

High Mountain Institute -- Rocky Mountain Semester (RMS)

www.hminet.org

RMS is a unique opportunity for juniors and some seniors in high school to spend a semester living, traveling and studying in the mountains of central Colorado and the canyons of southeastern Utah.

Check with Director of International Programs for current tuition as well as all deadlines.

Deadlines: Applications for both fall and spring semesters are due in March with rolling admissions thereafter.

Tuition: Includes academic counseling, medical insurance, and school trips. Tuition does not include transportation and personal spending money.

Financial Aid: HMI offers need-based financial aid for students whose families cannot afford the full cost of the RMS experience. If you would like to apply for financial aid online you may do so at sss.nais.org. You may also call Sheri Cerise at 719-486-8200 ext. 106 to request a financial aid packet. Financial aid applications submitted electronically via NAIS are due on March 1. Financial aid applications completed in hard copy be submitted by February 15.

Oxbow School

www.oxbowschool.org

The Oxbow School - an innovative, interdisciplinary semester program combining visual arts with academics - provides high school students with the skills necessary to negotiate and succeed in an increasingly complex and interdependent world. Through rigorous studio art practice grounded in creative and intellectual inquiry, the program is designed to extend each student's critical-thinking abilities. Located in Napa, Calif.

Check with Director of International Programs for current tuition as well as all deadlines.

Deadlines: The deadline for applications for admission to both semesters is in March. Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed on a space-available basis.

Tuition: Includes room, board, art materials and all fees to attend the one-semester program. Tuition does not include travel to California.

Financial Aid: Parents interested in financial aid should select “Request Financial Aid” on the admissions application. The school will then provide the necessary documents for applying for aid. For full information on Oxbow’s financial aid programs, please contact Robert Lowden at rlowden@oxbowschool.org or 707-252-5426.

Island School

www.islandschool.org

The Island School is founded on the belief that young people, given the right tools, can build anything. At the Island School students are active participants in the educational process; students have to think like scientists, cultural historians and teachers. The Island School is located on the Eleuthera Island in the Bahamas.

Check with Director of International Programs for current tuition as well as all deadlines.

Deadlines: Application deadline for fall and spring semesters is in March. Request a brochure/application at (609) 620-6700.

Tuition: See website for current rates per semester.

Financial Aid: The Island School is a need-blind institution. As financial aid decisions are made after admission decisions, financial aid does not play any role in admission to The Island School. Families who have requested financial aid are sent the appropriate materials with their acceptance letter.