



# Study Away in Philosophy

*Imagine...* studying philosophy in locations such as England, Ireland, Japan, or Australia; practicing your Spanish in Ecuador; or going to Greece to study Greek philosophy and ancient Greek or Latin language.

## Study abroad can help you

- Understand the field of philosophy from an international perspective
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Work toward fluency in a second language
- Explore new perspectives on international issues
- 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 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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academics/study](http://public.elmhurst.edu/academics/study)

# Academic Considerations for Philosophy 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 Philosophy 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. Check with the Department of Philosophy to find out if any programs of interest to philosophy students will be offered.

### *UMAIE*

UMAIE is a consortium of schools in the Midwest offering joint January Term abroad options.

### 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.

### *SIT*

Students who have taken or who plan to take *Environmental Ethics* may wish to supplement their studies with the SIT summer program to Jordan, studying: *Water*

*and Environmental Policy in the Middle East*. This program explores sustainable development alternatives, looking at appropriate technologies and strategies in Jordan, as well as cross-border challenges and potential for cooperation.

Students pursuing a health-related field may wish to travel to China during the summer for SIT's *Community Health and Traditional Chinese Medicine*, where you will have the opportunity to observe traditional practitioners of herbal medicine, acupuncture, and massage therapy, and, in some cases, receive practical training.

### *IES*

IES has a summer program in Rome, where students take one Italian language course and one course taught in English. One option that may be of interest to philosophy students is *Mystics, Philosophers, Saints and Sinners: Studies in the Roman Catholic Tradition*.

## 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 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 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.

Philosophy courses at Chinese University of Hong Kong are located within the Faculty of Arts and range from topics in eastern philosophy, western philosophy, philosophical problems, and other general courses.

Limited English-language courses may be available at the University of Helsinki in Finland, including: *Philosophy of Humor*, *Philosophy of Science*, *Nietzsche and Emerson*, *Confucian Role Ethics*, and *Kant's Critique of Practical Reason*.

Other schools philosophy students might want to look into are: University of Sunderland in England, American University of Bulgaria, Åbo Akademi University in Finland, University of Ghana, University of Hyderabad in India, University of Malta, University of Ulster, University of Iceland, and Leiden University in the Netherlands

### 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. Options for philosophy students can be found at schools in: Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales, Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Peru and Spain, with some examples listed below.

Study philosophy and the classics within

Oxford University at the Hertford College. Cambridge University is another competitive British school with philosophy courses available.

Other strong options available through IFSA-Butler in England include: University of Kent, University of Leeds, University of Nottingham, University of Sussex and University of York. University of Leeds, for example, offers courses such as: *Realism and Antirealism*; *Philosophy of Religion*; *Political Philosophy*; *Ethics, Sex and Love*; and *Environmental Ethics*.

Philosophy is a top department at the Universidad de Chile, for students who can follow coursework in Spanish.

### 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.

In Ireland, students should consider Trinity College Dublin, where there is a selection of philosophy courses available to study abroad students, including *Moral Philosophy*, *Psychological Philosophy*, *Central Problems in Philosophy* and others.

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

Advanced Spanish students can take philosophy courses from the Universidad de Buenos Aires in Argentina, in addition to non-philosophy IES courses taught in English or Spanish and courses, such as *Tango*, taught in Spanish at the Instituto Universitario Nacional de Arte.

### **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.

A few of the universities that may be of interest to philosophy students include: Australian National University, La Trobe University, Macquarie University, Murdoch University, University of Auckland, University of Queensland, University of Tasmania, Bond University, University of Melbourne, Griffith University, University of Otago, Victoria University of Wellington, Massey University, University of Canterbury and others.

Many of these universities offer courses such as: *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophy of Psychology*, *Philosophy of Religion*, *Environmental Ethics* and *Philosophy of the Arts*, in addition to others devoted to Foucault, Nietzsche, Kant, or Hegel, and still others that tackle the topics of love, death, justice, politics, democracy, sexuality or the meaning of life. A few interesting options include: *Film and Philosophy*, available at Murdoch University, and *Philosophy of Mathematics* at University of Queensland.

### **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 courses in Greek philosophy are included among the selection offered, and students may also be interested in taking Latin or ancient Greek language courses.

The University of Aberdeen in Scotland provides a strong selection of philosophy coursework, ranging from *Logic and Moral Philosophy*, to *The Limits of Thought* and *Toleration*.

Other options may be found in England, Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

### **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. Philosophy students who are also studying theology or health may be interested in the SIT program. For example, there is the program in Mali: *Gender, Health and Development* or in the Netherlands: *Islam, Diaspora Communities and the EU*.

