UK DIRECT EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Shanghai University
Shanghai, China

- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
- Minimum GPA: 2.75
- Term Offered: Year, Fall

At Shanghai’s School of Film and TV Arts, UK students have access to curriculum-composing bachelor programs in Radio/TV Editing and Directing, Radio/TV Journalism, and Advertising.

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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?

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.

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Degree Requirements for the Media Arts & Studies Major

Students in the majors in the School of Journalism and Telecommunications are encouraged to participate in education abroad programs to take electives within their major – or courses for their field of concentration/cognate or second major.

The school will not approve transfer credit from education abroad courses to satisfy required courses within any of its majors. For MAS, this means that students may not transfer in education abroad credit for any of the following required courses: MAS 101, Introduction to Media and Culture; MAS 201, Communication Technologies and Society; MAS 300, Media Studies Research Methods; MAS 310, Media Policy and Regulation. The required six credits of Social-Cultural Media Courses and three credits of Media Industry Courses must also be taken at UK. The school also does not grant education abroad transfer credit for JAT 399, Internship. However, students may earn internship credit abroad through CIS 499, International Internship, as an additional internship option.

MAS majors are required to take 12 credits of upper division electives related to the major; these elective credits can usually be taken through education abroad courses. The only requirement in that case is that the course be the equivalent of a 300-level or above course at the University of Kentucky; that is, it cannot be an introductory course.

The determination of equivalency will be made by the MAS sequence coordinator, Dr. Tom Lindlof, or by the school director, Dr. Beth Barnes, based on course materials supplied by the international institution.

UK Education Abroad Programs for Students of Media Arts & Studies

UK Education Abroad offers a variety of programs that allow you to study Media Arts & Studies in an international setting. Immerse yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge of MAS, 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 Media Arts & Studies 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 communications, one of the best ways to increase your knowledge is to immerse yourself in various cultures and diverse 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 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.

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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. 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.

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.

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.

Will I earn credits while abroad?
- Yes! Earning credits toward your major abroad, or get some electives out of the way. Please check with your Director or Undergraduate Studies to make sure specific courses will count towards your major.

Where do I live?
- 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.

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.

UK SPONSORED EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Strategic Communication in South Africa: Promoting to the Rainbow Nation

- Cape Town, South Africa
- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Any
- Minimum GPA: 2.0
- Terms Offered: Summer 1

Participants in this program will gain an understanding of issues of disparities in socioeconomic status from the perspective of marketing and strategic communication. Students will learn about the range of audiences in South Africa and reflect on the corresponding U.S. context. The course will be held on the University of Cape Town campus and will feature guest lecturers from field experts and site visits throughout the area, as well as several days of practical experience in a communication setting.

UK CONSORTIA EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Carlos III University of Madrid

- Madrid, Spain
- Language Req: Varied
- Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
- Minimum GPA: 2.0
- Terms Offered: Fall, Spring

Carlos III offers courses such as Media Psychology, Media Technology, Radio Workshop, Media Landscape, Television Studies, and many more as part of their Film, Television & Media Studies program.

Charles Sturt University

- Bathurst, Australia
- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
- Minimum GPA: 2.0
- Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Year

Charles Sturt possesses its own expansive department of communications, offering degrees in communications in a number of different concentrations, including Media, Commercial Radio, Visual Studies, and more.

University of Central Lancashire

- Preston, England
- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Any
- Minimum GPA: 2.5
- Terms Offered: Fall

UCL offers full bachelor degree programs in Film & Television, Media Management, Media Production, and Multimedia Development, and welcomes exchange students to choose courses from any.

Yasar University (ISEP Exchange)

- Izmir, Turkey
- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Junior & Above
- Minimum GPA: 2.75
- Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Yasar offers communications courses such as Visual Design Programs, Visual Communication, Media Planning, Corporate Communication, Persuasive Communication, Public Relations Management, and many more.

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Massey University—Wellington (ISEP Direct)

- Wellington, New Zealand
- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Any
- Minimum GPA: 2.75
- Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

This program offers marketing communication and public relations courses through their College of Business. Course options include Digital Media Special Topics, Visual Communication, and many more.

University of Cape Town (Arcadia)

- Cape Town, South Africa
- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

The University of Cape Town, one of Africa’s leading universities, offers courses in film & media studies and other areas relevant to international Studies students. Arcadia’s program with UCT includes a course on South African history and culture.

UK GLOBAL DESIGN EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Florence University of the Arts (SAI)

- Florence, Italy
- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Any
- Minimum GPA: 2.75
- Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

This program offers a number of course options such as Online and Digital Media, Media Marketing, Publishing, Sociology of the Media, Communication Theory, Media & Ethics, and many more.

UK PARTNER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Global Institute: Berlin Open Campus

- Berlin, Germany
- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
- Minimum GPA: 2.75
- Term Offered: Fall, Spring

This new program offers courses such as The Influence & Power of the Media, Mass Media in Europe, Contemporary Social Influence & Power of the Media, Mass Media, and Public Sphere, and more.

University of Cape Town (CIEE)

- Cape Town, South Africa
- Language Req: None
- Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
- Minimum GPA: 3.0
- Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

This program is designed for students majoring in media communication, media studies, journalism, advertising, and related fields. All courses are taught in English.

Pompeu Fabra University

- Barcelona, Spain
- Language Req: Intermediate
- Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
- Minimum GPA: 2.75
- Term Offered: Fall, Spring

With their own Bachelor’s of Audiovisual Communication, Pompeu Fabra offers courses such as Audiovisual Technology, Ecology of Audiovisual Texture, and Audiovisual Genres.

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 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.