UK PARTNER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS, CONT’D.

Chiang-Mai University (TEAN)
Chiang Mai, Thailand
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Undergraduates only
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Spring, Summer

University of Auckland (Arcadia)
Auckland, New Zealand
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Core classes include Globalization and South East Asia. Electives include Vietnamese Society in Transition and The Struggle for Human Rights in Southeast Asia. Internships and volunteer opportunities are available.


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Why study abroad?

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- Experience geography first-hand
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Do I have to speak a foreign language to study abroad?

Absolutely not. There are plenty of geography programs in English-speaking countries. Furthermore, students can find geography classes taught in English in practically every country. There are also plenty of excellent programs for students who prefer to study geography in a foreign language.

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.

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

Degree Requirements for the Geography Major

University of Kentucky’s Department of Geography offers bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees, as well as an undergraduate minor.

For complete information regarding requirements and considerations for the various degree programs, please visit the Geography Handbook at https://geography.as.uky.edu/sites/default/files/UndergradHandbook2014-8april14-R1.pdf or contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Alice Turkington, at alicet@uky.edu

For more information about UK’s geography programs, visit the department website at https://geography.as.uky.edu/

UK Education Abroad at the University of Kentucky

Education Abroad Programs for Students of Geography

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.

Certificate of Global Studies

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Education Abroad Programs in Geography

UK is a member of ISEP, an international network of more than 300 universities in 50+ countries. ISEP offers affordable exchange and direct programs for a variety of academic majors.

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Where can I study abroad?

There are many opportunities to study geography 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 geography in all parts of the globe.

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**Featured UK Geography Program!**

Undergraduate Research in Oaxaca, Mexico on Social & Environmental Themes

Oaxaca, Mexico

Language Req: None

Class Standing: Any

Minimum GPA: 2.5

Term Offered: Summer 2

Led by Olver Frohling, adjunct faculty member in Geography at UK, this is an intensive program based in the beautiful city of Oaxaca in Southern Mexico. The emphasis of the program is on social or environmental issues. Each student has the opportunity to design and conduct their own research project after foundational geography coursework. Courses focus on the diverse environment of Southern Mexico, as well as the rich cultures of Oaxaca’s distinct regions. The research portion entails training in qualitative field research methods and includes consideration of the ethical and cultural issues entailed in conducting research in marginalized communities. Students who successfully complete the program will earn UK credits for the following courses: GEO 305 (3 credits); GEO 431 (3 credits); GEO 406 (3 credits).

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 for students who prefer to live in local hostels. 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 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.

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.

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 to explore more opportunities.

UK Education Abroad Scholarship

This scholarship is available for students of any major participating in an academic year, semester, or summer program in any country. Deadlines: October 1st for Spring programs, and March 1st for Fall and Summer programs.