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

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 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 programs, and March 1st for Fall and Summer programs.

Duyan 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.

Kevin & Sheri Collins Endowment
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.

New Horizons Scholarship for UK Sponsored Embedded and summer I Programs
Full-time UK students participating in UK Sponsored Embedded and Summer I programs. Award amount: $500. Deadline: March 1st.

UK Asia Center Scholarship
Full-time UK undergraduate students studying in Asia. Award $2,000-$4,000. Deadline: October 1st and March 1st.

Confucius Institute Scholarship
The UK Confucius Institute awards financial assistance to those students studying abroad in China.

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
Document your preparedness to live and work in a global community with the Certificate of Global Studies.

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

UK Education Abroad Programs for Students of International Studies

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
- Enhance your sense of independence and adaptability
- Gain new insight into the world and yourself

As a student of international studies, the best way to increase your knowledge of the field is to study in various contexts. There is no substitute for the experience that a semester, year, or summer abroad will afford you.

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.

Do I have to speak a foreign language to study abroad?
Absolutely not. There are plenty of programs in English-speaking countries. Furthermore, students can find relevant courses taught in English in practically every country. Of course, there are also plenty of excellent programs for students who prefer to study in a foreign language or to study a foreign language while abroad.

Where can I study abroad?
The International Studies major was designed to teach students about different people around the world live and interact, and about their ideas, social practices, and languages. From Australia to Ireland, Morocco to China, UK offers a wide array of programs that allow students to earn credit in all corners of the world.

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.
UK PARTNER ABROAD PROGRAMS

Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo
- Liberal Arts (CIIE)
  São Paulo, Brazil
  Language: English
  Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring
  This program offers courses such as Humanitarian Law & Armed Conflict, Global Politics & Development Economics, International Security, Peace and Stability, and Foreign Language.

The interested will match students with a partner program, according to mutual policy interests. Interns will complete a major research report as a final intern report. Courses to accompany internships in fall and spring.

UK CONSORTIA ABROAD PROGRAMS

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

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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.

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UK EXCHANGE ABROAD PROGRAMS

Universidad San Francisco de Quito
- Ecuador
  Language: None
  Class Standing: Sophomore and above
  Minimum GPA: 2.0
  Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring
  Available courses include US Politics & Governance, Political Science, Sustainable Development, Politics of Inequality, Issues of Latin America, and more.

Charles Sturt University
- Wagga Wagga, Australia
  Language: None
  Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
  Minimum GPA: 2.0
  Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring
  Courses available include Indigenous Australian Language and History, Indigenous Human Rights, Politics of Identity and Australian Civils & Citizenship.

Al Akhawayn University (ISEP Exchange)
- Ifrane, Morocco
  Language: None
  Class Standing: Junior & Above
  Minimum GPA: 2.75
  Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring
  Courses include Comparative Political Systems of Asia, The Struggle for Justice in Japan, The Modernities of Modern Japan, Pacific Identity, Peace, Development and Democratization in Asia, and many others. Japanese language courses are also available.

Scottish Parliament Internship (Arcadia)
- Edinburgh, Scotland
  Language: None
  Class Standing: Any
  Minimum GPA: 3.0
  Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer
  Available courses include Geography, Development & Cities, Comparative Politics, and more.

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As the International Studies curriculum is composed of courses housed in other departments (e.g. History, Geography, Political Science, etc.), this document features programs chosen by those departments that will fulfill the Area, Thematic, and/or Language concentrations of the International Studies curriculum.

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 ones that focus on language immersion 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.

UK SPONSORED EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Undergraduate Research In Oaxaca, Mexico on Social & Environmental Themes
Oaxaca, Mexico
Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.9
Term Offered: Summer 2

Led by Oliver 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 environments 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 365 (3 credits); GEO 431 (3 credits); GEO 406 (3 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 Consortium
These offerings include select KIIS, CCSA 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.

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

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.

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UK Consortia
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UK Credit Earned Abroad
Students who take courses abroad that are taught by UK faculty members will earn academic credit and UK grades. Grades will be factored into a student’s cumulative GPA. Almost all UK Sponsored programs and many CCSA programs offer UK-taught courses.

Transfer Credit Earned Abroad
A student chooses to enroll in a UK Exchange, UK Consortia: KIIS, UK Direct, or UK Partner program, the academic credit earned will be considered transfer credit. These grades do not affect cumulative GPA and are not displayed on any UK transcript. However, selective admissions programs, majors, colleges and scholarships at UK may still use the transfer grades earned abroad.

Academic Course Approval
All students must complete an Education Abroad Academic Approval Form (AAF). To complete this form, students must take the syllabus or course description of each class to be taken abroad to the department in which that class is taught. After approval from each department, students will take the form to the Director of International Studies for an additional signature.

Degree Requirements for the International Studies Major

Pathway Courses
Students must complete six credit hours of pathway courses from different departments. For a full list of acceptable courses, see the UK Bulletin.

Language Competency
2 courses above the 202 level in one language OR a combination of two languages at the 101 and 102 level respectively

Thematic Concentration
12-15 hours in one of the following themes: Culture & the Arts, Global Development or Comparative Politics & Societies

Area Concentration
12-15 hours in one of the following geographic areas: Africa & the Middle East, East, South & Southeast Asia, Europe, Latin America, or Russia & Eurasia.

Capstone Senior Seminar
3 hours of INT 495

For information about the major contact Dr. Sue Roberts, director of INS at sueroberts@uky.edu