Education Abroad Programs for Students of Art History & Visual Studies

UK Education Abroad offers a variety of programs that allow you to study art history and visual studies in an international setting. Immerse yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge of the subjects, and explore what the world has to offer with any one of the exciting opportunities available to you!

Why study abroad?

Education abroad can help you...

- Experience art history and visual studies first-hand
- Globalize your world view
- Expand your intercultural understanding and problem-solving skills
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Gain new insight into the world and yourself
- Increase your language skills

As a student of art history and visual studies, the best way to increase your knowledge is to immerse yourself in various cultures. There is no substitute for the experience that a semester, year, summer, or winter abroad will give you.

Do I have to speak a foreign language to study abroad?

Absolutely not. There are plenty of programs in English-speaking countries. Furthermore, students can find classes taught in English in practically every country. Of course, there are also plenty of excellent programs for students who prefer to study in a foreign language.

Where can I study abroad?

There are many opportunities to study all over the world! From the metropolitan buzz of London to the tropical landscape of Costa Rica, UK offers a wide array of programs that allow students to study in all parts of the globe.

How can I afford to study abroad?

The Education Abroad office offers scholarships for students interested in studying abroad. These scholarships range from $750-$1,500. Stop by one of the information sessions on scholarships or visit the Education Abroad website for more information.

Additionally, most UK financial aid applies towards the cost of studying abroad! Check with your financial aid advisor for more information.

Finally, please note that there are several education abroad programs that are comparable to the cost of attending UK. So, with a little bit of planning, if you can afford to attend UK, you can afford to study abroad.

What are my next steps?

Attend a First Step Session.

Find out what you can study abroad and where, and ask questions about the application process, financial aid and scholarships, etc. First Step Sessions are held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-5p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4p.m. in 207 Bradley Hall.

Explore the programs available.

Search online or visit the Education Abroad Resource Center in 315 Bradley Hall.

Talk to an Education Abroad advisor.

Each UK Education Abroad advisor has expertise in specific academic disciplines and geographic regions. Check the website and make an appointment with the advisor who is an expert on the programs in which you are interested.

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How do I choose the education abroad program that is right for me?

Look through the information in this advising guide for an overview of the programs available to UK students. You can also find more detailed descriptions online. To get started, it is important to consider the type of program you would like to attend, descriptions of which are outlined above. Consider the following important questions.

When can I study abroad?
- You can study abroad for an entire academic year, during the Fall or Spring semesters, Winter Intersession or over the Summer.

Where will I live?
- Most programs provide accommodation for students in residence halls and foreign student dormitories. Some programs, particularly ones that focus on language immersion provide the option of living with a local family.

Will I earn credits while abroad?
- Yes! Earn credit towards your major abroad, or get some electives out of the way. Please check with your Director of Undergraduate Studies to make sure specific courses will count towards your major.

How much does it cost?
- Programs vary in cost depending on the program type, duration, and provider. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the costs of the programs you are considering.
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Advanced Spanish Language, Literature & Culture (KIIS)—Segovia, Spain
Language Req: 12 Hours of Spanish
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Spring

In addition to multiple Spanish language courses, students can study Spanish art and architecture, as well as the civilization, culture, and literature of Spain.

Art & Archaeology in Greece (KIIS)
—Athens, Greece
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Summer 1

This program offers coursework in Hellenistic and Roman art and architecture, art of Greece, early Christian and Byzantine art and architecture, and the ancient Greek theatre.

Art, History, & Sociology (KIIS)
—Prague, Czech Republic
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Undergraduates only
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Course topics include art history since 1300, special topics in art history and visual studies, drawing, and travel writing. Students can enroll in one or two courses.

Drawing, Art, Poetry & Travel Writing (KIIS)—Barcelona, Spain
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Summer 2

In addition to courses in drawing and poetry, students can focus their coursework on museum studies, nationalism, culture, and modern art.

UK PARTNER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

When should I study abroad?

Most UK students study abroad during their sophomore or junior years. However, there are programs available for freshmen and senior students as well.

