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.

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Considerations for Education Abroad for the Philosophy Major

Students are encouraged to refer to the Degree Plan including Education Abroad when evaluating options for inclusion of education abroad in the Philosophy curriculum, and to consider completing 500+ level requirements in Groups A, B, and C abroad. However, students need not feel limited in their option concerning coursework abroad, or terms in which to take courses abroad. Semester, year, and summer options are viable through cooperation with academic advisor.

Major Requirements

PHI 260, PHI 270, PHI 320, PHI 330, PHI 350, at least 3 hours of additional 300+ level work within the major, and at least 15 hours of additional 500+ level work within the major. Of the 500+ level work, at least one course must be taken within each of Group A, B, and C. Group A: History of Philosophy

Group B: Value Theory, Ethics, Aesthetics, Political Theory

Group C: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Philosophy of Mind, Philosophy of Science, etc.

Minor Requirements

18 hours of Philosophy coursework required including no more than two 100-level courses, at least one course in Logic, one course in Group A, and at least 3 courses at the 300+ level.

For more information regarding degree requirements, refer to the Undergraduate Bulletin, or http://philosophy.as.uky.edu/philosophy-undergraduate-program

Education Abroad Programs in Philosophy

Education Abroad Programs for Students of Philosophy

UK Education Abroad offers a variety of programs that allow you to study Philosophy in an international setting. Immerse yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge of Philosophy, 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 Philosophy 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 Philosophy, one of the best ways to increase your knowledge is to immerse yourself in various ecosystems 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 4-5 p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4 p.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 EDUCATION ABROAD Programs**

- **Karl-Franzens University of Graz**, Graz, Austria
  - Language Req: 2 Semesters
  - Class Standing: Junior & Above
  - Minimum GPA: 2.75
  - Terms Offered: Year, Spring
  - Courses offered include Philosophy of Middle East, Christian Philosophy, Animal Ethics, and logic and ethics courses from the bachelor to the doctorate level.

- **Heidelberg University**, Heidelberg, Germany
  - Language Req: Intermediate
  - Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
  - Minimum GPA: 2.0
  - Terms Offered: Fall, Spring
  - The University of Heidelberg divides their philosophy curriculum into 5 specialty coursework areas: Aesthetics, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics, Logic. Also, the program offers introductory courses such as History of Western Philosophy, with courses in Ancient & Medieval Philosophy and Modern Philosophy.

- **Philips - University Marburg**, Marburg, Germany
  - Language Req: 3 Semesters
  - Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
  - Minimum GPA: 2.75
  - Terms Offered: Fall, Spring
  - Courses offered include Kant & the Enlightenment, Aesthetic Judgment, John Searle, Hannah Arendt, Philosophy of Sex, and more.

- **University of Central Lancashire**, Preston, England
  - Language Req: None
  - Class Standing: Undergraduate
  - Minimum GPA: 2.0
  - Terms Offered: Fall
  - Courses include Philosophy Language, Values and the Environment, Philosophy and Popular Culture, Anglo-American Political Philosophy and others.

- **National University of Ireland – Maynooth**, Maynooth, Ireland
  - Language Req: None
  - Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
  - Minimum GPA: 3.0
  - Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring
  - Courses offered include Renaissance Philosophy, Morals in Contemporary Philosophical Thought, Philosophical Anthropology, and more.

**UK DIRECT EDUCATION ABROAD Programs**

- **Katholieke Universiteit Leuven-Leuven, Belgium**
  - Language Req: None
  - Class Standing: Undergraduates Only
  - Minimum GPA: 2.5
  - Terms Offered: Fall, Spring
  - Students have options within a wide variety of courses, including Medieval Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Ethics of Care, and many more.

- **European Humanities (DIS)**
  - Language Req: None
  - Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
  - Minimum GPA: 3.0
  - Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Year
  - Courses offered include The Vienna Circle & American Philosophy, Cross-Cultural Philosophy, and more, including German language.

- **Celtic Blue: Trinity College (Arcadia)**
  - Language Req: None
  - Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
  - Minimum GPA: 3.3
  - Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring
  - UK students of this program can complete coursework such as Moral Philosophy, Continental Philosophy, Philosophy of Language and Ancient Philosophy.

- **Bluegrass Down Under: University of New South Wales (Education Abroad Network)**
  - Language Req.: None
  - Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
  - Minimum GPA: 3.3
  - Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring
  - Available courses include Contemporary Epistemology, Contemporary European Philosophy, Language & Meaning, Political Philosophy, and more.

- **Chinese Studies and Service Learning (CST)**
  - Language Req: None
  - Class Standing: Undergraduates Only
  - Minimum GPA: 3.0
  - Terms Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer II
  - Students of this program can take a course in the philosophy of China, as well as other Chinese culture and language courses.

- **Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru (JIA)**
  - Language Req: Intermediate
  - Class Standing: Any
  - Minimum GPA: 2.75
  - Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring
  - Courses include Ethics, Political Philosophy, Greek Logic, and Christian Faith & Human Dignity.

**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 II 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.

**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 toward your major abroad, or get some electives out of the way. Please check with your advisor 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 provid- er. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the costs of the programs you are considering.

- **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.**