**Education**

**Study Abroad**

**Why study abroad?**

Studying abroad expands your understanding of the world and helps you develop usable skills, such as adaptability and intercultural communication, that are in high demand by employers and graduate programs.

“As I’m preparing to head back to States—to American culture, I’m not worried. From being immersed in this new, Kyrgyz culture, I feel ready to be back in America. When I get back to States, I feel like I will be more comfortable than ever to be living in a country where multiple different cultures coexist.”

-Feruza Ghias, 2015

**Can I afford it?**

Absolutely! Program fees vary greatly depending on the program, but with good planning an affordable study abroad experience is possible. Most types of financial aid can be applied to UW-approved programs, and there is a list of scholarships available to students studying abroad on our website. Be sure to plan ahead! Make an appointment with us and we can help you start your scholarship search, both Study Abroad Advising and the UWB Writing and Communication Center can help polish up application essays.

**What kinds of programs are there?**

With over 500 programs approved for UW students you are bound to find something that fits your needs.

**UW Faculty-Led Programs:**
- Short-term (2 weeks)
- Early Fall Exploration Seminars (3-4 weeks)
- Summer Term A or B (4-5 weeks)
- Quarter-long

**Partner Programs:** Summer or semester programs organized by non-UW organizations

**University Exchanges:** Semester/year long programs at UW partnering universities

**Internships:** Quarter long professional placements through Omprakash, CIEE, IES, etc.

**When can I study abroad?**

You can study abroad any time during your college career and we have programs ranging from a couple weeks to a full year, all of which guarantee UW credits. We encourage students to consider studying abroad early in their college career so the opportunity is available to study abroad again if they desire. There may be more flexibility in course scheduling during a student’s first couple of years while they complete the general area of knowledge requirements. It is important to meet with your academic advisor to make sure your study abroad credits will fit well with your academic schedule. If you love it the first time, you may want to consider an Internship.

**Do I need to know a foreign language?**

Not necessarily. While many exchanges and partner programs may have a foreign language requirement, there are plenty of programs primarily in English. Study abroad does provide a fantastic chance to start learning a new language as you will practice the native language when speaking with locals. A lot of programs also incorporate introductory language lessons into their curriculum.

**How do I start?**

Explore! Follow the link at the bottom of this page to review the tips and resources, search for programs, or set up an appointment to meet with a Study Abroad Advisor. Questions to consider when looking for a program:

What do I want to study?
How long do I want to go?
Do I prefer to go with a UW group or have an independent experience?
What degree requirements can study abroad fulfill?

Janis Jordan, Netherlands, 2019

Holi festival, India, 2016

London School of Languages & Culture, 2018
Education Programs of Interest

Please note that the programs listed are just a sample of what the UW offers

TESOL Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages In Leon
**UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Spain**
Participants teach English 8 hours/week to local Spanish speakers, primarily at the university level. The internship is accompanied by a class focused on language pedagogy, daily debriefing and support, weekly writing assignments, and a final project, as well as a formal classroom observation by the Program Directors.

CHID Bangalore: Art and Social Change in South India
**UW Faculty-Led Program | Summer Term A/B | India**
Interested in art and activism? Join our long-running program to Bangalore and learn how Indian activists, scholars and everyday change-makers use art to expand the frame of human rights and social justice.

Honors Sweden: Justice in the Nordic Region
**UW Faculty-Led Program | Summer Term A/B | Sweden**
This interdisciplinary study abroad program will explore concepts of justice in medieval Scandinavia and modern Sweden; as well as an introduction to Nordic languages. You will reflect on questions around power structures, access to justice, norms, cultural identity, and intersections with gender, class, race, climate, and religion.

Education Rome: Gender & Multiculturalism
**UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Italy**
Students explore historical and contemporary concepts of gender and multiculturalism, providing an important point of comparison and reflection for how gender, race, and multiculturalism influence education in the U.S. and Italy.

CHID Prague: History, Memory and Human Rights in Central Europe - Autumn
**UW Faculty-Led Program | Autumn Quarter | Czech Republic**
This program is all about immersing yourself in Prague and in Vienna, Krakow, Berlin and Budapest on 4-day international trips to those cities, where we explore the dynamic historical, cultural and political life of Central Europe. We focus on key issues that resonate well beyond Central Europe: the tragedy of the Holocaust, the nature and impact of the communist system, and many other the hopes and tensions of the European Union, the recent refugee waves as well as the current Russian aggressive war in Ukraine, and how coming to terms with the past is reflected in the cultural and art scene we witness today.

Queen Maud University of Early Childhood Education Exchange | Autumn Quarter/Semester | Norway
Students take part in an Autumn semester exchange focused on Norwegian early childhood education and care. The QMUC participates in numerous research projects regarding Early Childhood Education and Care.

SIT: Comparative Education and Social Change
**Partner Program | Semester | Chile and Argentina**
Study educational policies and pedagogies in Chile and Argentina and explore the relationship between education, society, and diversity in both countries.

SIT: South Africa: Education and Social Change
**Partner Program | Summer Quarter/Semester | South Africa**
Visit classrooms in the cities of Durban, Johannesburg, and Cape Town, and the majestic mountains of rural KwaZulu-Natal. Develop your professional skills during a weeklong practicum, and an educational transformation and leadership workshop. Stay with local families and witness the day-to-day challenges of their lives.

CIEE: Teach in Thailand
**Partner Program | Autumn/Spring Quarter | Thailand**
Immerse yourself in Thai culture in a way that no tourist can. As a foreign teacher in Thailand you’ll become a part of a local community, build meaningful relationships with colleagues and neighbors, and make a difference in the lives of your students.

IES: Early Childhood Education
**Partner Program | Autumn/Spring Semester, Year | Italy**
While studying abroad in Rome, you take courses on child development, cross-cultural psychology, the Italian education system, and more. Learn about the historical roots of Italy’s educational policies. As part of your coursework, you’ll also spend time in preschools in Rome and Reggio Emilia observing education best practices and witnessing the Montessori and Reggio Emilia approaches at work.

CIEE Open Campus Block Programs
**Partner Program | Customizable Terms | Various Locations**
CIEE’s Open Campus Block programs allow you to design your very own study abroad - customize your courses, term length, and destinations! Earn credits in up to three amazing CIEE Global Institute locations around the world.

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