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
Communications Studies Major
Linnaeus University, Sweden
Spring 2010

“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
Human Nutrition Major
Universidad Catolica del Uruguay, Uruguay
Spring 2011

“Studying abroad gave me a greater understanding that there is a large and quickly developing dance world outside the US. I think it was really important for me to recognize how this industry can shift from culture to culture. Personally, it also challenged the way I think about art and my approach to making art.”

-Rachael Maaney
Dance Major
Edith Cowan University, Australia
Spring 2011

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 differs depending on your major. Talk to the study abroad coordinator in your department and to an IPC advisor. Generally, students study abroad during their Sophomore, Junior, and Senior year. Students have the option of studying abroad during their fall semester, spring semester, throughout an entire academic year, or during the summer.

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.
AUSTRALIA
Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
RMIT offers an impressive array of options for CARS students. Programs offered include: Fashion and Textile Merchandising, Fashion Technology, and Textile Technology. www.rmit.edu.au

Edith Cowan University
ECU offers an extensive program in Contemporary Fashion, a program that uses the material garment and textiles as a vehicle for exploration in relation to the body, object, site, image, contemporary fashion, found garment, and contemporary art. Mt. Lawley campus. www.ecu.edu.au

BOTSWANA
University of Botswana

CHINA
Chinese University of Hong Kong
CUHK offers a wide range of art and design coursework for exchange students. In addition, students have the option to take business courses, meet GEC requirements, and take elective courses. www.cuhk.edu

FRANCE
Universite Angers
At UA, students with French proficiency can take courses in the School of Economics and Business Studies. French language and culture courses are also available. www.univ-angers.fr/en

NEW ZEALAND
Massey University
MU offers extensive options for CARS students. Programs offered include: Fashion Design and Business, Fashion Design, and Textile Design. www.massey.ac.nz

SOUTH KOREA
Yonsei University
YU offers courses in Marketing Channel for Fashion Product, Textile Finishing and New Materials, Apparel Design and Product Planning. YU is also a great option to fulfill business courses, GECs, and elective courses in various academic areas. Keep in mind that course offerings might differ each semester. www.yonsei.ac.kr

Sungkyunkwan University
At SU, students can choose from a variety of options in the Fashion Design program, including courses in fashion drawing, pattern development, fashion business, art, design, and business. www.skku.edu/eng

TURKEY
Yeditepe University
YU offers an extensive program in Fashion and Textile Design, with concentrations in Print Design, Weave Design and Fashion Design and a broad range of electives. www.yeditepe.edu.tr/undergraduate/fashion-textile-design

UNITED KINGDOM
University of Ulster
UU offers an extensive program in Textile Art, Design, and Fashion, where students can experience a variety of traditional skills, cutting edge digital technology, and design. http://prospectus.ulster.ac.uk/course/?id=9817

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