

Study Away in History

Department of International
Education



Imagine... spending a summer in Greece, Estonia, Rwanda, or South Africa, or studying History for a semester in locations such as Italy, New Zealand, Wales, London, or Ghana.

Study abroad can help you

- Understand the field of history from an international perspective
- Explore historical sites first-hand
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Work toward fluency in a second language
- Discover new perspectives on international issues
- 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 also 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 History 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.

(630) 617-3604 or wallyl@elmhurst.edu

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 History 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. One past trip, for example, took students to Italy to study the history of religious and economic influence in Rome. Check with the Department of History for any options that may be available within your field.

UMAIE

UMAIE is a consortium of schools in the Midwest offering joint January Term abroad options. For students pursuing a minor in Intercultural Studies, for example, *Multicultural Communication in Hawaii* is one example of a course that has been offered in the past. For history majors that may have a Spanish minor, *Spanish Language Through Cultural Engagement in Mexico* would be a great opportunity.

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.

ISEP

One potential summer course has been offered with the University of Tartu in Estonia, entitled: *After Empire: The Collapse of Communism and Beyond*. Students spend one week each in Estonia, Russia and Ukraine. The program features lectures in English by local professors; meetings with diplomats, businessmen and politicians; visits to enterprises, governmental and NGO institutions and media firms; and cultural activities and tours in each city.

IFSA-Butler

Students with a particular interest in aboriginal history might be interested in the summer program with Murdoch University, where you will journey through the life, culture and history of the Nyungar people. Another option in Australia is at the University of New South Wales, for which students take a core course in history plus one elective. To explore Medieval English culture, students should look into the summer program at St. Peter's College, Oxford University.

IES

The "UK Today" summer program in London provides students with several options for history courses. Or, for students who are interested in learning or practicing Spanish, the program in Barcelona, Spain gives students the opportunity to take Spanish language courses in addition to elective courses, including history courses, in either English or Spanish.

Arcadia

For history students, the programs offered in Greece are of particular interest. Another option is in South Africa at the University of Stellenbosch, for which students take *Introduction to South African Politics and Economics* and *Introduction to South African History*, in addition to one elective, such as *South African Art* or a service learning course.

SIT

Uganda and Rwanda: Peace and Conflict Studies in the Lake Victoria Basin: In both Uganda and Rwanda, one week of classroom discussions, readings, and lectures focuses on history, contemporary politics, and the role of the state. Excursions to carefully selected sites, introductory language instruction, and homestays with local families complement studies. The program concludes in Arusha, Tanzania, where students reflect on their experiences and learn more about the United Nations' International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

Semester- or Year-long Options

Elmhurst is affiliated with a variety of sponsor programs and four partner institutions.

While the following lists give some suggestions for programs strong in this major, it is by no means exhaustive. You are encouraged to seek out programs that will best help you complement your studies, either through your chosen minor or through the elective credit that fits with your personal or professional goals.

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.

American University of Bulgaria's Department of History and Southeast European Studies has many options for students looking for general history courses and/or courses specializing in Southeast Europe, such as: *Collective Action, Protest Movements and Politics in Southeast Europe* or *History and Demographic Change in the Balkans*.

Students with a particular interest in British and European history should look into the University of Chester in England. Other great schools in the UK include: University of Sunderland, University of Plymouth, University of Strathclyde or University of Ulster.

Students may also be able to find some courses in English at universities in China, Finland, Ghana, India, Malta, Iceland, Latvia, Czech Republic, and the Netherlands.

French speakers have options in France and Switzerland, while German speakers can look into universities in Switzerland, Germany and Austria. Students who can follow coursework in Spanish, alternatively, can find history courses in Spain, Argentina, Nicaragua, Uruguay, Mexico, Costa Rica and Chile.

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.

Study history within Oxford University at the colleges of Lady Margaret Hall, Mansfield, St. Anne's, St. Edmund, Corpus Christi, Hertford, Worcester, or St. Catherine's. Royal Holloway, University of London is another British school with a strong Department of History.

History is considered a top department at the following Irish Universities: Queen's University Belfast, Trinity College Dublin and National University of Ireland. For Scottish Universities, history students should look into Stirling and St. Andrews. St. Andrews specializes in medieval history, in particular.

Cardiff University in Wales has a strong history and ancient history program, with courses including: *Slaves, Serfs and Freedom; Gender and Sexuality in Greece and Rome; Julian the Apostate; Heresy and Dissent 1000-1450; Wales, Ireland and the Vikings; India and the Raj; The Dynamics of Witchcraft; Fascism and Antifascism in France;* and others.

