UK PARTNER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Advanced Language and Area Studies (American Councils)

Moscow, Russia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Vladivostok, Russia
Language Requirements: 3 Semesters
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Terms offered: Fall, Year, Summer, Spring

The academic program features approximately twenty hours per week of in-class instruction. Content courses are designed to give participants an in-depth understanding of some of the most pressing issues currently affecting Russia, including the problems of organized crime and corruption, the conflict over Yukos oil, the war in Chechnya, and the Putin presidency. Coursework provides new perspectives on the complex historical and cultural trends that have shaped Russia.

European Politics (DIS)
Copenhagen, Denmark
Language Requirements: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Terms offered: Year, Fall, Spring

This program combines a required course titled The European Game of Politics: Crisis and Survival, and the option to take choose electives from over 190 course options, including the following Political Science courses: Al-Qaeda and Intelligence Analysis, International Refugee Law, Gender Perspectives on Human Rights, The Power of Thought in Europe, and more.

London School of Economics and Political Science (IPSA-Butler)
London, England
Language Requirements: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Terms offered: Summer

This summer program offers course options such as Role of the European Union, Middle East in Global Politics, Politics of Protest & Change, Development in the International Political Economy, and many more.

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University of Belgrano - Classes with Locals, Language, and Electives (Sol)
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Language Requirements: None
Class Standing: All
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Terms offered: Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

Courses available to Latin American Political Thought, Latin America in the Global Economy, Political Systems: Populism in Latin America, Political & Social Change, Neoliberalism & Latin America and more.

Menéndez Pelayo International University - International Studies, Business & Language (ISEA)
Seville, Spain
Language Requirements: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Terms offered: Fall, Spring, Summer


Parliamentary Program (Arcadia)
Options in Edinburgh, Scotland, and Dublin, Ireland
Language Requirements: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 3.2
Terms offered: Fall, Spring

Arcadia offers intern programs in the Parliaments of England, Scotland and Ireland. You’ll conduct research, plan events, and assist with logistics. For twelve of the fifteen program weeks, three days a week, you will be part of your MP’s staff, learning, in a way that few can, the manner in which the legislatve process informs and undergirds a nation’s policies, customs and ideologies, from both a domestic and international perspective.

Is there another program?
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.

Considerations for Education Abroad in the Political Science Major

Political Science students interested in comparative politics and/or international relations are highly encouraged to participate in an education abroad program as part of their undergraduate curriculum.

In addition to the 12 hours of foundation coursework, all political science students are expected to complete at least 18 hours of "Disciplinary Courses" in a combination of the fields of American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Theory. For students of comparative politics and/or international relations, courses taken as a part of an education abroad program may be used to fulfill these requirements.

All students should consult with their academic advisor to discuss their particular degree progress, and how an education abroad program may be integrated into it.

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Education Abroad Programs in Political Science

UK Education Abroad programs offer a variety of programs that allow you to study political science in an international setting. Immerse yourself in another culture, expand your knowledge of political science, 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 political science 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 political science, one of the best ways to increase your knowledge is to immerse yourself in various societies and diverse cultures. 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 UK 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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UK Exchange

These offerings include university-wide or departmental exchanges and select ISEP exchange programs hosted by an international institution in which students enroll directly or facilitated through ISEP Direct. Students earn transfer credit.

UK Direct

These offerings include select programs or courses at partner universities. Available programs vary by location and 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.

UK Exchange Education Abroad Programs

Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla (ISEP Exchange)
Puebla City, Mexico
Language Requirements: Intermediate
Class Standing: None
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Courses offered to UK students include Political Science, Public Institutions and Government, Political Party and Electoral Processes, Opinion and Social Communication, and a local family.

Universidad San Francisco de Quito
Quito, Ecuador
Language Requirements: 5 semesters
Class Standing: Sophomore and above
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Available courses include US Politics & Governance, Political Culture, Sustainable Development, Politics of Inequality, Issues of Latin American, and more.

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 term of study to choose. Programs are available during a full academic year, Fall and Spring terms, 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 start 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 in 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.

UK Partner Education Abroad Programs

Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo - Liberal Arts (CIEE)
São Paulo, Brazil
Language Requirements: 2 semesters
Class Standing: Sophomore and above
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Courses available include Political and Social Marketing, Identity and International Relations, and Chile and its Insertion into the Global Economy.

Fudan University (TEAN)
Shanghai, China
Language Requirements: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Courses available to UK students include Conflict Resolution and International Negotiation, East Asian Politics, EU Politics and Foreign Relations, China and the World, Identity and International Relations, and more.

Bluegrass Down Under
University of New South Wales (TEAN)
Sydney, Australia
Language Requirements: None
Class Standing: Sophomore and above
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Terms Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Courses available to UK students include Propaganda and Satire, Theories of Nation, International Relations, Nuclear Realm, Contemporary Arab Thought & Culture, Game Theory & International Security, Terrorism and Responses, and Peace & Conflict, among numerous other options. Courses in Hebrew and Arabic may also be completed.

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