



# Study Away for Multi-Language Majors

*Imagine...* taking intensive Spanish, French, or German one year, and learning Italian, Mandarin, Japanese, Arabic, or Swahili the next year.

## Study abroad can help you

- Work toward fluency in a language you already know
- Introduce you to a language not commonly offered in the United States
- Gain in-depth knowledge and first-hand experience of a different culture
- Identify ways your knowledge of foreign language can enhance your career plans
- Diversify your world view
- Advance your cross-cultural and problem-solving skills
- Gain confidence in yourself and enhance your communication skills
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace

Studying abroad will allow you to take courses alongside native speaking students or with other foreign students. You can even take courses taught in a foreign language you already know in another field of study that interests you.

An experience like this will change your life and career options in many ways. In today's increasingly interdependent world, graduate programs and employers alike seek people with significant cross-cultural experience and knowledge of a foreign language.

## 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; in fact, it often costs less. 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 to affiliated programs. Many Elmhurst-affiliated programs offer their own scholarships for study abroad. Through the CPE, Elmhurst also offers endowed scholarships for students with financial need.

Outside scholarships providers that students may apply for include:

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

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

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academics/study](http://public.elmhurst.edu/academics/study)

# Academic Planning for Multi-Language Majors

## 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.

# Four-Year Planning for Multi-Language Majors

In the pages to come, you will learn more about each of the semester and summer options available to Elmhurst students. Many choices are available ahead and leave a few Gen Ed's to take when you're ready to study abroad!

Studying abroad is highly recommended for all Multi-Language Majors. Immersing yourself in a country where the target language is spoken can help you quickly gain proficiency in a new language, or it can be the factor that solidifies your confidence and fluency in the language you've been studying for years. Whenever possible, incorporate multiple study abroad experiences into your time at Elmhurst!

Don't forget to factor in General Education Requirements when you make your 4-year plan!

## ***Sample 1: Spanish, French, Portuguese, and International Development***

### **Freshman**

SPN 201, 202

ICS 270 (.5 credit)

FRN 101, 102

### **Sophomore**

SPN 301, 302

J-term abroad to Chile, Costa Rica, or Spain

FRN 201, 202

Track elective 1: ICS 275

### **Junior (semester or year abroad in Brazil)**

Portuguese and electives in Portuguese

Track elective 2: BUS 271

### **Senior**

Capstone internship

SPN 305

## ***Sample 2: Italian, Spanish, German, and Pre-graduate Study in the Humanities***

### **Freshman**

SPN 101, 102

ICS 270 (.5 credit)

Summer abroad: 2 Spanish courses

### **Sophomore**

FRN 313

GRM 101, 102

Track elective 1: ENG 220

### **Junior (year abroad)**

32 credits of Italian in Lecce, Italy

### **Senior**

Capstone internship (.5 credit)

Track elective 2: ENG 415

FRN 305

## ***Sample 3: French, Arabic, Chinese, and Foreign Affairs***

### **Freshman**

FRN 201, 202

ICS 270 (.5 credit)

### **Sophomore**

FRN 301, 302

ARB 101, 102

Track elective 1: POL 301

Summer abroad: 8 credits of Chinese in

Beijing

### **Junior (semester or year abroad in Morocco)**

6 credits of Arabic, optional French coursework

### **Senior**

Capstone internship

Track elective 2: POL 307

FRN 313

## ***Sample 4: Spanish, Arabic, Thai, and Social Service***

### **Freshman**

SPN 201, 202

ICS 270 (.5 credit)

ARB 101, 102

Summer abroad: 9 credits of Arabic in Jordan

### **Sophomore**

SPN 301,302

Track elective 1: SOC 310

### **Junior (service learning semester in Thailand)**

6 credits of Thai

Track elective 2: REL 281

SPN 336

### **Senior**

Capstone internship

J-term abroad to Chile, Costa Rica, or Spain

# Study Abroad Program Options

## January Term

Students may choose from Elmhurst-led courses and courses offered through the UMAIE consortium.

### Elmhurst

Every year, a limited number of courses are led by Elmhurst faculty members. Talk to faculty in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to find out what courses will be offered. Past trips have included such locations as Spain, Costa Rica, Chile, France, and Germany.

### UMAIE

This consortium of Midwest schools offers joint J-Term abroad options, always including some foreign language study. Find the course offerings online through the UMAIE website or at the Center for Professional Excellence.

