



# Health-Focused 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.



Global Health Promotion, Guatemala, Summer Term A 2016

## 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.



*[...] studying Public Health in Uganda has reaffirmed my career goals in the field of Global Health and Epidemiology. During our month-long trip I investigated the underlying causes contributing to the high prevalence of HIV in the young female demographic. I learned how to conduct ethical health research in a developing nation. My future academic plans include pursuing a Master's in Public Health."*

- Christina N Mazumder

## 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.



*"It was the best experience...I would do it again...It made a huge impact because it does show our privilege to have access to health care, privilege to just go to school."*

- MyKa'LA Alexander, Guatemala, 2016

## 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?

# Health-Focused Programs of Interest

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

## Global Health Promotion: Health Services Delivery in Resource-Poor Settings

[UW Faculty-Led Program](#) | [Summer Term A\\*](#) | [Guatemala](#)

Students are exposed to the population and local health practitioners as they work with minimal resources. Following students' orientation to the environment, students work collaboratively with multidisciplinary teams from United States and Guatemala to support health needs of the community.

\*This program runs every other year

## Public Health Uganda: Department of Global Health: Water and Health in Uganda

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

Four weeks in Uganda studying the relationship between water and health, based at Makerere University with UW faculty, with field trips to public water treatment facilities, bottling plants, farms, clinics and hospitals, family homes, and other places where people interact with water. We'll examine how historical, social, economic, political, geographic and environmental factors in Uganda have contributed to water-related health problems and solutions. Visits to Jinja, Mbarara, Kaseese, Fort Portal, Murchison Falls Park, Gulu, and, if possible, a refugee camp.

## Public Health England-Dark Empire: Race, Health, and Society in Britain

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

Guided by an African American professor with expertise in health and race-relations, explore historical and contemporary factors responsible for the presence and well-being (health) of Black and other racial and ethnic minorities in Britain.

## IE3 Child Family Health International (CFHI) Bolivia: Pediatric Health

[IE3 Internship](#) | [Bolivia](#)

The Pediatric Health program offers a holistic learning experience, which includes unique clinical rotations serving children and families, medical and conversational Spanish classes, and a home stay with a local family in La Paz. Students on this internship program will observe healthcare in a variety of settings. The student role is primarily to observe and learn, although some basic patient care may be part of the duties.

## SIT Argentina: Public Health in Urban Environments

[Partner Program](#) | [Semester](#) | [Argentina](#)

This program will provide students interested in public health, health sciences, development studies, and other disciplines the opportunity to scrutinize health-related challenges in urban environments. Students will learn from academics and practitioners associated with leading institutions in Argentina.

## SIT Switzerland: Global Health and Development Policy

[Partner Program](#) | [Semester](#) | [Switzerland](#)

This program examines public health systems, health policy, and development from the international nexus of Geneva. Particular emphasis is placed on the role played by international agencies; civil society actors; and the public sector in shaping health policy and systems.

## SIT Jordan: Refugees, Health, and Humanitarian Action

[Partner Program](#) | [Semester](#) | [Jordan](#)

Witness the humanitarian response to the regional refugee crisis, focusing on refugee health, and explore the effects of and reactions to the influx of refugees to Europe during an excursion to Switzerland.

## CIEE Community Public Health Program

[Partner Program](#) | [Semester](#) | [Botswana](#)

Through coursework, Setswana language learning, a community health practicum, and homestays, in a rich and challenging social environment, Community Public Health in Gaborone gives you the opportunity to critically appraise the issues developing nations face in their efforts to provide their citizens with sustainable public healthcare.

## CIEE Summer Psychology in Prague, Czech Republic

[Partner Program](#) | [Summer Quarter](#) | [Czech Republic](#)

Bring your interest in psychology to one of the most beautiful cultural and intellectual capitals in Europe. In Prague, you'll use compelling coursework and engaging cultural activities to explore the development of modern psychology, its relationship to politics and art, and its role in Central Europe's turbulent past.

## 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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