### **IPSL**

The International Partnership for Service-Learning and Leadership integrates **volunteer** work into your study abroad experience. For example, the Summer Program in Siena, Italy delves deep into Italian Culture and offers a rich and varied experience of modern Italian society and social issues that are interesting no matter what your focus or major is.

### **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. Related courses may include such diverse topics as: *Death in East Asian Thought*; *Asian Psychologies*; *Ethics: East and West*; *Wisdom Literature: East and West*; and *Relig-*

ion in Japan.

### **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.

Philosophy courses, found in the College of Liberal Arts, include: *Nietzsche and Modernism, Foucault, Philosophies and Religions of India, Professional Ethics, Philosophy of Science*, etc. Study abroad students are also welcome to take introductory law courses, or some of the specialized courses in human rights or environmental law.

### **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. Philosophy students might be interested in looking for a placement within the fields of law, biological and health sciences, or social services, 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 Philosophy Students

## Australia

### Macquarie University

Macquarie University is located in North Ryde, a suburb of Sydney. Students have many options for weekend trips to take in the breathtaking wonder of the Australian coastline, landscape, and mountains. Regular social events are also offered including Sydney Harbor cruises, sporting matches, movie nights, and parties. Courses include: *Phenomenology and Existentialism; Philosophy, Morality and Society; Mind, Meaning and Metaphysics; Freedom and Alienation; Biology, Mind, and Culture; Philosophical Problems of Gender; and Truth and Existence.*

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## South Africa

### University of Cape Town

With beaches, mountains and forests on your doorstep, Cape Town is an historic, cosmopolitan city with a vibrant contemporary culture of music and art, as well as a host of sport and leisure activities. Take courses such as: *Logic and Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of Art and Literature, Philosophy of Psychology and Mind, and Contemporary Political Philosophy.*

(Sponsor: Arcadia University)

## England

### University of Sunderland

Sunderland is located on the northeast coast of England with easy access to the nearby coast and countryside. The nearby airport has regular flights to the major hubs of Heathrow/Gatwick and Amsterdam. London is approximately 3.5 hours by train. Course offerings include: *Nietzsche, Why Meaning Matters, Philosophy at War: Battlefield Science, The Death of Ethics?, Slave Boys, Demons and Beetles: Key Arguments from the History of Philosophy, Love, What Use is the Bible?, Being Conscious,* and much more, including courses on various world religions, such as Buddhism, Sikhism, Hinduism and Islam. (Sponsor:

ISEP)

## Maynooth, Ireland

### National University of Ireland

The National University of Ireland, Maynooth, is a great option for philosophy students who also have a second major or minor in theology. Sample courses include: *Hume's Philosophy of Religion; Philosophy of History; Philosophy of Aquinas; Indian Philosophy; Bioethics* and others. Maynooth is located just 30 minutes from Dublin with public transportation. Explore nearby early Christian ruins, including the high Celtic crosses at Moone, Castledermot and Old Kilcullen. The university has medical, sporting and social facilities.

(Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)

## 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.* There are also elective courses including: *Introduction to Argumentation Theory, Public International Law, Introduction to Islamic Law, European Union Law,* and others. (Sponsor: IES)

## 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 Philosophy Students

## Major Requirements

- **PHL 106** Reasoning
- **PHL 303** Ancient Philosophy
- **PHL 304** Modern Philosophy
- **PHL 405** Contemporary Philosophy
- At least 3 Philosophy electives

## Freshman and Sophomore Years (On Campus Work)

- 2-4 Philosophy credits, including **PHL 106**
- 3-4 Gen Ed Requirements
- 4-6 Requirements for second major
- Electives
- *January Term/Summer Abroad*

## Sophomore or Junior Year Semester Abroad

- 1-2 Philosophy electives

- 1-2 Gen Ed Requirements
- 1-2 Requirements for second major

## Junior and Senior Years (On Campus Work)

- All remaining major/minor courses
- Remaining Gen Ed Requirements
- *Chicago Semester Internship*

NOTE: You should begin your study abroad application the year before you plan to go abroad.

## For a semester abroad:

- Start researching programs as early as possible.
- Plan to take **CPP 250**, a quarter credit course that prepares you for your experience abroad, the semester before you leave.

# Program Sponsor Websites

## Arcadia University

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

## AustraLearn

<http://www.australearn.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>

## ISEP

<http://www.isep.org>

## SIT Study Abroad

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

## 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>

## Chicago Semester

<http://chicagosemester.org>

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