## Summer

Elmhurst College and most of the Elmhurst-affiliated programs (see below for more information) offer summer options, so you can get away without missing a beat in your regular school year.

## Semester- or Year-long Options

Students may choose from any of the programs with which Elmhurst is affiliated to study abroad for a semester or year. Each program has its own nuances, so it is important to find the one that is best for you. This list is just an introduction; find out more by going to the sponsor programs' websites.

**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 great for students who have already achieved a high level of proficiency in a language because you take university classes in the target language alongside native students. Since it is an exchange program, you pay regular tuition directly to Elmhurst.

### IFSA-Butler

If you are looking for a high level of immersion, with a more structured support system, you should choose IFSA-Butler. They organize a 4-10 day in-country orientation session, social activities and day/weekend trips with other international students. Classes are with native students at one or more local universities.

### Arcadia University

Arcadia offers a variety of types of experiences. Depending on where you go, you may be fully immersed in a host university or taking courses designed for international students. Their "program-finder" can help you locate the right one for you.

### SIT

The SIT program centers on **field research** and coursework focused around a specific theme. Most SIT programs include intensive foreign language study, often in languages not commonly offered in the United States.

### 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.

### Universidad San Francisco de Quito

USFQ is an Ecuadorian partner institution to Elmhurst. Participate in a direct exchange, paying your regular tuition to Elmhurst. USFQ offers home stays and **community service** options. All courses are taught in Spanish.

### IPSL

The International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership integrates **volunteer** work into your study abroad experience, providing you with greater linguistic and cultural immersion.

### IES

With this program, courses are taught at an IES center in the host country. They are taught by local faculty, but you will be with other international students. With director approval, however, you may be able to take one or two courses at a local university.

# Sample Options for Multi-Language Majors

## Study Arabic

### Amman, Jordan—Summer

*Intensive Arabic Language in Jordan:* This seven week program engages students in an Arabic-only environment of classroom instruction, field exercises, and home stays. Students at an advanced proficiency level will have a Media Arabic component built into the curriculum, focusing on the acquisition of specialized vocabulary used in print and electronic media in the Arab world. (Sponsor: SIT)

### Rabat, Morocco

*Morocco: Culture and Society:* Study Arabic and acquire an in-depth appreciation of society in Morocco. Examine Islam as a system of thought, Morocco's political system and monarchy, and the country's place in the Middle East and Africa. Additional studies focus on women's place within Moroccan society and contemporary development challenges. Students with a background in French will find ample opportunity to practice, although language coursework will be limited to Arabic. **Summer program also available** (Sponsor: SIT)

### Rabat, Morocco

In addition to the required IES-taught Arabic course, students may also be able to take French language or other courses taught in French at the IES center or a partner university. Other electives are taught in English, except for some Arabic-taught courses at partner universities. (Sponsor: IES)

## Study Italian

### Italy—Summer

Arcadia has several summer options for students interested in Italian language and culture, with locations in Rome, Lecce, Perugia, Syracuse, and Florence. (Sponsor: Arcadia)

### Rome or Lecce, Italy

Study Italian language at the Accademia Italiana in Rome or the Università del Salento in

Lecce. In Rome, liberal arts courses are available in English. In Lecce, students may spend a semester or a year with few other English-speakers, studying strictly Italian or, with enough language acquisition, limited Italian-taught courses. In just one year, students could nearly attain the equivalent of an Italian major! Another option is to study for two consecutive semesters at two different locations in Italy. (Sponsor: Arcadia)

### Siena, Italy

Take intensive Italian language and Socio-Anthropology—an in-depth overview of modern Italian society from sociological, linguistic, anthropological, and historical perspectives. Participate in service work related to healthcare, education, and/or immigrant and refugee assistance. **Suggested Track: Social Service** (Sponsor: IPSL)

## Study Japanese

### Tokyo, Japan—Summer

Take 6 credits of Japanese, and participate in cultural activities like learning the art of flower arranging, calligraphy, and more. Students live in residence hall-style rooms, but there will be an opportunity to live with a family during a trip to a nearby city. (Sponsor: IES)

### Beppu, Japan—Summer

This 8 week Japanese language program has the Ritsumeiken Asia Pacific University as its base. Because of the school's international focus, students in this program will also get a feel for relations between Japan and other East Asian countries. (Sponsor: ISEP)

