

Why Study HDFS Abroad?

"Studying abroad in Finland was an experience I will never forget! It has allowed me to discover different parts of the world that I may have never seen, and it has opened my eyes to a world different from the United States. I have learned what I am capable of as an individual, and I now have a clearer picture of who I am, who I want to be, and which direction I want my life to go in. I left Finland with many international friends. You never know what can happen when you go abroad, so my advice is to apply now and start dreaming about the time of your life!"

-Jessie Hill

HDFS major, studied abroad in Oulu, Finland

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Human Development and Family Studies Study Abroad

HDFS Major Specifics:

When is the best time to study abroad?

HDFS students can study abroad at any time during their four years, but the department highly recommends that you do so before your senior year. This way, students have more flexibility to take elective and GEC courses abroad. Begin planning your study abroad experience early!

What courses can I take abroad?

Many GEC and cognate requirements can be fulfilled through studying abroad. In addition, students can take up to four HDFS courses (12 credits); these must be approved by your advisor. Students can take either three or six credits of their teaching practicum or up to six credits of their internship, as long as an HDFS advisor has approved this. Furthermore, any two courses taken abroad fulfill 6 credits of Global Cognate requirements.

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 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. Speak to an IPC adviser for more information.

Will I Graduate on Time?

YES! Students receive UNCG credit for classes taken abroad, so there is no need to prolong graduation.

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 adviser to review options and learn more.



Jessie Hill on a trip to London during her semester abroad.

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.

Human Development and Family Studies Featured Exchange Programs*

FINLAND

University of Oulu

At UO, courses are offered in human development, comparative education, learning and development, language and culture, among others. Oulu is a wonderful place to take HDFS and cognate classes, especially those relevant to students in the B-K and Early Care concentrations.

www.oulu.fi/students/ects.html

CANADA

Brock University

BU offers an extensive array of coursework in their child and youth program which uses a broad-based approach that considers the individual child or youth within the context of the family, school, peer group, and community. Additional courses are also available in other departments, such as early childhood education and psychology.

www.brocku.ca

SOUTH KOREA

Yonsei University

Located in Seoul, South Korea, YU offers several courses, including introduction to family studies, cognitive development; giftedness and creativity; and education in multicultural societies.

www.yonsei.ac.kr/eng

SOUTH AFRICA

University of Cape Town

UCT offers numerous courses in its departments of psychology, sociology, and social development (social work), which cover various areas, including family studies and human development.

www.uct.ac.za/depts/psychology

University of Stellenbosch

US offers a wide variety of courses, including human development in a South African context, psychology and sociology coursework, social work, among others. (Look for T- and E-options for courses in English).

www.sun.ac.za/university/jaarboek/

ESTONIA

University of Tartu

UT offers a variety of courses for exchange students in the areas of psychology and communication, language studies, business, sociology, and philosophy. www.ut.ee/en/studies/

POLAND

University of Wroclaw

UW offers a variety of courses for exchange students in the areas of psychology and pedagogy, sociology, culture studies, and history.

http://international.uni.wroc.pl/en/study-english/timetable (choose 'interstudies')

TURKEY

Yeditepe University

YU offers a wide variety of course options for exchange students. Courses include children's social development, children's cognitive development, developmental psychology, human development, and more. Research and laboratory experience is available.

www.yeditepe.edu.tr

SWEDEN

Linnaeus University

LU offers a variety of courses for exchange students. It is a great place to take GEC, elective, and HDFS courses.

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

UNITED KINGDOM

University of Strathclyde

US offers a program that takes a holistic view of children's development, learning, and well-being, and explores areas such as working with parents and care givers, families, communities, and other agencies.

www.strath.ac.uk

University of Trinity Saint David

UT offers a wide variety of courses, such as facilitating and supporting young people's growth; personal and social development; child development (both theory and practice); cultural concepts of childhood; early literacy; outdoor learning; and gender and childhood.

www.trinitysaintdavid.ac.uk/en

University of Hull

UH offers a variety of courses in the areas of early childhood education; education, special needs, and social inclusion; childhood studies, and more. www2.hull.ac.uk/default.aspx

AUSTRALIA

Edith Cowan University

ECU, located near Perth in Western Australia, offers courses in children and family studies, such as: the ecology of children and families, working with infants and toddlers, social determinants of behavior, interpersonal and helping skills, individual differences, vulnerable people and communities, among others.

www.ecu.edu.au

Federation University

FU offers a variety of courses, including: understanding early human development; literacies and ICT's for young children; language; diversity: children, families and communities; young peoples' worlds; individual expression: art, movement and music.

www.ballarat.edu.au

Australian Catholic University

ACU offers courses in youth work, including: wellbeing and young people, and building relationships and supporting young people. Courses are also offered in ACU's early childhood education program, which covers a wide variety of social, political, and cultural contexts.

www.acu.edu.au

FACULTY LED PROGRAMS

Speak to your HDFS study abroad contact to find out more about Faculty Led study abroad programs.