



Study Away in Secondary Education

Imagine... Studying Secondary Education from a new perspective, getting field experience overseas, and having an unforgettable experience all while learning more about the subjects that interest you most!

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
- Expose yourself to 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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Academic Considerations for 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 catalogs 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 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. For example, *Comparative Studies: Education and Culture in Great Britain* is one of many courses offered every other year that will provide students with a rich learning experience.

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.

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.

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 the Secondary Education 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

IPSL

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

Kansai Gaidai

Japan's Kansai Gaidai University has a renowned Asian Studies Program for inter-

national 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.

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.

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 Students

South Africa

Education and Social Change

It is widely recognized that education has a vital role in the development of South Africa. Yet, vast challenges remain in curricular reform, pedagogy, and educational delivery before education will be able to play its vital and progressive role in social transformation. In this program, students will explore the history of education in South Africa, examine the challenges and successes of educational transformation since the 1994 elections, and analyze potential paths for the future. **(Sponsor: SIT)**

Australia

Flinders University

Study at a spacious, green campus with modern buildings six miles from the city center. The university has first-rate playing fields for all major sports, tennis courts and two modern indoor sports centers. In addition, the school offers an art gallery and a music listening room, and it sponsors concerts, dance and theatre performances, exhibitions and speakers. Students may also choose to get involved in one of over 50 clubs. Education is one of the top departments at Flinders University. Programs range from early childhood, health science, primary, middle and secondary school education. Take courses such as: *Development, Learning and Inclusive Teaching, Literacies and Numeracies in Early Childhood, The Expressive Arts, Social and Cultural Worlds of Learning, and Integrated Curriculum Studies*. **(Sponsor: IFSA-Butler)**

Finland

University of Joensuu

Joensuu is in the heart of the eastern Finnish lake country, and it is the economic and cultural center of the region. The Savonlinna campus, which hosts the Department of Teacher Education, is known for its medieval castle and world famous Opera Festival. Joensuu offers a variety of winter sports, including skiing, skating, and ice-swimming. The International Study Program in Educational Sciences offers courses in English such as: *Introduction to Special Education, Comparative Perspectives of Preschool Education in Different Countries, Geometric Thinking, Motivation in the Classroom, Philosophy of Education, and Culturally Effective Professionals*, among others. **(Sponsor: ISEP)**

Sample Four-Year Plan for Students

Freshman (1st year)

EDU 104 Cultural Foundations of Education in the United States

PSY 210 Introduction to Psychological Science

General Education requirements

Sophomore (2nd year)

January Term or Summer Study Abroad

SEC 200 Introduction to Teacher Education

SEC 223 Education of PK-12 Learners

SEC 299 Portfolio Seminar I

SEC 311 Educational Psychology

General Education requirements

Junior (3rd year)

EDU 360 The Middle School

SEC 370 Portfolio Synthesis Seminar II

SEC 410 Principles and Procedures

General Education requirements

Senior (4th year)

Summer or Semester Study Abroad

SEC 321 Content Area Reading

SEC 455/457 Student Teaching in Secondary and Middle Schools

SEC/Special Methods of Teaching in Academic Subject Fields*

Any remaining General Education Requirements

* See college catalog for when special methods courses are offered.

** *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

<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/>

Universidad San Francisco de Quito

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

Kansai Gaidai

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

Comillas Pontificia in Madrid

www.upcomillas.es

Chicago Semester

<http://chicagosemester.org>

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