### Hirakata, Japan

Students take two language courses: *Spoken Japanese* and *Japanese Reading and Writing*. Outside the classroom, students supplement their learning in the language labs through tapes, films, and computer programs. Take electives in studio art courses (pottery, sumi-e brush painting) or lectures that span business,

politics, economics, and anthropology. Sample courses include: *Intercultural Business Communication in Japan*; *Advertising and Integrated Marketing Communications*; *Japan and China—Problems in Historical and Cultural Interactions*; *Pacific Rivalry*; *Issues in Contemporary Society and Culture*; and *Gender and Sexuality in Japan*. **Suggested Tracks: International Development, Foreign Affairs, or Social Service** (Sponsor: Kansai Gaidai)

## Study Chinese

### Beijing, China—Summer

Take 8 credits of Chinese during this 8 week program at the Beijing Foreign Studies University, or Bei Wai. Students live in single rooms on campus. (Sponsor: IES)

### Shanghai, China

Take 6 credits of Chinese, while choosing elective courses from options such as: *Marketing to the Chinese*, *Political Economy of China*, *Religion in Chinese Society*, and others. (Sponsor: IES)

### Beijing or Shanghai, China

Learn Chinese language through the Alliance for Global Education program, which offers programs at both the Beijing Language and Culture University and the Fudan University in Shanghai. (Sponsors: IFSA-Butler, Arcadia)

## Study Hindi

### Jaipur, India

*India: Culture and Development*: Examine development strategies and trends in a dynamic South Asian context. India is the world's largest democracy--renowned for its exploding economy, vibrant IT industry, and burgeoning middle class--and poised to become an influential world power. The state of Rajasthan is known as a center of Hindu, Jain, and Muslim traditions. It is also one of India's most underdeveloped regions. The capital city of Jaipur is home to hundreds of nongovernmental organizations struggling to help bring it into modern times. This program includes intensive Hindi language, but courses are conducted in English. **Suggested Track: International Development** (Sponsor: SIT)

### Delhi, India

Take a Hindi language course and electives in English, including courses on Hinduism, literary traditions in India, Indian economics, and more. (Sponsor: IES)

### Pune, India

All students participate in an internship or directed research, which includes a seminar on Marathi language for research purposes. Electives include: a Hindi language course; *Environmental Issues*; *Public Health*; *Social Justice*; and *Nation, Caste and Gender Through Film*. **Suggested Tracks: Pre-Graduate Study in the Humanities or Social Service** (Sponsors: Arcadia, IFSA-Butler)

## Study Portuguese

### Fortaleza, Brazil

*Brazil: Culture, Development and Social Justice*: Conduct fieldwork with organizations focused on migration, poverty, gender, human rights, and the social impact of large-scale development. A field excursion provides insight into issues relating specifically to African Brazilians and the African Diaspora. Home stays with families from a range of socioeconomic levels deepen participants' understanding of inequities in health care, education, employment, land, and basic resources in this culturally diverse and economically challenged region. Students take intensive Portuguese language, and coursework will be conducted in both English and Portuguese. **Suggested Tracks: International Development or Foreign Affairs** (Sponsor: SIT)

### Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Students may participate in an exchange at the Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio de Janeiro. It is recommended that all students have intermediate Portuguese fluency, and your level of fluency will determine what types of courses you may take. However, you may opt to attend a pre-term intensive Portuguese course, designed for students with some knowledge of Portuguese or for students fluent in Spanish. (Sponsor: ISEP)

## Study Thai

### Chiang Mai, Thailand

Study Thai culture, language, and society at Payap University. You will live on campus or with a Thai family; and engage in substantive volunteer service for 10-15 hours per week. Your volunteer service immerses you in the culture and deepens your understanding of Thai society in a way that goes beyond that experienced in traditional study abroad programs. It also contributes to your knowledge and use of the Thai language. **Suggested Track: Social Service** (Sponsor: IPSL)

## Study Swahili

### Mombasa, Kenya

*Kenya: Swahili Studies and Coastal Cultures:* Language can play a fascinating role in influencing culture, politics, development, resource management, and globalization. Through coursework, educational excursions, and primary research, students enhance their language skills while exploring how Swahili connects the region's diverse populations. Students engage with prominent researchers, scientists, and local community members to gain a deeper understanding of Swahili's influence. Home stays with multiple host families further enrich each student's personal experience while creating a cultural framework for the study of the long history of trade and integration among Swahili speakers. The intensive language course is supplemented with weekly one-on-one tutorials with Lamu Swahili speakers. **Suggested Tracks: International Development, Foreign Affairs, or Pre-Graduate Study in the Humanities** (Sponsor: SIT)

