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

Degree Requirements for the Gender & Women’s Studies Major

I. Pre-Major Requirements (6 hours): GWS 200, GWS 201

II. Major Requirements (15 hours in core courses and 15 in GWS electives or GWS approved courses)

A. Core Courses: GWS 250—Gender and Social Movements; GWS 340—History of Feminist Thought to 1985; GWS 350—Introduction to Feminist Theory; GWS 400—Doing Feminist Research; GWS 599—Seminar

B. GWS Electives: GWS 300—Topics in Gender and Women’s Studies; GWS 395—Independent Study; GWS 399—Internship; GWS 416 Gender Roles in Cross-Cultural Comparison; GWS 430—Gender, Power and Violence; GWS 595—Issues in Gender and Women’s Studies

III. Allied Courses (12 hours): May be outside GWS but related to your GWS interests. They may include foreign language courses.

Degree Requirements for the Gender & Women’s Studies Minor

21 hours of courses, including: GWS 200 or 201—Introduction to Gender and Women’s Studies; GWS 250—Social Movements; GWS 340—History of Feminist Thought to 1977; GWS 350—Introduction to Feminist Theory; and 9 hours of approved GWS electives.

For more information on degree requirements, visit https://gws.as.uky.edu/major-gws

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For more information, please visit uky.edu/EGE/Certificates/Global

Education Abroad Programs in Gender & Women’s Studies

Education Abroad Programs for Students of Gender & Women’s Studies

UK Education Abroad offers a variety of programs that allow you to study Gender & Women’s Studies in an international setting. Immersing yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge of these subjects, 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…

- Experience gender and women’s studies issues first-hand
- 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 Gender & Women’s Studies, the best way to increase your knowledge is to immerse yourself in various cultures and 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 Gender & Women’s Studies programs in English-speaking countries. Furthermore, students can find classes taught in English in practically every country. Of course, there are also plenty of excellent programs for students who prefer to study Gender & Women’s Studies in a foreign language.

Where can I study abroad?

There are many opportunities to study all over the world! From the metropolitan buzz of London to the tropical landscape of Costa Rica, UK offers a wide array of programs that allow students to study biology in all 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 $750-$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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Where will I live?

When can I study abroad?

UK Direct
These offerings include select ISEP, CCSA and other consortium-based programs for which UK is a voting member. Tuition and fees will be paid directly to the program provider and students earn transfer credit.

UK Sponsor
These offerings include those programs facilitated by UK faculty and staff that have been vetted and approved by Education Abroad or special customized program offerings 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 Exchange programs. Students pay UK tuition and fees and earn transfer credit while abroad.

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

Where Are All The Women?: A Study of the Attrition of Women in Science and Medicine in Europe

London, England
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Summer

This program introduces students to the cultural comparative study of human sexuality and sexual health education in a context where sexual health outcomes are the best in the world. Students will be immersed in this culture and learn from their model of sexuality and sexual health education. Students will enroll in KHP 200: Sexuality Education (2 hrs.), and KHP 395: Independent Study (3 hrs.).

Sexuality and Sexual Health Education in the Netherlands

Amsterdam, Netherlands
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Summer

This program will introduce students to the cultural comparative study of human sexuality and sexual health education in a context where sexual health outcomes are the best in the world. Students will be immersed in this culture and learn about how life as a scientist in Europe compares to that in the U.S., but will commit to a practice in their professional life that contributes to a solution toward welcoming, maintaining and celebrating women scientists. This program is open to Honors students, and students will enroll in HON 352.

UK DIRECT EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

American University of Sharjah (ISEP Direct)
Sharjah, UAE
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Junior & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Available courses include Women in History, Women’s Voices Across Cultures, Language & Gender, Women’s Empowerment, and more.

Shantou University
Shantou, China
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomores and above
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Term Offered: Fall, Spring

Courses include: Women in Culture and the Media, Women and Economic Development, and Sex, Gender, and Power.

Shantou University

This program provides the opportunity to explore cultural diversity in Scandinavia, including courses such as Gender & Sexuality in Scandinavia, Women Leadership, Women, Art & Identity, and more.

University of Botswana (ISEP Direct)
Gaborone, Botswana
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Courses include: Theories of Gender, Women’s Literatures in Botswana, Gender, Crime, Justice, and Gender & Environment.

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.

An 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. It is 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.

Many students 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 EXCHANGE ABROAD PROGRAMS

Lancaster University
Lancaster, England
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomores-Seniors
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Gender and women’s studies courses are offered in a variety of departments. Courses include Women and Poetry in America, Bodies in Society, and Gender Performativity.

AI Akhawayn University (ISEP Exchange)
Ifrane, Morocco
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomores and above
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Academic minors in Women and Islamic Studies are available, and courses in Gender and Islamic Studies are offered as English language classes.

Livingstone College
Livingstone, Tennessee
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomore
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Term Offered: Year, Fall

Courses include: Women and the World, Women and Community, and Women’s Studies.

UBS University - Liberal Arts & Sciences

Courses include Spanish Society Today: Plurality & Diversities, Flamenco as Cultural Expression, New Social Movements, and more.

Symbiosis International University (KIE)
Pune, India
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomores and above
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Term Offered: Spring, Summer 2

Courses include: Literature and Gender: The Politics, Feminist Theory and Debates, Philosophical Reflections on Money & Wealth, and World Music: Crossroads of Space, Place & Identity.

UK CONSORTIA EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

KISS

Check out other programs offered by the Kentucky Institute for International Studies (KISS) and Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA) at www.uky.edu or in the EA Resource Center in Bradley 315.

UK DIRECT EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

University of Botswana (ISEP Direct)
Gaborone, Botswana
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Courses include: Theories of Gender, Women’s Literatures in Botswana, Gender, Crime, Justice, and Gender & Environment.

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

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Where can I study abroad?

* Can I study abroad for an entire academic year, during the Fall or Spring semesters, Winter Intersession or over the summer?
* Where will I live?
  * Most programs provide accommodation for students in residence halls and foreign student dormitories.
  * Some programs, particularly those that focus on language immersion provide the option of living with a local family.
  * Will I earn credits while abroad?
    * Yes! Earn credit toward your major abroad, or get some electives out of the way. Please check with your Dean of Undergraduate Studies to make sure specific courses will count toward your major.
  * How much does it cost?
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