STUDY ABROAD
FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & GLOBAL STUDIES MAJORS
WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad programs provide the opportunity to couple classroom knowledge with firsthand experience of world cultures and communities. Global experiences are a crucial component of professional development for students entering the field of international relations. UT offers numerous outstanding opportunities, many of which are highlighted in this brochure.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

PROGRAMS
Choose from more than 400 UT-approved programs on six continents. A recommended list for IRG students is provided within this brochure.

AFFORDABILITY
Consider the real cost of studying abroad: the difference between a semester in Austin and a semester abroad. UT awards hundreds of study abroad scholarships that can help offset costs.

CAREER
Gain a competitive edge that can help you get a job later while building your resume now.

CREDIT
Obtain major, minor, and core credits that count toward your degree. Plan ahead and graduate on time. Search the “My Credit Abroad” database of over 10,000 pre-approved courses with UT equivalents.

“There is a reason that studying abroad is an essential component of the IRG major. The consequences of our increasingly interconnected world — for international security, political economy, scientific advancement, and cultural understanding — are made immediate and tangible upon experiencing an unfamiliar bit of that world firsthand.”

— Dr. Michael Anderson, Director, International Relations & Global Studies, College of Liberal Arts
QUESTIONS

TO ASK YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

• What classes must I complete on campus for my degree?

• How can I ensure a foreign course will count toward my major (for track credit or the world history requirement) or toward my minor?

• What remaining prerequisites must I fulfill, and how will study abroad impact my progress?

• How many hours of upper-division credit do I need to complete for my degree?

• How many hours of elective (lower vs. upper division) credit do I have remaining in my major?

• Are there any in-residence requirements I need to be aware of before I go abroad?

• How should I follow up with you as my study abroad plans are confirmed?

TO ASK YOUR STUDY ABROAD COORDINATOR

• How will I get credit for the courses I take abroad?

• How can I get courses approved for my program(s) of interest?

• What do I need to consider in preparing an estimated budget for my program(s) of interest, and what expenses do I need to plan for up front?

• Where can I find more information about scholarships for study abroad?

• How can I contact UT students who have participated in my program(s) of interest?

“Global organizations seek talent with a solid background of the geopolitical and commercial workings of the world. After experiencing the melting pot of ideologies and traditions in Singapore, I see how a tiny, first-world city-state can have a global impact on politics and commerce.”

— Armando Vera III, Singapore

TO ASK THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

• Learn about study abroad and financial aid before you contact Financial Services. Visit: world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding

• How do loans work for study abroad? What kinds of aid/loans do I currently receive, and are there any restrictions on this aid if I study abroad?

• Have I reached the maximum of (insert name of) loan allowed per academic year?

• When will funds be released for my semester of participation?

• How will additional scholarships impact my UT financial aid?
IRG PROGRAMS ABROAD

Each program below has a full semester of courses pre-approved for UT credit which fulfill IRG degree requirements, including classes for specific track, minor, world history, and university core credits. Visit the “My Credit Abroad” database online to view direct course matches: world.utexas.edu/abroad/credit

ASIA

EAST CHINA NORMAL UNIVERSITY, SHANGHAI, CHINA
Courses taught in English. Courses in Chinese available. ECNU is known as the “Garden University” for its beautiful campus scenery. This program offers internship opportunities and is ideal for CMA, IPE, and IS tracks and the ANS minor. (CIEE Affiliated Studies)

HANYANG UNIVERSITY, SEOUL, KOREA
Courses taught in English and Korean. A top Korean university, Hanyang is located in the high-tech, cultural center of Seoul. Embracing the city’s mix of tradition and modernity, Hanyang makes for an attractive academic experience abroad. Ideal for all tracks and the ANS minor. (UT Austin Exchange)

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE
Courses taught in English. This program offers the opportunity to study at one of the top universities in Asia. Example courses include Singapore’s Foreign Policy and Environmental Ethics. Ideal for all tracks and the ANS minor. (UT Austin Exchange)

EUROPE

CHARLES UNIVERSITY, PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC
Courses taught in English. Onsite orientation for this program includes excursions and an Intensive Czech Language and Culture course. Ideal for the CMA track and EUS minor. Limited IPE track and REE minor courses available. (AIFS Affiliated Studies)

IES: EUROPEAN UNION, FREIBURG, GERMANY
Courses taught in English. Courses in German available. This semester-long program allows students to experience the countries, institutions, and policies of the European Union firsthand and includes 21 days of field study. May offer internship opportunities. Ideal for all tracks and the EUS minor. (IES Affiliated Studies)

INSTITUT D’ETUDES POLITIQUES DE PARIS (SCIENCES PO), PARIS, FRANCE
Courses taught in English and French. The main campus is located in the historical heart of Paris, but students may elect to study at satellite locations around France specializing in different regions of the world for the IRG minor. Ideal for all tracks. (UT Austin Exchange)

UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
Courses taught in English. Copenhagen is known for fostering independent learning in a challenging environment. In addition to the EUS minor, many AFR minor classes are offered by The Centre for African Studies. Ideal for all tracks. (UT Austin Exchange)

