

Study Away in Communication Arts and Sciences

Department of International
Education



Imagine... getting a summer internship in Rome, studying multicultural communication for a January Term in Hawaii, taking communications courses at top schools in Australia or England, or spending a semester living and working in the city of Chicago.

Study abroad can help you

- Understand the field from an international perspective
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Work toward fluency in a second language
- Diversify your world view
- Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
- Gain confidence in yourself
- Enhance your interpersonal and communication skills

Study abroad will change your life and widen your career options. With today's increasingly interdependent world characterized by diversity and change, significant cross-cultural and foreign language experience is exactly what employers seek.

Can I afford to study abroad?

YES! A semester abroad is generally not more expensive than a semester of tuition, room, and board on

campus. With multiple sources of funding and programs of varying length, study abroad is financially possible for nearly all students.

Students may generally apply their college scholarships and financial aid to affiliated programs, many of which offer their own scholarships for study abroad. Through the CPE, Elmhurst offers endowed scholarships for students with financial need.

Outside scholarship providers that students may pursue include:

- Phi Kappa Phi
- Boren/National Security Education Program
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- Gilman
- Midwest Regional Center IIE
- EC Affiliated Programs

Also be sure to contact the Elmhurst College Office of Financial Aid.

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Academic Considerations for Communication Students

What are my next steps?

Get Started!

Attend one of the monthly study abroad information sessions during the academic year and go to the Study Away Fair. Then, call or stop by the Center for Professional Excellence, located in Circle Hall, to make an appointment with Dr. Lagerwey.

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Investigate programs

Use catalogues found in the Center for Professional Excellence and look at the program sponsors' websites to find the program that's right for you or visit the study abroad area of the Elmhurst College webpage (see back page of brochure).

Talk to your adviser

Your adviser can help you figure out the best way to fit study abroad into your college career.

Set goals and plan for results

- Begin planning as soon as possible. Set some goals. The best study abroad option for you depends on what you want. Consider: Country/region/location, setting and environment (studying with local or international students, living with a host family), personal and professional goals, and importance of internships or service learning.
- Prepare academically. You may need to take language or other prerequisite courses for your chosen program.
- Research and talk to students who have studied abroad previously.

Sample Questions to Ask the Director of International Education

- I would like to fulfill General Education requirements while abroad. How do I know if my courses meet these requirements?
- Several programs offer courses in the country to which I would like to travel. Which program would you recommend for me based

on my language skills and academic and personal interests?

What to Bring to Your Academic Advising Meeting

- Copies of course descriptions or related information on the courses you are interested in taking while abroad
- Your advising handbook
- A tentative four-year plan (if applicable)

Sample Questions to Ask Your Adviser

- What major/minor requirements do I have left to complete?
- Do I meet the minimum 3.0 GPA required for Study Abroad?
- What general education requirements do I have left to complete?
- I have copies of course descriptions for courses I am considering taking while abroad. Do these courses meet any of my major or minor requirements or any requirements outside my major or minor?
- What do I need to do to follow up with you when I return from study abroad? What should I bring back with me (e.g., course syllabi)?
- Are there particular requirements you recommend I should/should not try to complete abroad?
- What should I do if I get abroad and can't take these classes? May I e-mail you for guidance in making alternative choices?

General Education Requirements

General Education requirements are great to take while abroad. UMAIE courses offer a wide variety of options for January Term. The Director of International Education can tell you what Gen Ed's, if any, courses fulfill. A few of the more common ones that study abroad students have taken abroad include: People Power and Politics, Global Society, Literature, Western Culture and Fine Arts.

Study Abroad Options for Communication Students

Short-Term Options

January Term

Students who wish to study abroad during January Term may choose between courses offered through the college and courses offered through the UMAIE consortium. Check each year for study abroad opportunities by looking at the list of course offerings at the International Education Fair, or by going online or stopping into the Center for Professional Excellence. Keep in mind that January Term is also a great time to fulfill general education requirements while exploring the world.

Elmhurst

Every year, several Elmhurst faculty members lead groups of students to a select number of locations for foreign language study, other academic electives, or service learning projects.

