Public Health Study Abroad

Why Study Public Health Abroad?

“For me, studying abroad in Lyon, France was the best experience I have ever had. I got to meet so many wonderful people and go to the most amazing places. Living in France really helped me look at life the way the French do. For the French, life is all about living. All you need is good food, good wine, and good friends. They don’t understand why Americans spend so much time working instead of really enjoying life. As someone who is majoring in Public Health, the French lifestyle is proof to me that health is a lot more about how you feel than what you eat or do. It’s impossible to not fall in love with the French and with Lyon.”

- Carolina Ruiz
PHE major, studied abroad in Lyon, France

PHE Major Specifics:

When is the best time to study abroad?
Since there are varying requirements and course sequences for Public Health Education (PHE) majors, it is important to meet with both your PHE study abroad contact and with an IPC advisor to ensure that all requirements are met and that your study abroad experience is a success. While every student’s situation may vary, PHE majors typically study abroad during their 3rd year fall semester or during the spring semester of their 4th year. Some students have chosen to complete summer internships or their required last semester spring internship in a study abroad community-based internship program. Begin planning your study abroad experience early and graduate on time!

What courses should I take abroad vs. at UNCG?
It is encouraged that students take a variety of both PHE, GEC, and elective courses while studying abroad. Since there are certain course sequence requirements, be sure to speak with your PHE study abroad contact and IPC advisor to select courses equivalent to those required at UNCG and to plan your semester accordingly. Don’t limit your course search to just public health courses when preparing for your study abroad experience. Broaden your search to include similar majors in the fields of social sciences, human services, health promotion, health care administration, and in the allied health fields. Some PHE courses can also be taken online through UNCG to make sure you stay in sequence.

Do I need to know a foreign language?
Although there are no language requirements for PHE majors, the department highly recommends that students consider taking a foreign language and culture course while abroad. This will enhance the experience and benefit students personally and professionally.

Other benefits...
Simply studying abroad in any country waives a Global marker, and depending on the program, a Global Non-Western marker. Another benefit includes graduating on time! Since students receive UNCG credit for coursework completed abroad, there is no need to prolong graduation. Speak to PHE and IPC advisors for more details.

Can I Afford It?
Yes! On semester or year-long exchange programs, students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees. Housing and meal costs are typically equivalent to a semester in residence at UNCG. Any financial aid received at UNCG can be applied to the program costs. In addition, students are eligible to receive travel grants to help offset the costs of airfare. Set up a meeting with an IPC advisor to review budget sheets and learn more about your options.

Getting Started!
IPC is dedicated to finding the right program for each student, and our huge array of partner universities allows us to do just that. Call (336) 334-5404 or stop by 207 Foust to schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor. This will provide you with more information on appropriate programs, finances, application procedures, and more.
Public Health
Featured Exchange Programs*

**CANADA**
**Brock University**
The public health program at BU focuses on individual, community, and population health and wellness with an emphasis on health promotion, health administration, health policy, and health programming and evaluation.
http://brocku.ca

**BOTSWANA**
**The University of Botswana**
Located in the capital city of Gaborone, UB offers undergraduate programs in environmental health, occupational health and safety, health promotion, and disease prevention.
www.ub.bw

**CHINA**
**The Chinese University of Hong Kong**
CUHK offers a wide array of public health courses, including: social determinants of health, environmental impact on health, health law and ethics, biostatistics and epidemiology fundamentals, emergency preparedness and disaster response, infectious disease, and health services reform.
www.sphpc.cuhk.edu.hk/cms

**DENMARK**
**University of Southern Denmark**
At USD, students can take Bachelor-level courses in the areas of health behavior, international health, determinants of health, and project evaluation.
www.sdu.dk/Uddannelse/Exchange_Programmes

**UNITED KINGDOM**
**The University of Ulster**
Located in Ireland, UU offers various courses in health and social care, including in the areas of social and health policy, politics, legislation relating to health and social care, and research methods.
www.plymouth.ac.uk

**University of Hull**
Located in England, UH offers a variety of courses in its Global Health and Humanitarian Relief program, including world health issues, the culture and context of ill health, health service systems, the impact of war, epidemics, and refugee emergencies.
www2.hull.ac.uk

**AUSTRALIA**
**Edith Cowan University**
ECU offers a variety of health promotions courses, including planning, development, and implementation of health promotion policies and projects. In addition, students can take courses in e-health, mass media, community development and engagement processes, advocacy, social marketing, research, and evaluation.
www.ecu.edu.au

**Deakin University**
DU offers an extensive amount of courses in the areas of public health, including health promotion and other health sciences.
www.deakin.edu.au

**The University of Canberra**
Located in the Australian capital of Canberra, UC offers courses in planning and health services, public health, and health policy.
www.canberra.edu.au

*While these are featured programs for the Department of Public Health, students are by no means limited to these opportunities. For all available programs, please visit http://studyabroad.uncg.edu.*