Are you concerned about how to transfer credits from courses taken abroad?

Meet with your advisor early on in the planning process in order to discuss the proper procedure.

Courses taken at an institution other than the University of Kentucky should be evaluated by the appropriate UK department prior to the student’s registration in that course to determine equivalencies and whether or not the department will accept that course in fulfillment of program requirements.

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Are there other programs?

Yes! This advising guide is a good place to start, but you should also visit the UK Education Abroad website to learn about many other exciting opportunities to study, intern, or volunteer abroad.

If you don’t see your ideal program listed on the UK Education Abroad website, please contact an Education Abroad Adviser to learn more about UK External Education Abroad Programs and how to apply.

Considerations for Education Abroad in the Civil Engineering Major

Civil Engineering majors are encouraged to make participation in an education abroad program a priority early in their progress toward a degree. The difficulty in obtaining proper coursework for the Civil Engineering degree abroad becomes increasingly difficult in the later years of study, particularly after the Sophomore year.

Therefore, it is suggested that students interested in completing a semester abroad do so during the Sophomore year. Students interested in completing a summer term abroad do have more flexibility, and are encouraged to pursue academic credit for supporting courses such as College Chemistry, Calculus, College Physics, etc. For an example summer abroad, also see the inserted Degree Plan Including Education Abroad.

As early as possible, students interested in education abroad should express their interest to their academic advisor in the Civil Engineering department to begin planning the best time to take coursework abroad.

Further information about degree requirements may be found at the department website: http://www.engr.uky.edu/ce/students/undergraduate/advising/
UK Sponsored

These offerings include those programs facilitated by UK faculty and staff that have been vetted and approved by Education Abroad or selected customized programs offered in conjunction with Education Abroad. These programs are typically completed during the summer or winter intersession. UK students pay regular UK tuition and fees and earn UK credits.

UK Exchange

These offerings include university-wide or departmental exchanges and select ISEP programs. Students pay UK tuition and fees and earn transfer credit while abroad.

UK Consortia

These offerings include select KIIS, CCA and other consortium-based programs for which UK is a voting member. Tuition and fees are paid directly to the program provider and students earn transfer credit.

UK Direct

These offerings include select programs hosted by an international institution in which students enroll directly or facilitated through ISEP Direct. Students earn transfer credit.

UK Partner

These offerings include select third-party provider programs and other internship/service-learning based programs, for which students earn transfer credit.

UK SPONSORED EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Engineering and Calculus IV/Karlsruhe

Karlsruhe, Germany

Language Req: None

Class Standing: Any

Minimum GPA: 2.0

Term Offered: Summer

Students enroll in CME 599: Renewable Energies, combining classroom experience with practical case studies of the renewable energy sector. There four- and six- week options for the program.

Global Energy Issues

Karlsruhe, Germany

Language Req: None

Class Standing: Undergraduate

Minimum GPA: 2.5

Term Offered: Summer

In conjunction with the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Karlsruhe, Germany, the UK college of Engineering is offering students from all academic disciplines the opportunity to study Global Energy Issues during the summer session. This cross-disciplinary course will critically examine issues associated with the technical, economic, political and geopolitical aspects of energy. Undergraduate students will enroll in EGR 240: Global Energy Issues.

UK DIRECT EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

INTI International University

Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia

Language Req: None

Class Standing: Sophomore & Above

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

This program is a direct enrollment program specifically designed for the College of Engineering. Civil Engineering students have the choice of courses such as Engineering Statics, Surveying (two levels), Fluid Mechanics, and many others. Courses in Calculus and Physics are available as well.

American University of Sharjah

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Language Req: None

Class Standing: Any

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Year

As a part of this program, international students can take numerous courses in the university’s Civil Engineering program such as Fluid Mechanics, Materials, Civil Engineering, and many more, as well as courses in Physics, Chemistry and Math geared for engineers.

UK CONSORTIA EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

University of Dundee

Dundee, Scotland

Language Req: None

Class Standing: Any

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Term Offered: Fall, Spring

This is an exchange program designed specifically by the College of Engineering. Courses available include Surveying, Solid Mechanics, multiple levels of calculus & statistics, computer science, and physics, among many others.

Yonsei University (ISEP Exchange)

Seoul, South Korea

Language Req: None

Class Standing: Any

Minimum GPA: 2.75

Term Offered: Summer

This program’s course options include Statics, Fluid Mechanics, Structural Analysis, Solid Mechanics, Hydraulics, and more.

How do I choose the education abroad program that is right for me?

Look through the information in this advising guide for an overview of the programs available to UK students. You can also find more detailed online information. To start, it is important to consider the type of program you would like to attend, descriptions of which are outlined below. Consider the following important questions.

When can I study abroad?

- You can study abroad for an entire academic year, during the Fall or Spring semesters, Winter Intersession or over the Summer. Speak with your advisor to determine when it would be best for you.

Where will I live?

- Most programs provide accommodation for students in residence halls and foreign student dormitories. Some programs, particularly ones that focus on language immersion provide the option of living with a local family.

When should I study abroad?

Most UK students study abroad during their sophomore or junior years. However, there are programs available for freshmen and seniors as well.

Another important decision to make is what time of year to study abroad. Programs are available for the academic year, the Fall and Spring semesters, Winter Intersession, and the Summer sessions. It is also possible to take a spring-embedded course, which is a class taught at UK with an international component during spring break or early summer.

Because many foreign institutions follow different academic calendars, it is important for students to consider the specific dates of the program far in advance. For example, many “fall” semester programs in the Southern Hemisphere may run from July to November and from February to June during the American spring semester.

Similarly, it may be difficult for students to study at some European institutions for the fall semester. Final exams may be scheduled in early January, and many programs do not make allowances for US students. Please be sure you consider this issue in advance.

How much does it cost?

Programs vary in cost depending on the program type, duration, and provider. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the costs of the programs you are considering.

Programs

- Direct: Students earn transfer credit.
- Consortium: Students earn transfer credit.
- Partner: Students earn transfer credit.

When will I earn credits while abroad?

- Yes! Earn credit towards your major abroad, or get some elective credit.

UK PARTNER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Bluegrass Down Under:

Univ. of New South Wales (TEAN)

Sydney, Australia

Language Req: None

Class Standing: Any

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Year

This program offers access to a full curriculum of engineering courses, including Soil Mechanics, Steel Structures, Water Resources Engineering, and many more, as well as courses in Physics, Chemistry and Math geared for engineers, and many more.

Kevin & Sheri Collins Endowment

First generation full time undergraduate students, completed 30 or more credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Award amount varies. Deadlines: October 1st for Spring programs, and March 1st for Fall and Summer programs.

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UK Education Abroad Scholarship

This scholarship is available for students of any major or discipline participating in an academic year, semester, or summer program in any country. Awards range from $750 -$1,500. Deadlines: October 1st for Spring amount varies. Deadlines: October 1st for Spring programs, and March 1st for Fall and Summer programs.

Scholarships

Numerous scholarships are available for students interested in completing an education abroad program. A few are featured below, but students are encouraged to visit the EA website.

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