UMAIE

UMAIE is a consortium of schools in the Midwest offering joint January Term abroad options. A couple examples of courses that have been offered in the past are: *Culture and Communication in Post-Apartheid South Africa*, and *Multicultural Communication in Organizational Settings* in Hawaii.

Summer

Elmhurst College and most of the Elmhurst-affiliated programs offer summer options, so you can get away without missing a beat in your regular school-year studies and activities.

IES Abroad offers summer **internships** of interest to communication students, including media and communications internships

in Rome.

Semester- or Year-long Options

Elmhurst is affiliated with a variety of sponsor programs and four partner institutions. While the following lists give suggestions for programs that specifically mention the availability of communication coursework, it is by no means exhaustive. You are encouraged to seek out programs that will best help you complement your communication studies, either through your chosen minor or through elective credit.

Note: In addition to program costs, all students on long-term programs will be billed the \$600 international fee during the term they are abroad. See website for more details.

ISEP

ISEP is an exchange program, which means that students pay regular tuition directly to Elmhurst and attend classes in a host university alongside native students. If you have a strong background in a foreign language, you may wish to pursue coursework in that language, however, there are many English language options as well.

Communication studies is offered at the University of Ulster in Belfast, Ireland, and in India at the University of Hyderabad. Korea's Ajou University offers coursework in the fields of: communication, electronic communication technology, and media. In the Netherlands, the Universiteit van Amsterdam provides students with options for courses in such fields as communication science, discourse and argumentation studies, and film and television studies. Napier University in Edinburgh, Scotland has a competitive program in Communica-

tion Arts, including: journalism, publishing, communication, photography, and film and TV. Other schools with English language communication studies options are at the University of Malta and at Sweden's Örebro University. Intercultural Communication Studies is available in Finland at the University of Tampere.

The communications department at Massey University in New Zealand offers an **internship** for ISEP students who have completed junior-year level coursework in the United States.

IFSA-Butler

IFSA-Butler is a study abroad program that allows you to enroll in one or more universities. IFSA-Butler has a strong orientation program and will organize some social activities and trips where you will be with other international students. Communications studies are available at Cardiff University in Wales. Spanish-speaking students might consider Universidad Diego Portales in Chile, where communication is a top department, or at Universidad de Málaga in Spain.

Various **internships** are also available for students to pursue. A communications internship is offered at Macquarie University in Australia. You may also apply for an internship in media studies (including advertising, public relations, TV and print media) at the University of New South Wales in Australia. Another media and communications internship is at Birkbeck, University of London. Also, at the University of Westminster, internships are available in communications or media arts.

Finally, students who have completed two years of study in some form of communication and media studies, whether it be public relations, professional writing or advanced print media studies, may apply for

a journalism/media **internship** at the University of Tasmania. You might work at one of Tasmania's three statewide daily newspapers, three local television stations, five local radio stations or one of a number of print outlets.

IES

With IES, students take courses at an IES center in the host country. The courses are taught by local faculty, but you will be with other international students. With director approval, you may be able to take one or two courses at a local university. IES offers **internship** opportunities and **volunteer** options.

Many options are available in Australia. At Macquarie University, students can find coursework in International Communication. The University of New South Wales also offers media and communications. The *Study London* program offers coursework in communication and media, and students take courses at one of the following universities: Courtauld Institute of Art, London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art, and Slade School of Fine Art.

At another IES site in Adelaide, Australia, you may be able to participate in a media and communications **internship** that allows you to serve as a consultant to one of a broad variety of public sector organizations. You will engage in an independent research project that ordinarily involves field research and can have an important impact upon policy or practices in the organization.

AustraLearn

AustraLearn is a program where students study at one of over 30 universities in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji and take classes with Australian students.

AUT University offers an innovative mix of

theory and industry-focused practice across seven majors: Advertising Creativity, Digital Media, Creative Industries, Journalism, Public Relations, Radio, and Television. **Study-Internship combinations** are available.

