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 German Major

For a BA in German you will need to fulfill all the USP requirements listed in the UK Bulletin, as well as special requirements for a degree in Arts and Sciences. A BA requires 120 total credit hours, of which at least 39 must be at the 300 level or above.

All students majoring in German are required to take:

• 6 specified hours of Intermediate German Composition and Conversation
• 6 hours of introduction to German literature, beyond the 202 language course
• An additional 12 hours of German coursework

You can earn credits towards those Composition, Conversation, and Literature courses, as well as those 12 additional hours during your semester abroad.

If you have questions about the requirements for the German major, contact Dr. Jeff Rogers at njroge2@uky.edu.

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.

UK Education Abroad offers a variety of programs that allow you to study German in an international setting. Immerse yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge of German language, 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…

• Increase your language skills
• 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

As a student of a foreign language and culture, the best way to increase your knowledge of that field is to immerse yourself in it. There is no substitute for the experience that a semester, year, or summer abroad will give you.

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

No, not necessarily! There are programs available for students at every proficiency level. From absolute beginners to native speakers, there are programs that will fit your needs and interests.

Verbessern Sie ihr Deutsch mit einem Semester im Ausland!

Where can I study abroad?

The best place to study German abroad is where German is spoken, but that does not limit you to Germany. Programs are available in Austria as well. From the metropolitan buzz of Berlin and Vienna to the quiet majesty of the Alps, UK offers a wide array of programs that allow students to study almost any discipline, anywhere in the world and for most any duration.

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
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 Direct
These offerings include select programs hosted by a national institution in which students enroll directly or facilitate through ISEP-Direct. Students earn transfer credit.

UK Partner
These offerings include select third-party provider programs and other international service-based programs, for which students earn transfer credit.

UK CONSORTIA EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

KISI Munich
Munich, Germany
Language Req: 12 hours of German
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Summer
UK faculty member Dr. Rebecca Dawson will be teaching two courses on this program: Advanced German Stylistics and German Drama and Film.

UK PARTNER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Berlin Summer - Language & Culture
(IES Abroad)
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Courses are offered in German language (beginning to advanced), as well as electives in history, political science, and international relations, all geared toward EU perspectives.

CIEE Global Institute - Berlin Open Campus Program (CIEE)
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
Germany language is available at every level, as well as electives such as Funky Berlin: Radio, Propaganda & Storytelling; Gender & Sexuality in Contemporary Berlin, Literary Culture of the Two Germans, and more.

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 and to consult with their department to explore more opportunities.

UK Education Abroad Scholarship
This scholarship is available for students of any year. The student participates in an academic year, semester, or summer program in any country. Awards range from $750 to $1,500. Deadlines: October 1st for Spring programs, and March 1st for Fall and Summer programs.

Duyssen Scholarship Fund for Education Abroad
First generation full time undergraduate students: financial need, cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Award amount varies. Deadlines: October 1st for Spring programs, and March 1st for Fall and Summer programs.

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 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.

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.

The programs featured on this MAP have been approved by your department, and represent a variety of terms offered. Always speak with your academic advisor to determine if a semester, summer or winter program would be more appropriate for your degree progress.