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COURSES TAKEN ABROAD

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.

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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.

UK Education Abroad Programs in Sociology

Education Abroad Programs for Students of Sociology

UK Education Abroad offers a variety of programs that allow you to study sociology in an international setting. Immersing yourself in another culture, expands your knowledge of sociology, 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 sociology 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 sociology, the best way to increase your knowledge is to immerse yourself in various cultures and diverse societies. 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 sociology programs in English-speaking countries. Furthermore, students can find sociology classes taught in English in practically every country. Of course, there are also plenty of excellent programs for students who prefer to study sociology in a foreign language.

Where can I study abroad?

There are many opportunities to study sociology all over the world! From the metropolitan buzz of Istanbul to the landscapes of Australia and New Zealand, UK offers a wide array of programs that allow students to study sociology 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 $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.

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 advises on the programs in which you are interested.

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UK SPONSORED EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

Crime & Justice at International Crossroads
Granada, Spain & Melksee, Morocco

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Summer

This course will teach students how to think critically about contemporary crime and justice issues in the US compared to two countries on two continents. While these two countries are different in terms of history, economic development, language, culture, political systems, and international relations, they share one interesting feature—they have historically had less crime than the US. This course will examine why that is and ask what Americans can learn from other countries to improve public safety. Students will enroll in SOC 351: Special Topics in International Sociology. Dr. Janet Stamatel, faculty member in the UK Sociology Department, will be directing the program.

Social and Environmental Justice in Oaxaca, Mexico

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Summer

This field-based program offers students the opportunity to learn about the culture, economy, environment and social justice issues of southern Mexico through firsthand experiences in a variety of settings. The program emphasizes a grassroots perspective on the challenges of globalization and proposes alternative ways of creating local solutions. Specific geography credit to be arranged with advisor to determine when it would fit best for you.

UK EXCHANGE EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

National University of Ireland—Maynooth
Maynooth, Ireland

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Terms: Year, Fall, Spring

The Faculty of Sociology offers courses such as Modern Irish Sociology, Sociology of the Family, Sociology of Tourism, The Irish Sociological Imagination, and more.

Toyo University (ISEP Exchange)
Tokyo, Japan

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Soph. & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term: Year

Available courses include Japanese language classes along with sociology courses such as Japanese and American Cultural Studies, Visual Sociology, World Food Problems, Urban Habitation, and others.

Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla
Puebla, Mexico

Language Req: Intermediate
Class Standing: Jr. & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Terms: Fall, Spring, Year

Available courses include Individual & Human Culture, Ethics & Social Responsibility, Civil Society, Human Rights, Regional Integration, and more. All classes are taught in Spanish.

UK CONSORTIA EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

American University of Sharjah (ISEP Direct)
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Undergraduate only
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

Available courses include Environmental Sociology, East Asian Societies, and Women's Empowerment in International Development, and more.

UK DIRECT EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

International Studies, Multilateral Diplomacy, and Social Justice (SIT)
Geneva, Switzerland

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer

This program allows students to complete two topics courses: International Relations and Multilateral Diplomacy, and International Security, Peace and Stability; a French language courses at any level; a research methods and ethics courses; and an independent study expected to result in an academic paper.

Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies (American Councils)

Vladimir, Russia

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Sophomore & Above
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer, Year

This program offers courses in contemporary Russian society, Russian language, political and economic systems of Russia, Russian literature, and more.

Fudan University (TEAN)

Shanghai, China

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Undergraduate only
Minimum GPA: 2.75
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring


London South Bank University (KEI)

London, England

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Undergraduate only
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

LSBU courses include Youth Crime & Delinquency, Researching Social Life, Race, Culture, & Identity, and more.

UK PARTNER EDUCATION ABROAD PROGRAMS

University of Belgrano (Sol)
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Language Req: Varies
Class Standing: Undergraduate only
Minimum GPA: 2.0
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring, Summer

Courses in English include Latin American Cultures and Civilizations, Gender History in Latin America, and others. Spanish courses include: Argentine Cultural Studies and Argentine Gender Studies.

University of Cape Town (Arcadia)
Cape Town, South Africa

Language Req: None
Class Standing: Any
Minimum GPA: 3.0
Term Offered: Year, Fall, Spring

This program offers course options such as Africa: Colonial & Post-Colonial, African Economics History, Empires & Modernities, Conflict & Conquest: South Africa to 1900, Subjects to Citizens: South Africa Since 1900, and more.

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