Why Study Abroad?

“I learned not only what I am capable of—which exceeded my expectations of myself—but also what pushes the line for me and what I cannot tolerate. It was a great internal recognition. My best advice is to go in head first and have no regrets!”

-Jennifer Beynon
Linnaeus University, Sweden

“I was able to teach Nutrition, in Spanish, to children between the ages of 10-14 years and witness first hand how health is viewed in a developing country. This is an experience that you absolutely cannot receive confined to the borders of the United States.”

-Kelsey Griffith
Universidad Catolica del Uruguay, Uruguay

Religious Studies Major Specifics

When is the best time to study abroad?
While every student’s situation may vary, students majoring in Religious Studies typically study abroad during their late sophomore or early junior year. Finding the most appropriate program as well as the best time to go may often depend on academic background, degree requirements, and other considerations, such as second major, minor, or foreign language requirements.

It is important that students start planning their study abroad plans early as they have to take into account REL 410—Senior Seminar, that must be taken at UNCG towards the end of your degree.

What courses should I take abroad vs. at UNCG?
Students can take a variety of both Religious Studies, GEC, elective courses, and even language courses while studying abroad. At UNCG, be sure to take REL 298 prior to studying abroad.

Do I need to know a foreign language?
Almost all of our international partner programs offer extensive coursework in English available to exchange students. However, the department highly recommends students consider taking a foreign language and culture course while abroad. This is a great way to enhance the study abroad experience and will benefit students professionally.

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.

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The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
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Religious Studies
Featured Exchange Programs*

AUSTRALIA
Australian Catholic University
ACU offers an impressive theology program covering areas of biblical studies, Christian thought, Christian practice, philosophy, study of religions, and more. Additional coursework includes courses in ethics, philosophy, music (psalms, etc), history, and more.
www.acu.edu.au

BOTSWANA
University of Botswana
The department of theology and religious studies emphasizes an understanding of the human being as social in its totality, and as involving the body, soul, and spirit. Coursework includes liberation theology, black theology, African Christian theology, and others. Research opportunities may be available.
www.ub.bw/learning_faculties.cfm?pid=599

CHINA
Chinese University of Hong Kong
CUHK’s cultural and religious studies department offers wide variety of coursework, including the psychology and sociology of religion, religion and ethics, religion and education, and religion and literature. Theology coursework includes prophetic literature, the early and medieval church, Christian ethics, and more.
www.crs.cuhk.edu.hk

SOUTH KOREA
Yonsei University
YU offers a broad range of religious studies and theology coursework, including: East Asian religion and culture, history of the modern church, religion and sociology, interpretation of proph-ets, black theology, and others.
http://oia.yonsei.ac.kr

SOUTH AFRICA
University of Cape Town
UCT’s religious studies program looks at both mainstream religious traditions and more recent religious movements, and examines the interplay between these and modern secular culture. In addition, the program provides courses that examine religious aspects of cinema and literature and the significance of the body, sex, and gender in religious cultures.
http://web.uct.ac.za/depts/religion/undergrad.php

University of Stellenbosch
US offers courses in its theology department, including systematic theology, church history and politics, practical theology, and more. In addition, other relevant courses include: philosophy of religion, social issues in South Africa, and public anthropology.
www.sun.ac.za

UNITED KINGDOM
Hull University
The religious studies department at HU approaches religion in an interdisciplinary way, exploring the interface between religion, literature, culture, the arts, history, and society.
www2.hull.ac.uk

University of Trinity Saint David
UTSD offers the department of religion, ethics, and philosophy in which students can explore some of the pressing philosophical, ethical, and religious questions which face modern society. Coursework includes the religious influences on popular culture (film and pop music) and varying religious attitudes towards women, religion, and war.
www.trinitysaintdavid.ac.uk

MALTA
University of Malta
UM offers an extensive theology department where students examine Christian beliefs about the Trinitarian God, the incarnation, and the history of salvation. Students also investigate the interplay between faith, reason, and revelation.
www.um.edu.mt/theology

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