



# 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 liv-ing in a country where multi-ple different cul-*

*-Feruzza 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 IE3, Omprakash, CIEE, IES, etc.



Janis Jordan,  
Netherlands, 2019

## 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 IE3 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.



Holi festival, India, 2016



London School of  
Languages &  
Culture, 2018

## 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?

# 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.

## Asian Languages and Literature & CIWA China: Chinese Bridge China Study Trip

[UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | China](#)

The program consists of Chinese language and culture classes at Sichuan University in Chengdu and many field trips to various locations in Shanghai (or Beijing) and Sichuan Province. Tuition, room and board, and travel costs in China are paid for by the Confucius Institute.

## Post-Colonial Education and Collective Work in Manila

[UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Philippines](#)

This program enables students to practice the application of American Ethnic Studies in a country that was previously a colony of the United States. We will primarily look at two sets of sites to study both the histories and the impact of such colonization: schools and community centers. On site, students observe and participate in service activities in classroom settings and community project sites.

## 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.

## UW Tacoma Education/Urban Studies South Africa: Racism, Education and Development

[UW Faculty-Led Program | Early Fall | Africa](#)

This program examines the role of education and community development within drastically unequal communities. Students work in small teams at township-based schools and community-based organizations, gaining an understanding of the complexity of racism, the lack of basic resources and infrastructure, the impacts of violence and trauma, and the power of hope and healing.

## 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.

## IE3 Shure University — Project Assistant

[IE3 Internship | Japan](#)

Interns learn how to coordinate a project, improve their teaching skills, become acquainted with inclusive education methods and non-hierarchical education program development, improve their Japanese language skills, learn about the issues facing youth in Japan and the difficulties with traditional education systems.

## IE3 International Teaching Team in Bishkek

[IE3 Internship | Kyrgyzstan](#)

Native English speakers are invited to join the team of English teachers. Classes take place entirely in English and interns can take advantage of the free homestay option and will also receive a living stipend. This is a great opportunity for those interested in Kyrgyz culture, Russian language, teaching, EFL, and adult education.

## Teach In China with Buckland Group

[Paid Internship | Semester | China](#)

This is a paid opportunity to teach English in a public school in Sichuan Province in China for a semester or a year. No prior experience is necessary. Participants receive training in Seattle and upon arrival in Yangzhou, earn a TESOL certificate. Housing and other local support is provided. <http://www.seattlecolleges.com/international/china.aspx>

## CIEE Open Campus Block Programs

[Partner Program | Customizable Terms | Various Locations](#)

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