For students who can follow coursework in Spanish, history is also a top department at the Universidad de Valparaiso in Chile and the Universidad de Málaga in Spain.

Find other options in Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Costa Rica, Mexico and Peru.

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.

The School of Oriental and African Stud-

ies, University of London, is a great option for students interested in world history.

In India, students can take history courses from the IES center as well as from Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University.

History students can study in Dublin, Ireland and find a selection of courses, particularly those relating to peace and conflict studies. Additional history courses are available from Trinity College Dublin.

Students in Milan or Rome, Italy can learn Italian while taking history courses in English. Likewise, in Beijing, China, students may take Chinese history courses in English while learning Chinese, or in Nagoya, Japan, students may take English courses in Japanese history while learning Japanese.

Beginning and intermediate Spanish students can take history courses in English in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in addition to courses, such as *Tango*, taught in Spanish at the Instituto Universitario Nacional de Arte. Advanced students may also take history courses in Spanish at Universidad de Buenos Aires or Universidad Torcuato di Tella.

Pre-law students should look into the Pre-Law Certification program in Amsterdam.

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.

Australian National University: *Rome: Republic to Empire; Australian History; Riots and Rebellions: Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Protest Movements Under British Rule; Three American Revolutions;*

Indigenous Australian History.

Macquarie University offers an extensive range of course in the Department of Ancient History and the Department of Modern History. *From Constantine to Theodora: Church and State in Late Antiquity; Pagans, Jews and Christians: Athens and Jerusalem; The Dead Sea Scrolls and Second Temple Judaism; Egypt in the Old Kingdom; War and Peace in World History; From Hula Hoops to Heroin Chic: Popular Culture Since the Fifties; Gender and Empire.*

Murdoch University: *Britannia to the Beatles: Power, Sex and Identity in Modern Britain; Disease in History; Crime and Punishment Since 1700; Witchcraft: Historical Images of Women; Hollywood and History.*

University of Auckland (New Zealand): courses in global history, European history, American history, Asian history and Latin American History, including: *The USA and Latin America: 'Yankee Go Home?'; Mao Zedong, Revolution and China ; Medieval Mentalities, Western Europe c.1100-1500; Science, Religion and Politics: Historical Case Studies; Post-War Japanese History; The Irish in North America, Australia and New Zealand.*

University of Otago (New Zealand): *The Silk Road: East Meets West; Anzac and Its Legacy: New Zealand and the First World War; Rise to Globalism: USA Since 1900; Totalitarian Regimes: Europe 1922-1945; Scottish History since 1688.*

University of Queensland: *Studies in World Prehistory: Is Our Civilization Sustainable?; Turning Points in World History; The Sixties: A Political and Cultural History; History of the Great Powers 1815-1989; Body, Fashion and Consumption in His-*

tory; The Anatomy of a Super Power: A History of the United States from 1945-Present.

Central Queensland University, La Trobe University, University of Adelaide, University of Canterbury, University of Melbourne, University of New South Wales, University of Tasmania, University of the South Pacific, University of Waikato, Victoria University of Wellington.

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 Greece, students take courses from the Arcadia Center for Hellenic, Mediterranean, and Balkan Studies. Some history courses are included among the selection offered.

The Mediterranean Center for Arts and Sciences in Syracuse, Sicily offers a small selection of courses in English on Greek and Italian history, as well as Italian language courses. Other options in Italy include the Umbra Institute and the Accademia Italiana in Rome.

History students at Bangor University in Wales can find a variety of history courses, particularly those relating to Welsh, British and European history.

Students with good proficiency in Spanish may choose to study history in Spain at the Fundación José Ortega y Gasset or the Universidad de Granada.

University of Aberdeen in Scotland and University of the Western Cape in South Africa are other good options, in addition to other programs in Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Scotland, and others.

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. History majors may want to choose from themes in Peace and Conflict Studies, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, Cultural Studies, or Development Studies. Appropriate programs may include: *Ireland: Transformation of Social and Political Conflict*; *Tunisia: Popular Culture and Globalization in the Arab World*; *Kenya: Swahili Studies and Coastal Cultures*; *Ghana: History and Cultures of the African Diaspora*; Students who have taken 1.5-2 years of college level Spanish and can follow coursework in the language might be interested in programs such as: *Argentina: Social Movements and Human Rights*; *Peru: Indigenous Peoples and Globalization*; or *Nicaragua: Revolution, Transformation, and Civil Society*.

IPSL

The International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership integrates **volunteer** work into your study abroad experience. History students may be interested in the programs in Jamaica or the Lakota Nation (South Dakota), USA.

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.