## Study Spanish

### Monterrey, Mexico—Summer

This four week language program with the Universidad de Monterrey also includes a 90 hour community service project in a rural community in Nuevo Leon. Students live with a host family. **Suggested Track: Social Service** (Sponsor: ISEP)

## Nicaragua

*Revolution, Transformation and Civil Society:* Nicaragua was flung to the forefront of international attention with the Sandinista Popular Revolution. Opposition to Sandinista reforms led to the Contra War, which devastated both society and economy. Visit key sites where the Sandinista Revolution and the Contra War have left their legacies, and go on an excursion to El Salvador for a comparative perspective on the history and current complexities of these countries. Lectures and field visits illustrate ways in which social and political movements, including those focused on women, indigenous people, peasants, and the environment, are informed by and respond to both domestic and external influences, including US foreign policy. All coursework will be conducted in Spanish. **Suggested Track: Foreign Affairs** (Sponsor: SIT)

## Study French

### Paris, France—Summer

*Intensive French and Politics: Economics, Diplomacy, and the European Union:* Your mornings will be devoted to language study at your skill level at the Alliance Française. Afternoon instruction will take place at the American Graduate School of International Relations and Diplomacy, and will consist of seminars to provide the tools for a comprehensive understanding of French and European governmental institutions, diplomacy, and foreign policy. The program offers a significant field component which takes full advantage of the School's central Paris location, allowing you to participate in a series of field trips and guided tours. **Suggested Track: Foreign Affairs** (Sponsor: Arcadia)

### Nice, France

Students who have taken at least 2 years of college-level French may study languages and linguistics in France through the Université de Nice School of "Arts Lettres, et Langues." Within the school, there are fields in Science of Language and Letters, as well as foreign languages, such as Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese, and others. Nestled alongside the Baie Des Anges on the Mediter-

anean, Nice is dominated by its mountaintop observatory which overlooks all six campuses of the university. Flanked by beaches and close to Alpine skiing areas, the city has fine museums, year-round arts festivals, opera, theaters. Nice is half an hour by train from Cannes and Monaco. **Suggested Track: Pre-Graduate Study in the Humanities** (Sponsor: ISEP)

#### Geneva, Switzerland

*International Studies, Organizations and Social Justice:* Gain a thorough background in international studies, addressing the most contemporary international issues. Classroom seminars are supplemented by lectures and briefings at international and nongovernmental organizations, including United Nations agencies, the Red Cross, and platforms of the World Trade Organization. Interactive research studies and field excursions in France and Belgium deepen students' understanding of the challenges faced by organizations that foster multi-lateral diplomacy, peace building, human rights, environmental accountability, international trade, and global cooperation. Take one intensive French course at your level; all other courses will be conducted in English. **Suggested Track: Foreign Affairs** (Sponsor: SIT)

*For more sample options, please see the following brochures: "Study Abroad in Spanish," "Study Abroad in French," and/or "Study Abroad in German."*

## More Options

### Pre-Graduate Study in the Humanities

Many of the schools available through the ISEP exchange offer coursework in linguistics. In Germany, schools such as Universitat Trier, Universitat Bielefeld, and Justus-Liebig-Universitat Giessen are all options, as is the Universitat Salzburg in Austria. In France schools offering linguistics include: Université d'Angers, Université de Caen, Université de la Réunion, and Université de Savoie. For Spanish-speakers, there are options in Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, and Spain. For more information, check out the ISEP website.

*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.*

## Program Sponsor Websites

### Arcadia University

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

### AustraLearn

<http://www.australearn.org>

### IES

[www.IESabroad.org](http://www.IESabroad.org)

### IFSA-Butler

[www.IFSA-Butler.org](http://www.IFSA-Butler.org)

### IPSL

[www.ipsl.org](http://www.ipsl.org)

### UMAIE

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

### ISEP

[www.isep.org](http://www.isep.org)

### SIT Study Abroad

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

### Kansai Gaidai

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

### Comillas Pontificia in Madrid

[www.upcomillas.es](http://www.upcomillas.es)

### Universidad San Francisco de Quito

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

### BGSU: German Studies in Austria

<http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/greal/GermanAYA/Welcome.htm>

### Chicago Semester

<http://chicagosemester.org>

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