



Language Learning Study Abroad and Scholarships



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.

"I have done daily tasks such as opening up a Dutch bank account entirely in the Dutch language. Doing so not only shows courtesy, but it also steps beyond the barriers of being a tourist. I feel that my vocabulary and fluency in the language are improving by the day."

Matt Rice, Germany, 2014

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.

Fully Funded Summer Program: Critical Language Scholarships



Saba Moghim, Italy, 2018

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 affiliated 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.



"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 multi-ple different cultures/ideologies exist."

Feruzha Ghias, Kyrgyzstan, 2015

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?

Language Learning Programs and Scholarships of Interest

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

Spanish Ecuador — The Meeting of Cultures

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

The purpose of this program is to provide students with an opportunity to apply their Spanish language knowledge and the culture of Latin America in a total immersion experience. Program includes Spanish language classes, service learning, weekly guided visits to places of interest in Quito, one one-day excursion to Otavalo, and one three day excursion to Baños.

Asian Languages and Literature China: UW in Beijing

[UW Faculty-Led Program](#) | [Summer Quarter](#) | [China](#)

The Beijing program aims to provide UW students with high-quality, rigorous and intensive Chinese language and literacy skills through language and culture immersion.

Goethe Institute German Language Program

[Partner Program](#) | [Quarter, Semester, or Year](#) | [Germany](#)

The Goethe Institute caters to beginning, intermediate and advanced students of German. The Goethe Institute offers intimate and interactive learning environments. Classes are small (10-15 students) with instructional emphasis placed on comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, conversation and grammar. A variety of teaching tools are employed to cater to various learning styles.

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Study

[Partner Program](#) | [Summer Quarter or Year](#) | [Japan](#)

The Center is the premier American program for the teaching of advanced Japanese and has provided language training to more than 1730 individuals. The Center now resides in Yokohama, Japan with space, services, and various amenities provided by the municipal government. The objective is to acquire the ability to naturally, correctly and appropriately express thoughts and opinions.

Qasid Arabic Institute

[Partner Program](#) | [Quarter, Semester, or Year](#) | [Jordan](#)

Qasid Arabic Institute provides comprehensive instruction for students from beginning to advanced Arabic. Many scholars of Arabic have noted that the Jordanian dialect is among the closest to Classical Arabic (fusha), making Amman an ideal setting for studying Arabic.

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.

LANGUAGE LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS

Benjamin A. Gilman Critical Need Language Award

Recipients of the Gilman Scholarship are eligible to receive an additional supplement for studying a critical language abroad. The Gilman aims to bring diversity to study abroad. [www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program]

CIEE Language Intensive Focus Track Scholarship (LIFT)

For students participating in a CIEE partner study abroad program through the UW, the LIFT scholarship provides additional funding for students studying Arabic, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, or Russian for a full year. [www.ciee.org/study-abroad/financial-aid/lift]

The Critical Language Scholarship Program (CLS)

The CLS Program offers fully-funded summer language institutes for U.S. university students who study one of the 13 critical foreign languages and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Languages are Azerbaijani, Bengali, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Punjabi, Turkish, Urdu, Persian, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian. [www.clscholarship.org]

Boren Awards for International Study

Funded by the National Security Education Program, Boren Scholarships and Awards encourage undergraduate and graduate students to study less commonly taught languages and cultures in regions critical to UW national security interests. Recipients commit to work for the federal government for one year post-graduation. [www.borenawards.org]

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)

FLAS Fellowships support undergraduate, graduate and professional students in acquiring modern foreign languages and area or international studies competencies. Awards are for students studying foreign languages locally or abroad. [www.jsis.washington.edu/advise/flas]

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