History coursework, found in the College of Liberal Arts, focuses mainly on general themes, however some special topics courses may be available, such as: *Historical Jesus*, *Slavery*, or *Racism in the Americas*. Study abroad students are also welcome to take introductory law courses, or some of the specialized courses in human rights or environmental law.

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 Ed's at this university. Courses of interest that may be offered include: *The Pacific Rivalry*; *Peace, Development and Democratization*; *The Asia Challenge*; *Introduction to Japanese History*; and *Japan-China: Problems in Historical and Cultural Interaction*.

Washington Semester

Study for a semester out of American University in Washington D.C., where students have the opportunity to work at an **internship**. The Washington Semester is particularly good for students with an interest in politics, economics or law.

Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars

The Washington Center is a non-profit organization that serves hundreds of colleges and universities in the United States. For academic credit, selected students will be provided with challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. that will help prepare them for the real world.

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. History students might be interested in looking for a placement with a legal organization, for example, but no matter your individual interest, Chicago Semester will help you find a placement.

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 History Students

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Pre-Law Certification Program

This interdisciplinary program is great for students interested in pursuing law school after graduation. All students take the seminar: *Law and Legal Practice in an International and Comparative Perspective*, in addition to elective courses including: *Introduction to Argumentation Theory*, *Public International Law*, *Introduction to Islamic Law*, *European Union Law*, and others. **(Sponsor: IES)**

Athens, Greece

Summer Program

Students may enroll in up to three of the summer options, offered consecutively, relating to Greek history and culture. The course: *On the Trail of Alexander the Great: Greek History, Art and Architecture of the Hellenistic Age*, for example, takes students to sites including: museums, battle sites, Alexander's birthplace, city ruins, and even the Great Temple of Artemis at Ephesos in Turkey. **(Sponsor: Arcadia)**

Melbourne, Australia

History in the Field Internship

The University of Melbourne Department of History offers a limited number of internships during the Australian semester 2 (or your fall semester at Elmhurst). This internship aims to introduce you to the practices of conservation, communication and public heritage concerns. Your placement may be in the public or private sector in a museum, heritage organization, local government body, publishing group, journal, library or archive or group that requires historical and heritage research advice. **(Sponsor: IFSA-Butler, AustraLearn)**

Cape Coast, Ghana

History and Cultures of the African Diaspora

During the first five weeks of this trip, students take a beginning Fante language study course as well as the *History and Cultures of the African Diaspora Seminar*, which includes lectures and discussions on topics such as: history, gender roles, social structures, economy, migration, and the arts in Ghana. A third class, the *Field Study Seminar*, prepares students for their independent study project, which they will complete during the last 4 weeks. Students choose a topic they wish to explore, such as historical preservation of castles and forts or the importance of oral history in Ghana. **(Sponsor: SIT)**

Chicago

Chicago Semester Internship

Chicago Semester will help students find an **internship** in the social services field, including: counseling, child welfare, art therapy, and other social service settings. They will assist each student in arranging interviews and deciding which place or places best seem to fit their goals. Throughout the semester, students will work 32 hours per week and take seminar courses to enrich and reflect on their experiences. Sample placement sites include: Cornerstone Counseling Center of Chicago, Heartland Human Care Services, and Cook County Juvenile Court, to name a few.

(Sponsor: Chicago Semester)

Sample Four-Year Plan for History Students

Freshman (1st year)

- 2 History electives
- 2-4 Gen Ed requirements
- Electives: explore options for a second major or minor
- Start looking at study abroad programs
- Apply for January Term or summer

Sophomore (2nd year)

January Term or Summer Abroad

- 2 History electives
- 2-4 Gen Ed requirements
- Other academic requirements
- Begin researching and applying for semester- or year-long programs

Junior (3rd year)

Semester or Year Abroad

- 2 History electives
- 2-4 Gen Ed requirements

- Requirements towards second major or minor

Senior (4th year)

Internship

- **HIS 452** Senior Thesis
- Any remaining Gen Ed requirements
- Any remaining requirements towards minor or double major

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

*History Education majors should refer to the guide: "Study Abroad in Education" for more information on fitting study abroad into your four year plan.

Program Sponsor Websites

Arcadia University

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

AustraLearn

<http://www.australlearn.org>

IES

<http://www.IESabroad.org>

IFSA-Butler

<http://www.IFSA-Butler.org>

IPSL

<http://www.ipsl.org>

UMAIE

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

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

SIT Study Abroad

<http://www.sit.edu/studyabroad/>

ISEP

<http://www.isep.org>

Washington Semester

<http://www.washingtonsemester.com>

Chicago Semester

<http://chicagosemester.org>

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