Another important decision to make is what time of year to study abroad. Programs are available for the academic year, the Fall and Spring semesters, Winter Intersession, and the Summer sessions. It is also possible to take a spring-embedded course, which is a class taught at UK with an international component during spring break or early summer.

Because many foreign institutions follow different academic calendars, it is important for students to consider the specific dates of the program far in advance. For example, many “fall” semester programs in the Southern Hemisphere may run from July to November and from February to June during the American spring semester.

Similarly, it may be difficult for students to study at some European institutions for the fall semester. Final exams may be scheduled in early January, and many programs do not make allowances for US students. Please be sure you consider this issue in advance.

Many students choose to study abroad during the Summer or Winter sessions. There are two summer sessions available: Summer I and Summer II. Summer I programs typically occur during May and early June, while Summer II programs tend to start late in the summer and end in late July or early August.

European Humanities (DIS)
—Copenhagen, Denmark
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Undergraduates only
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Students can choose from a variety of courses, some of which focus on Danish architecture, contemporary art in Copenhagen, history of dance, and women’s identity in art.

French Studies (IES Abroad)
—Paris, France
Language Req: 4 Semesters of French
Class Standing: Undergraduates only
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

In addition to rigorous French language courses, art history students have the opportunity to study in classes that focus on French art.

John Cabot University (API)
—Rome, Italy
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Undergraduates only
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

This program offers coursework that focuses on visual culture, curating museums, Roman art, the Italian Renaissance, and Italian media, culture, and opera.

Lorenzo de’ Medici Language School (API)
—Florence, Italy
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Undergraduates only
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

Course topics include museology, Italian architecture, international art business, contemporary art, cinema, and music—as well as significant Italian artists and their work.

University of Canterbury (Arcadia)
—Christchurch, New Zealand
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Undergraduates only
Minimum GPA: 2.8
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

This program offers many unique courses related to Asian and Pacific art. Some topics include Maori art, Kiwi icons, architecture in New Zealand, and international contemporary art.

Florence University of the Arts (SAI)
—Florence, Italy
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

Courses include numerous options in art history, architectural history, photography, digital animation, painting, and drawing. Italian language is also offered at beginning to advanced levels.

Be sure to check out programs offered by the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KIIS) at www.uky.edu/ea, or in the Education Abroad Resource Center in Bradley 315.
Are there other programs?

Yes! This advising guide is a good place to start, but you should also visit the UK Education Abroad website to learn about many other exciting opportunities to study, intern, or volunteer abroad.

If you don’t see your ideal program listed on the UK Education Abroad website, please contact an Education Abroad Adviser to learn more about UK External Education Abroad Programs and how to apply.

Certificate of Global Studies

Demonstrate your preparedness to live and work in a global community with the Certificate of Global Studies.

For more information, please visit uky.edu/EGE/Certificates/Global/

Are you concerned about how to transfer credits from courses taken abroad?

Our department collaborates with the Education Abroad office in order to assure pre-departure approval of course equivalencies and course bypass examination eligibility.

Courses taken at an institution other than the University of Kentucky should be evaluated by the appropriate UK department prior to the student’s registration in that course to determine equivalencies and whether or not the department will accept that course in fulfillment of program requirements.

Meet with your advisor early on in the planning process in order to discuss the proper procedure.

Degree Requirements

Pre-major Requirements: A-H 101 OR A-H 106; One course from A-H 101, 102, 104, 105, 106; One course from A-S 102, 103, 130, 200

Major Requirements: 3 hours in Non-Western Art & Visual Studies, 3 Hours in Ancient & Medieval Art & Visual Studies, 3 Hours in Renaissance & Early Modern Art & Visual Studies, 3 hours in 18th & 19th Century Art & Visual Studies, and 3 Hours in Modern Art & Visual Studies

Beyond the foundational major requirements, students have the option of completing one of three major options, each which their own requirements: Art History Option, Museum Studies Option, and Visual Studies Option.

For students of the Art History option, a foreign language requirement beyond the basic UK requirement exists.

Students are encouraged to speak with their advisor early on in determining which program option to plan for.

For more specific degree requirements, visit the course bulletin at http://www.uky.edu/registrar/Major-Sheets/MS1314/fa/ah.pdf