Bond University is particularly renowned for its strength in communication disciplines such as journalism, public relations, advertising, multimedia, and computer gaming. Take courses such as *Gender Communication*, *Shared Leadership in Groups & Teams*, and *Political Communication & Advertising*.

Edith Cowan University focuses on the theoretical and practical dimensions of communication, and the department includes such fields of study as advertising, interactive multimedia technologies, journalism, mass communications, photomedia, and public relations.

At La Trobe University, take courses such as: *Making the News*, *Story Telling Cinema*, and *Writing Your Own Life*, and benefit from facilities like the online journalism laboratory, television studio, audio recording studio, digital editing suites, and digital video and audio production facilities.

Murdoch University focuses on media and multimedia theory and production (film, television, radio and online media, as well as broadcast and print journalism), mass communication, public relations, communication and cultural studies, Australian Indigenous Studies, and Women's Studies. Also get involved in the school's television or radio program or in other production projects.

At Swinburne University of Technology, courses investigate various technologies that impact on social and cultural life, and the ways in which they are transforming

how we think about the media.

The University of Melbourne offers study abroad students a mix of industry-focused and academic classes designed to develop students' critical understanding of the media and communications in global and local contexts. **Study-Internship combinations** are available.

At the University of South Australia, study abroad students can participate in the production of local news bulletins and documentary pieces that are aired on the Adelaide community TV station. Students may also have the opportunity to be involved with other world-wide events that are held in Adelaide to conduct interviews, reviews, and other media and public relations activities.

The University of Sydney equips students with the training and skills required for entry into areas such as print, broadcast and online journalism, international communications, media regulation and public policy, media and public relations, and corporate communications. Depending on subject choice, practical experience is provided in print, radio, television, video, and online media.

At University of Tasmania, the Journalism, Media, and Communications Program equips students for a wide range of career options, including journalism and public relations. **Study-Internship combinations** are available in journalism and media studies at television, newspaper, or radio outlets.

Media and Communications is a highly interdisciplinary program at the University of Waikato, taught simultaneously within the Department of Screen and Media Studies at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Department of Management Communication at the Waikato Management

School.

UTS Sydney offers innovative and dynamic courses across six program areas: Information and Knowledge Management, Journalism, Media Arts and Production, Public Communication, Social Inquiry, and Writing and Cultural Studies.

At Queensland University of Technology, students can study traditional communication subjects or choose from a large range of subjects in the exciting emerging field of Creative Industries, such as advertising, media communications, journalism, creative and professional writing, public relations, literary studies, and mass communication.

Many other universities have strong communication programs, including: University of Queensland, University of Wollongong, Griffith University, James Cook University, University of Newcastle, Massey University and University of Otago.

Arcadia University

Arcadia offers a variety of experiences including courses for international students, immersion in a host university, **internships** and more. Their program-finder can help you locate the right program for you.

In South Africa students attend the University of Cape Town where they may find courses in film and media studies. In Scotland, the University of Stirling offers communication, film and media studies.

England's University of Westminster is known for its modern and superior facilities in the areas of Mass Communications, Film & TV. Westminster's School of Communication and Creative Industries is considered one of the largest, best-equipped and most prestigious centers of learning in the United Kingdom for studies in art and

design, film, journalism, and mass communication.

In Australia, Monash University has a particularly strong Communications department that offers an opportunity to focus on new media as well as virtual cultures and youth media. Also, Queensland University of Technology offers communications, performing arts and visual arts.

Universidad San Francisco de Quito

USFQ is an Ecuadorian partner institution to Elmhurst. Students may participate in exchange programs there, meaning regular tuition is paid directly to Elmhurst. USFQ offers home stays and community service options. Although the teachers speak English, courses are usually taught entirely in Spanish. USFQ offers home stays and **community service** options. The College of Communication and Contemporary Arts (CCCA) combines both professional careers and creative practices under one umbrella. The college is also known for its strong communication design and digital animation programs. Sample courses include: *Critical Studies in Communication and Art*, *Topics in Communication and Art*, and *Social Marketing*.

