A Bachelor of Science in Merchandising, Apparel and Textiles prepares students for careers in the global retail industry. Graduates of this program find careers in which they apply the business and professional skills developed in the program. The major is designed for students who want to pursue careers in merchandising and retailing. Students are prepared for a variety of careers in the retail industry such as buying, store management, visual merchandising, customer relations, and personnel. Graduates have also pursued careers in the textile industry, apparel manufacturing, wholesaling, and other areas of the retail industry. Faculty encourage student participation in industry sponsored research projects related to merchandising and product analysis. Internships are a required component of the program and can lead to permanent employment.

Degree Requirements for the MAT Major

A student selected for completion in abroad program will have to be approved by the RTM Department, before accepted.

Certification of Global Studies

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

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

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 classes 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.

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 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.
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.

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 towards your major abroad, or get some electives out of the way. Please check with your Director of Undergraduate Studies 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.

Sponsored programs:

**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 an international institution in which students pay UK tuition directly or facilitate through an educational provider and students earn transfer credit.

**UK Consortium**
These offerings include select KIIS, CCSA and other consortia-based programs which UK is a voting member. Tuition and fees are paid directly to the program provider and students earn transfer credit.

**UK Partner**
These offerings include select programs provided by providers and other international exchange-learning based programs, for which students earn transfer credit.

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**UK SPONSORED EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS**

MAT faculty-directed programs are currently being developed. Visit www.uky.edu/ea for more information as it becomes available.

*Note: UK Sponsored Program offerings are subject to change at any time. UK MAP reflects those programs anticipated for 2015-2016. Students should refer to www.uky.edu/ ea for the most up to date information on program availability.*

**UK CONSORTIA EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS**

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

**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 for students of any major 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.

**UK Partner Education Abroad Programs**

**Global Design: Florence University of the Arts (SAI)**
- **Language Req:** None
- **Class Standing:** Undergraduates Only
- **Minimum GPA:** 2.75
- **Term Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Global Design: French Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)**
- **Language Req:** None
- **Class Standing:** Any
- **Minimum GPA:** 3.0
- **Term Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Global Design: Danish Institute For Study Abroad (DIS)**
- **Language Req:** None
- **Class Standing:** Sophomore & Above
- **Minimum GPA:** 2.75
- **Term Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Global Design: Global Design: European Institute of Design (KEI)**
- **Language Req:** None
- **Class Standing:** Any
- **Minimum GPA:** 2.75
- **Term Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Global Design: University of the Arts London (SAI)**
- **Language Req:** None
- **Class Standing:** Sophomore & Above
- **Minimum GPA:** 3.0
- **Term Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Global Design: Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (TEAN)**
- **Language Req:** None
- **Class Standing:** Any
- **Minimum GPA:** 2.5
- **Term Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Global Design: Massey University (ISEP Direct)**
- **Language Req:** None
- **Class Standing:** Sophomore & Above
- **Minimum GPA:** 2.75
- **Term Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Global Design: International College of Management (TEAN)**
- **Language Req:** None
- **Class Standing:** Sophomore & Above
- **Minimum GPA:** 2.5
- **Term Offered:** Fall, Spring

**Global Design: Global Design: UK Partner Education Abroad Programs**

**University of Central Lancashire**
- **Language Req:** None
- **Class Standing:** Undergraduates Only
- **Minimum GPA:** 2.5
- **Term Offered:** Fall, Spring

**University of the Arts**
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