

Why Study IARc

"Design as a field does not exist in a vacuum.
Rather, it is an international profession in which individuals and firms do business all over the world.
By learning from and understanding other cultures, we are not only better able to understand the international context and diversity of design, but we are better able to understand our own cultures."

-Tommy Lambeth

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Interior Architecture Study Abroad



IARc Major Specifics:

When is the best time to study abroad?

While every student's situation may vary, IARc students typically study abroad during 3rd year Spring semester or 4th year Fall semester. Finding the most appropriate program as well as the best time to go may often depend on academic background and certain pre-requisites. Begin planning your study abroad experience early.

What courses should I take abroad vs. at UNCG? It is encouraged that students take a variety of both IARc, GEC, and elective courses while studying abroad. It is strongly recommended that students take at least one studio course per semester while abroad, and it may be possible to take a studio class in other areas of art and design. Additional design courses can also be taken abroad, but they need to be preapproved on a case-by-case basis by an IARc advisor. Support courses may be difficult to obtain overseas, so it may behoove students to take those courses at UNCG.

Do I need to know a foreign language?

While there are no language requirements for IARc majors and most of our international programs offer coursework in English, the department highly recommends students consider taking a foreign language and culture course while abroad. This will enhance the experience and benefit students professionally.

Other benefits...

Simply studying abroad in any country waives a Global marker, and depending on the program, a Global Non-Western marker. Furthermore, you receive credit for IAR 499: International Field Studies. Studying abroad further satisfies IARc Experience courses, and students can be awarded credit for these. Speak to IARc and IPC advisors for more details. In addition, students receive UNCG credit for classes taken abroad, so there is no need to prolong graduation — you can still graduate on time!

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. Be sure to review the budget sheet and speak to an IPC advisor.



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 meeting will provide you with more information on appropriate programs, finances, application procedures, and more.

Call or stop by our office! Voice: 336.334.5404 Fax: 336.256.8509 http://studyabroad.uncg.edu

Interior Architecture Featured Exchange Programs*

TURKEY

Yeditepe University

Located in Istanbul, YU offers a program in interior architecture, which covers subjects such as drawing, construction, design, and lighting. The program in architecture includes coursework in design studio, architectural history, architectural drawing, architectural design, and more. www.yeditepe.edu.tr/undergraduate/architecture

UNITED KINGDOM

The University of Ulster

Located in Belfast, Northern Ireland, the program at UU offers courses in 3-dimensional design, including interior product and furniture design. http://prospectus.ulster.ac.uk

University of Plymouth

Located in England, Plymouth offers a wide variety of courses and specializations, including: landscape design, architecture, interior design, product design, and graphic design—among others. http://www.plymouth.ac.uk

University of Strathclyde

Located in Glasgow, Scotland, US offers programs in architectural studies, including courses influenced by design, cultural context, technology and environment, management practice and law, and communication. Design studio is an integral part of this program.

www.strath.ac.uk/architecture/study/undergraduate

BOTSWANA

University of Botswana

Located in Gaborone, the Architecture Program at UB provides courses in design, consisting of studio work, lectures and seminars in humanities, technology, environment and professional practice. www.ub.bw

SWEDEN

Linnaeus University

LU offers courses in various areas of design, including Scandinavian design, glass, and design and sustainability.

 $http://lnu.se/education/courses?ec_vt=English\&l=en$

SOUTH KOREA

Yonsei University

Located in Seoul, YU offers several courses, including: architectural design studio, history of modern architecture, and special topics in architecture and visual design.

http://oia.yonsei.ac.kr

NEW ZEALAND

Unitec Institute of Technology

Located in Auckland, Unitec offers courses in architectural studies, including architectural design, interior design, urban housing design, the history and theory of architecture, and landscape architecture, which is focused on hands-on learning and design studio.

www.unitec.ac.nz

Massey University

Massey, located in Palmerston North, offers several courses in design, including spatial and industrial design. www.massey.ac.nz

AUSTRALIA

The Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

RMIT, located in Melbourne, offers courses in landscape architecture and planning, interior design, and architectural design studio. www.rmit.edu.au

Deakin University

DU in Melbourne offers courses that include graphic and coded communication, building materials science, architecture design, computeraided modeling, and construction and structures. www.deakin.edu.au

Edith Cowan University

Located near Perth in Western Australia, ECU offers courses in spatial and environmental design, including: design of interior and exterior environments and spaces, applying sustainable practices to the design of retail and commercial spaces, and the design of products and environments that promote usability.

www.ecu.edu.au

University of Canberra

Located in the capital city of Australia, UC offers courses in interior design, architecture, industrial design, and landscape design. Students will explore the broad cultural and environmental issues associated with design and architecture. www.canberra.edu.au/home

SOUTH AFRICA

University of Cape Town

At UCT, students can take courses in the Architectural Studies and Planning department which emphasizes studio work, developing analytical skills and performance, and spatial design. www.apg.uct.ac.za

*While these are featured programs for the Department of Interior Architecture, students are by no means limited to these opportunities. For all available programs, please visit http://studyabroad.uncg.edu. The above programs operate as UNCG exchange programs, where students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees (see front page). Third party, or unaffiliated programs, are also options, but be aware that they may be more expensive and require independent planning and organization on the part of the student.