Social Work Study Abroad

Do I Need to Know a Foreign Language?
While studying abroad is an ideal time to complete foreign language requirements or learn a new language, most of our international partner programs offer extensive coursework in English available to exchange students in most majors.

Will I Graduate on Time?
YES! 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.

Other Benefits...
Simply studying abroad in any country waives a Global marker, and depending on the program, a Global Non-Western marker. Studying abroad is an experience of a lifetime, and you will learn so much about other cultures, other people, and most certainly, you will learn so much about yourself!

Eligibility Criteria...
Participants must be a fulltime student in good academic standing (2.75 GPA). Further requirements include support from your department and prior approval for courses taken abroad. All exchange program participants are required to attend pre-departure orientation sessions covering academic, administrative, health, financial, and cultural information necessary to prepare for a successful experience.

When Should I Apply?
The Fall and Academic Year application deadline to IPC is February 15th. The Spring application deadline is September 15th.

When Can I Study Abroad?
The best time to study abroad for Social Work majors tends to be in the fall semester of your junior or senior year. There are summer opportunities as well. Talk to the study abroad coordinator in your department and to an IPC advisor.

What’s Special About UNCG’s Programs?
Rather than signing up for preset programs, students work with academic advisors to create tailor-made study plans with their goals in mind. Our programs become an integrated part of a student’s path to graduation, rather than an “extra” tacked on.

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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International Programs Center
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
207 Foust Building
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AUSTRALIA

Australian Catholic University
ACU offers a broad range of options in its social work program, including courses in law and policy and working with individuals in various settings and organizations. Fieldwork available. More info.

Deakin University
DU offers an extensive social work program with emphasis on personal, community, and social development in urban/rural and local/global contexts. Fieldwork available. More info.

Edith Cowan University
Located near Perth in Western Australia, ECU offers an impressive array of options, including courses in gender studies, aboriginal studies, culture, addictions, families, public policy, human rights, social justice, and activism. Fieldwork available. More info.

Federation University
FU offers a Community and Human Services program specializing in rural social welfare. Courses include individual, family, and group work; community work practice; public policy analysis; and human service management. Fieldwork available. More info.

BOTSWANA

University of Botswana
UB’s social work program emphasizes situations that negatively affect communities that are culturally, socially, economically, and politically marginalized and at risk. More info.

CHINA

Chinese University of Hong Kong
CUHK’s social work program emphasizes the integration of theory and practice, while stressing social justice. Fieldwork available. More info.

NEW ZEALAND

Unitec Institute of Technology
UIT offers an impressive social work program with an emphasis on the practical application of theory, a critical focus on social justice, and the use of narrative ideas in social practice. Fieldwork available. More info.

Massey University
MU offers programs in both Social Work and Social Policy, giving students a broad array of course options. Fieldwork available. More info.

SWEDEN

Malmo University
MU offers several options applicable to social work majors, including courses in globalization of culture, children's rights, human rights, diversity, ethnicity, peace and conflict, and social justice. Practical work and educational field trips are available in some courses. More info.

SOUTH AFRICA

University of Stellenbosch
Comprised of both theoretical and practice components, US offers programs in both social work and social anthropology, including courses in methodology, intervention, political sociology, community development, social issues, and more. More info here and here.

University of Cape Town
UCT houses the largest Department of Social Development in Southern Africa. The extensive program offers course work in clinical social work, social policy, and social development. Fieldwork available. More info.

UNITED KINGDOM

Keele University
KU’s School of Social Science and Public Policy grounds professional practice in research. Note: not all courses are open to international students. Fieldwork available. More info.

Plymouth University
PU offers a variety of social work options, including courses in policy and law, human development, methods and intervention, community and universal human rights, culture and diversity, spirituality, social justice, managing risk, and medication. Field placements available. More info.

University of Hull
UH offers a rich program in social work, comprised of a wide variety of courses, including: human growth and development, mental health and disability, assessment, planning, intervention, review and evaluation, communication skills; and law and policy. Fieldwork available. More info.

University of Strathclyde
US offers a wide array of options in its social work program, including courses in ethics, culture, legal policies, justice work, family work, and diverse society. Fieldwork available. More info here and here.

GLOBAL WORK WITH IMMIGRANT KIDS (GWIK)

BELGIUM—Plantijn Hogeschool
Located in Antwerp, PH offers three main focuses: case work, cultural work, and personnel management, and has an English-lanugae program designed specifically for incoming foreign students. More info.

SPAIN—Ramon Lull University

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