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD, ENGLAND
Sheffield is one of the UK’s leading universities and is known as the greenest city in England and for its excellence in student services. Ideal for IPE and STE tracks and the EUS minor. Limited courses pre-approved for IS and CMA tracks. (UT Austin Exchange)
VESALIUS COLLEGE, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM
Courses taught in English. Courses in French and Dutch available. This college shares the city with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization headquarters. May offer internship opportunities. Ideal for IPE and IS tracks and the EUS minor. (CIEE Affiliated Studies)

LATIN AMERICA
IES: BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA
Courses taught in English and Spanish. With two program options to accommodate various levels of Spanish-language skills, students may opt to enroll in courses at several local universities or in an internship. Ideal for all IRG tracks and the LAS minor. (IES Affiliated Studies)

SIT: TROPICAL ECOLOGY, MARINE ECOSYSTEMS, AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION, PANAMA CITY, PANAMA
Courses taught in English. This is a specialized program with coursework for the STE track. Students conduct fieldwork examining global climate change and engage with indigenous community organizations working at the forefront of Panama’s environmental movement. (SIT Affiliated Studies)

MIDDLE EAST/AFRICA
BOGAZICI UNIVERSITY, ISTANBUL, TURKEY
Courses taught in English. Bogazici offers excellent courses for students with an interest in Middle Eastern Studies, such as The Middle East in World Politics. Ideal for CMA, IPE, and IS tracks and MES minor. (UT Austin Exchange)

CIEE AMMAN, JORDAN
Courses taught in English. Courses in Arabic available. The Diplomacy + Policy Studies program option is best suited for the IS track and MES minor, while the Language and Culture option is ideal for both the CMA and IS tracks and the MES minor. (CIEE Affiliated Studies)

STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY, STELENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA
Courses taught in English. Stellenbosch is a top African research institution located in a culturally-rich university town near Cape Town. This program is ideal for the IS and STE tracks and the AFR minor. (AIFS Affiliated Studies)

OCEANIA
UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA
One of Australia’s most prestigious universities, UNSW is conveniently located near Aussie beaches and cultural destinations. The program offers internship opportunities and is ideal for all IRG tracks and the ANS, EUS, and REE minors. (UT Austin Exchange)

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA
Melbourne is a popular destination for semester abroad programs. International Trade and Global Environmental Politics are example courses. Ideal for all IRG tracks and the ANS and EUS minors. (UT Austin Exchange)

IRG STUDY TRACKS
CMA – Culture, Media, and the Arts
IPE – International Political Economy
IS – International Security
STE – Science, Technology, and the Environment

IRG MINOR CONCENTRATIONS
AFR – African and African Diaspora Studies
ANS – Asian Studies
EUS – European Studies
LAS – Latin American Studies
MES – Middle Eastern Studies
REE – Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies
**MAPPING YOUR SEMESTERS**

Many of the courses in the IRG degree plan are ideal to take abroad. The general IRG degree plan is shown below with the recommended semester to go abroad highlighted. Additional abroad options are indicated with an asterisk.* Meet with your academic advisor regularly to revise your plan accordingly.

**SAMPLE STUDY ABROAD PLAN (12-14 CATALOG)**

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*These are alternate courses that can be rotated to a semester abroad, allowing flexibility to consider a wider range of programs or a full year of participation.

“Studying abroad reiterated what I love most about being an IRG major: the opportunity to explore other cultures and societies. Once I revealed I was studying international relations, people were really interested in discussing world politics, ideas, and cultures.”

— Gabriele Dobbins, Spain
**PLANNING TIPS**

IRG students have several opportunities to meet two requirements with one course (e.g., count a class toward both Visual & Performing Arts and the minor or CEHET and the major). Using this recommended strategy, students can gain more elective options, shorten time to graduation, or both.

The number of electives needed may vary depending on credit granted for AP, dual enrollment, and credit-by-exam.

All AFR classes should be reviewed by IRG for applicability to the minor.

**NOTES**

Foreign language sequences vary by language.

Study abroad is not recommended during your final semester, as the delay in processing course credits could prevent you from graduating on time.

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### MY STUDY ABROAD PLAN

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“By studying the labor-driven migration of the Muslim ‘Hui’ ethnic people to the city of Kunming, my experience abroad gave new insight in understanding the human impact behind China’s rise and how it affects the global economy.”

— Billy Yates, China
WAYS TO GET STARTED

Discover more at world.utexas.edu/abroad

TALK TO YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR
Your advisor can help identify the best course options to meet degree requirements and can help determine the ideal semester to participate.

STUDY ABROAD PEER ADVISORS
Peer advisors can help you explore options and answer questions during walk-in hours at the International Office. See walk-in hours here: world.utexas.edu/abroad/advising/peeradvisors

PROGRAM SEARCH ENGINE
Explore more than 400 study abroad programs.

MY CREDIT ABROAD DATABASE
Find over 10,000 pre-approved foreign courses with UT equivalents.

ON CAMPUS ADVISING AND EVENTS
Walk-in advising and information sessions are available throughout the academic year. Dates, times, and locations are found on the calendar on the main Study Abroad website.

FUNDING STUDY ABROAD
Understand your funding options, financial aid, online tools, and available scholarships here: world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding

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