SIT

The SIT program centers on **field research** accompanied by coursework, all focused around a specific theme. SIT also emphasizes foreign language learning and practice. Students could easily choose any program relating to social change, development, the arts, or multicultural or religious studies and focus their independent study on a communications issue of their choosing.

IPSL

The International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership integrates **volunteer** work into your study abroad experi-

ence. If you are interested in doing service work for a semester and being in direct contact with people in another country on a daily basis, then seek out a program to best fit your academic needs.

Kansai Gaidai

Japan's Kansai Gaidai University has a renowned Asian Studies Program for international students. Learn Japanese while taking courses in English from an Asian perspective. Students interested in Asian culture may wish to work on their minor or fulfill their Fine Arts, Global Society or other Gen Eds at this university. Study art and communications from an Asian perspective. Take courses such as: *The Body and Communication in Japan*; *Making the News in Japan: Today's Headlines and the Mass Media*; and *Geisha, Gangsters and Samurai: Images of Japan in Western Film and*

Literature.

Chicago Semester

Spend a semester living and working in the city of Chicago. Chicago Semester will help students find an internship in their field of study. Students work 4 full days, or 32 hours, per week and also participate in seminar courses on urban life. Find a communication **internship** including: advertising, event planning, marketing, journalism, TV, radio, film, video and public relations. Or, find an internship in the field of the Arts including: graphic design, web design and theater.

This is just a sampling and some programs may be subject to change. For more options, visit the Elmhurst College Study Abroad website or talk to the Director of International Education.

Sample Options for Communication Students

London, England

University of Westminster

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New Zealand

Massey University

Massey's communication program was New Zealand's first. That history of innovation continues with a wide range of up-to-date programs, including communication management, expressive arts, journalism studies, linguistics, marketing communication, media studies, and public relations. Diverse course options include such topics as: *Interpersonal Communication, Cross-Cultural Communication, Public Relations Practice, Professional Presentations in Business, Professional and E-Business Writing, Investigative Reporting, Global Journalism, Feature Writing and Freelancing*, and more. Communications internships for academic credit are also available to study abroad students.

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Sample Four-Year Plan for Communication Students

Freshman (1st year)

Fall Semester

COM 114 Interpersonal Communication

COM 213 Public Speaking

Gen Eds, Electives or Minor Credits

Spring Semester

COM 114 Interpersonal Communication

COM 213 Public Speaking

Gen Eds, Electives or Minor Credits

Sophomore (2nd year)-January Term Study Abroad

Fall Semester

200 Level Communication Electives

Gen Eds, Electives or Minor Credits

Spring Semester

COM 315 Intercultural Communication

Upper Level Communication Electives

Gen Eds, Electives or Minor Credits

CPP 250: Preparing for International Education (.25 credit)

Junior (3rd year)-Summer or Semester Study Abroad

Fall Semester: *Study Abroad*

Upper Level Communication Electives

Gen Eds, Electives or Minor Credits

Spring Semester

COM 316 Communication Theory

Communication Elective

Gen Eds, Electives or Minor Credits

Senior (4th year)-Semester Abroad

Fall Semester

COM 468 Internship: *Chicago Semester*

Spring Semester

Any remaining requirements or communication electives

** Plan to take **CPP 250**, a quarter credit course that prepares you for study abroad, the semester before your summer, semester or year abroad.*

Program Sponsor Websites

Arcadia University

<http://www.arcadia.edu/abroad/>

AustraLearn

<http://www.australearn.org>

IES

www.IESabroad.org

IFSA-Butler

www.IFSA-Butler.org

IPSL

www.ipsl.org

UMAIE

<http://www.semint.com/umaie/index.html>

SIT Study Abroad

<http://worldlearning.org/323.htm>

ISEP

www.isep.org

Kansai Gaidai

<http://www.kansaigaidai.ac.jp/asp/>

Universidad San Francisco de Quito

<http://www.usfq.edu.ec/home.html>

Comillas Pontificia in Madrid

www.upcomillas.es

Chicago Semester

<http://chicagosemester.org>

<http://public.elmhurst.edu/academics/study>