

# Back-to-Back Programs

## Overview

At the University of Denver, the best way to study abroad for an academic year is to apply for an exchange program, which is by definition for the duration of an academic year. Please review the [yearlong exchange programs](#) before completing this petition. There are limited spots for students wishing to do a (non-exchange) yearlong program or back-to-back Study Abroad programs (DUPP | AUP | UPP). Therefore, there is a petition process for students who would like to do back-to-back programs. In order to have your petition considered, read and carefully follow the directions below.

## Considerations

- **Know your responsibilities.** Students who choose to do back-to-back programs are responsible for all immigration & logistics research, and any additional costs associated with this choice.
- **Consider Logistics.** Research additional costs, documentation, regulations, etc. that you may encounter. Make sure to think through sure all possible program options/combinations. Can you apply for your 2<sup>nd</sup>-term visa while abroad or do you need to return to the US? How long does visa processing generally take for your 2<sup>nd</sup>-term program option? Does it work better if you change your fall option to spring and vice versa?
- **Meet with an OIE advisor early.** We recommend discussing important considerations & how the process works early in the process, even if you're unsure whether you'll apply.

## Research & Complete the Petition

- Students considering back-to-back study abroad programs are encouraged to meet with an OIE advisor prior to completing this petition.
- For consideration, petitions must be uploaded to the Study Abroad Nomination Application by the [OIE Deadline](#) (**January 15, 2022** for AY 2022-23). Late petitions will not be accepted.
- In your DU Study Abroad Nomination Application, select your program choice(s) (in order of preference) to reflect your wishes if granted only a single term abroad. In this petition, include your desired second term abroad program(s) (in order of preference) if granted a B2B spot.
- Students may interview with the OIE Director after the OIE Standard Deadline.
- Students will be scored on the quality of their petition, as well as their interview, and will be considered for a back-to-back program spot based on their score as it compares to others. Students not initially granted a back-to back program spot may be placed on a wait list in case additional spots later become available.

## Submit the Petition

- **Upload this form before you submit!** You must complete ALL application steps (incl. uploading this form) **before you hit submit** in DU Passport, even *if* you choose the **early deadline**.
- **Upload your petition correctly.** Follow these **upload instructions** to ensure your form is correctly uploaded to DU Passport & remains eligible for consideration.
- **Additional essays:** If awarded a back-to-back programs spot, you'll get **48 hours** to complete additional program essays for your 2<sup>nd</sup>-term program choice in DU Passport (if needed).

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**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Last, First)

**DU ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Back-to-Back Program Choices

Please include a description of your overall vision for studying abroad on back-to-back programs.

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## Academic Plan

List all courses you plan to take each term abroad if granted the petition. Make sure to note the **program names**, as well as the **course title, number, and term** for each course. If your program(s) have not posted a course list for your term, please use the same term from an earlier year as a guide and make note of that in your essay below. *Priority is given to students with complete, accurate, and well thought-out course plans.*

### Program Choices: Academic Plan

**Program 1 – Program Name & Term(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program 2 – Program Name & Term(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Ex: University of Otago - Fall 2022; University of York - Winter 2023

First Term	Second Term		Third Term N/A if program has only 2 terms per year

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## Essays

Answer both questions below. Feel free to attach additional pages if needed.

1. Discuss why studying abroad on back-to-back programs is significant for you and what you intend to accomplish. Please demonstrate why back-to-back programs are a better fit for you than a year-long exchange program. Focus on academics and language (versus location).
2. Students who choose to do back-to-back programs are responsible for all immigration and logistics research, and any additional costs incurred outside of the first term program. Based on your research, describe any additional forms, costs, or other regulations that you may encounter in doing back-to-back programs. Would you need to travel back to the US to obtain your immigration documents (i.e., student visa) for your second term? How long does processing of a visa for your second term program option generally take?