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

Our department collaborates with the Education Abroad office in order to assure pre-departure approval of course equivalencies and course bypass examination eligibility.

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.

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

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 Advisor to learn more about UK External Education Abroad Programs and how to apply.

Considerations for Education Abroad in the English Major

All students interested in education abroad should express their interest to their academic advisor as early as possible in their degree progression. The earlier a student begins investigating potential programs, the more flexible their options will be.

These programs have been evaluated and approved by the English Department, but other programs are available. Students should attend a First Steps Session before deciding on a program.

Exact course equivalences must be arranged by the student prior to departure.

For complete degree requirements, visit https://english.as.uky.edu/new-major-and-minor-2013

Degree Requirements for the English Major

Pre-major requirements: 6 hours

• ENG 230 Introduction to Literature
• One of the following: ENG 231, 232, 233, 234, 264, 281

Major requirements: 31 hours

• Criticism Course: ENG 330
• Language Module—One of the following: ENG 210, 211, 310
• Literature Module—Choose four, including two British and two American courses. Choose at least three surveys total.
• Area Module—Choose four, at least two of which are from the same area module. Categories include Literature, Imaginative Writing, Writing, Film and Media, Language Study, Theory, English Education Emphasis

Degree Requirements for the English Minor

The minor consists of a total of 18 hours, of which at least 12 must be at or above the 300 level. The hours are to be distributed as follows:

1. Two of the following courses: ENG 331, 332, 334, 335
2. One course in Shakespeare
3. Three more courses selected from the department’s offerings (excluding all 100-level courses and English 203, 204, 205, 261, 262.

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Education Abroad Programs for Students of English

The UK Education Abroad office offers a variety of programs that allow you to study English in an international setting. Immense yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge, and explore what the world has to offer with any one of the exciting opportunities available to you!

Why study abroad?

Education abroad can help you...

• Globalize your world view
• Expand your intercultural understanding and problem-solving skills
• Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
• Gain new insight into the world and yourself
• Increase your language skills

As a student of English, the best way to enhance your knowledge is to immerse yourself in various cultures and diverse environments. There is no substitute for the experience that a semester, year, summer, or winter abroad will give you.

Do I have to speak a foreign language to study abroad?

Absolutely not. There are plenty of English programs in all parts of the world. Of course, there are also plenty of excellent literature and writing programs for students who prefer to study a foreign language while abroad.

Where can I study abroad?

There are many opportunities to study English all over the world! From the metropolitan buzz of London to Kenya and Japan, UK offers an array of programs that allow students to pursue English studies in many parts of the globe.

How can I afford to study abroad?

The Education Abroad office offers scholarships for students interested in studying abroad. These scholarships range from $500-$1,500. Stop by one of the information sessions on scholarships or visit the Education Abroad website for more information.

Additionally, most UK financial aid applies towards the cost of studying abroad! Check with your financial aid advisor for more information.

Finally, please note that there are several education abroad programs that are comparable to the cost of attending UK. So, with a little bit of planning, if you can afford to attend UK, you can afford to study abroad.

What are my next steps?

Attend a First Step Session.

Find out what you can study abroad and where, and ask questions about the application process, financial aid and scholarships, etc. First Step Sessions are held on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4-5p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4p.m. in 207 Bradley Hall.

Explore the programs available.

Search online or visit the Education Abroad Resource Center in 315 Bradley Hall.

Talk to an Education Abroad advisor.

Each UK Education Abroad advisor has expertise in specific majors and geographic regions. Check the website and make an appointment with the advisor who is an expert on the programs in which you are interested.

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UK EXCHANGE EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

National University of Ireland—Maynooth
Maynooth, Ireland
Language Req.: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Available English courses include Irish Literature, Renaissance to Restoration, Victorian, Modernism, Critical Theory in Literature, and more.

University of Central Lancashire
Preston, England
Language Req.: None
Class Standing: Undergraduate
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

This university offers courses such as Restoration to Revolution: Literary Culture 1660-1789, Literature of the Long 19th Century, Shakespeare, The Fairy Tale, 19th Century Gothic Fiction, and more.

Scholarships

Numerous scholarships are available for students interested in completing an education abroad program. A couple are featured below, but students are encouraged to visit the EA website and to consult with their department to explore more opportunities.

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: Oct 1st for Spring programs, and March 1st for Fall and Summer programs.

Duyssen Scholarship Fund for Education Abroad
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.

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 descriptions online. To get started, it is important to consider the type of program you would like to attend, descriptions of which are outlined above. 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 fit best for you.

Where will I live?
• Most programs provide accommodation for students in residence halls and foreign student dormitories. Some programs particularly focus on language immersion and provide the option of living with a local family.

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.

Will I earn credits while abroad?
• Yes! Earn credit towards your major abroad, or get some electives out of the way. Please check with your DUS to make sure specific courses will count towards your major.

When should I study abroad?
Most UK students study abroad during their sophomore or junior years. However, there are programs available for freshmen and senior students 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 offer 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. Be sure to check this issue in advance.

Many students choose to study abroad during the Summer or Winter sessions. There are two summer sessions available: Summer I and Summer II. Summer I programs typically occur during May and early June, while Summer II programs tend to start late in the summer and end in late July or early August. The Winter Intersession occurs between the fall and spring semesters.

UK CONSORTIA EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

KIS—Barcelona
Barcelona, Spain
Language Req.: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Summer

UK member Dr. Andy Doolen will be teaching two courses on this program: Hemingway, Hughes and other American Writers (ENG 338) and Travel Writing in Spain (ENG 338).

UK DIRECT EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

University of Sunderland (ISEP Direct)
Sunderland, England
Language Req.: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Year

Sunderland’s English program offers modules such as Romanticism, Victorian Literature, Renaissance Literature, Shakespeare, Women’s Autobiography, Writing Genre Fiction, and many more.

UK PARTNER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Celtic Blue: Contemporary Irish Studies Program (Arcadia)
Dublin, Ireland
Language Req.: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Summer

This program allows students to take two courses including Irish Literature. The course will feature readings from James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, W.B. Yeats, and more.

Bluegrass Down Under: University of New South Wales (Education Abroad Network)
Sydney, Australia
Language Req.: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Year

UK students have access to courses such as Charles Dickens, Writing the Self, Shakespeare on Film, Women’s Writing, Modern Asian Literature, Renaissance Literature, and more.

University of Cape Town (Arcadia)
Cape Town, South Africa
Language Req.: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Year

Courses available in this program include African Literature, Romance to Realism, Modernism, Contemporary African Literature, South African Poetry & Fiction, Shakespeare & Company, and many more.

Student Quote
“I decided to study abroad for an academic year to figure out what I wanted to do with my life. While in Italy, I decided that I no longer wanted to pursue the major that I had recently chosen and decided to switch my major to English. After a lot of hard work I am still graduating in four years, took a year to study abroad. Anyone can go abroad, you just need to make a plan and be flexible with what comes your way. You never know, studying abroad may help you determine what you want to do in your life.”

Caitlin Banbury
Senior English Major