

Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences 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.

"Following your dream is a strong motivator, and I had never been so ready to do what it took...With my new found welcoming attitude towards big changes, I was curious to see what changes I could trace in my identity through one of the most life changing events I could have."

- Ashley Potter, France, 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 the programs offered through the UW 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 UW Writing and Communication Center can help polish up application essays.

What kinds of programs are there?

With over 200 programs offered by UW you are bound to find something that fits your needs. There are four types of programs offered:

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

Affiliated Programs: Semester long programs organized by other groups or companies

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

Internships Abroad: Quarter long professional placements through IE3



London Eye, English in London, Brittney Phanivong, Spring 2017

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 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. Some programs may satisfy the IPR requirement for the School of IAS, contact your advisor for details.

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.



"The Global Leadership Summit has been incredible. We got to hear from Nelson Mandela's personal assistant, Zelda Le Grange. Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa, and the first president after the Apartheid era."

-Steven Kay, 2015

How do I get started?

Explore! The link at the bottom of the page will take you to the UWB study abroad home page, and from there you can look at the tips and resources on the website, search for programs, or set up an appointment to meet with a Study Abroad Advisor. Things to consider when looking for a program: What do I want to study? How long do I want to go? Where do I want to go?

Interdisciplinary Programs of Interest

Please note that the programs listed are just a sample of what the UW offers. While these may be interdisciplinary experiences, they may not automatically apply toward IAS major credits. Contact your advisor for details.

When in Rome: Interdisciplinary Studio Art and Italian Culture

This program will give students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the experience of Rome creatively and adventurously. Students will do so through the lens of visual art and the culture of the city, as well as each student's own unique backgrounds, disciplines, research, and interests incorporated into interdisciplinary studio art projects.

UW Program Summer Term A, Italy

Anthropology French Polynesia: Colonialism in the Pacific

Explore the historical and contemporary dimensions of colonialism in French Polynesia, including the history and aftermath of French nuclear testing in the Territory. Readings will include ethnographic and literary works on colonialism, as well as contemporary writing by anti-colonial activists.

UW Program Summer Term A, French Polynesia

Psychology Chile – A Changing Public and Mental Health Care System

This seminar is aimed at students interested in health issues with potential global impact. Public Health in Chile has undergone important changes reflecting both profound political changes as well as recent health reform initiatives, and students will study how Public Health services compare in urban and remote areas as well as in wealthy and poor communities.

Early Fall Exploration Seminar, Chile

International Studies Ireland and The Hague: Challenges of International Justice

Students will study the history of international justice, and how the international community works to promote justice and accountability for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.

Early Fall Exploration Seminar, Ireland

CHID Iceland: Regeneration: Matter, Myth, and Memory

Students will investigate how civil and social development relates to the non-human forces of Northern Europe including but not limited to climate, geography, flora, and fauna. Students will spend eight weeks developing a conceptual archeology of Icelandic cultural and natural history

UW Program Summer Quarter, Iceland

CHID Prague: Discovering Central Europe

The Prague Program, which is the oldest CHID study abroad program at UW (since 1996), is all about immersing oneself in Prague and the other great Central European cities – Vienna, Krakow, Budapest, and Berlin, where students will go on 4-day trips each – in order to develop a complex understanding of the dynamic historical, cultural and political life of Central Europe as a whole.

UW Program Spring Quarter, Czech Republic

CHID Rome, Budapest, Istanbul: Legacies of Empires

The study and exploration of the legacies of these Empires will allow the students to acquire new and more refined intellectual and experiential tools and instruments to analyze and comprehend many of the challenging contemporary issues (such as religious and ethnic conflict, racism, and xenophobia) that mark the beginning of the 21st century.

UW Program Winter Quarter, Italy, Hungary, and Turkey

CIEE Arts & Sciences Program in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Explore environmental issues in East Africa; undertake comparative analyses of different approaches to development around the globe; examine international relations and politics; or pursue your own interests through an internship with a local NGO or private institution.

Affiliated Program, Semester, Tanzania

SIT Australia: Rainforest, Reef, and Cultural Ecology

This program explores the terrestrial and marine ecosystems of far North Queensland and the relationship of traditional and contemporary human cultures with the environment. Students interact with scientists and local experts to gain a firsthand understanding of ongoing conservation efforts in an exceptionally diverse environment.

Affiliated Program, Semester, Australia

Ruwwad: The Arab Foundation for Sustainable Development

Ruwwad works with the under-developed community of Jabal Natheef to bring much needed services such as police, mail, and health services while constantly evaluating its needs. Interns with Ruwwad will assist with event planning, content development, curriculum development, project management, research, and teaching.

IE3 Internship, Jordan

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