

Economics

STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION FOR ECONOMIC STUDENTS

Study abroad can enhance your understanding of the global economic environment. Some programs provide standard upper level economics courses, but many economics concentrators choose programs primarily to gain foreign language skills and knowledge about other cultures. Experience abroad can lead to career opportunities in business and policy.

Several programs in Great Britain and Australia provide a variety of standard upper level economics electives that can be part of an economics concentration. Students with advanced foreign language knowledge sometimes elect upper level economics courses in other countries throughout the world.



Getting Started

1.) Plan early: Talk to your general academic and concentration advisors about your interest in going abroad and your goals while abroad.	Schedule an appointment with an economics advisor to explore your study abroad plans: http://www.lsa.umich.edu/econ/ug/advising
2.) Visit the OIP: Learn about program offerings and attend the OIP's study abroad fair and information sessions.	OIP's Study Abroad Fairs: Fall Fair – early September Summer Fair – mid January
3.) Narrow down your program options: Review course offerings and how they can satisfy concentration (and general distribution) requirements.	See OIP's website: http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/oip-study-abroad.htm
4.) Research program costs: Review OIP information on program costs; learn about scholarship options and financial aid for which you may be eligible.	http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/financial.htm
5.) Apply for your program.	Online application: http://www.lsa.umich.edu/oip/applying.htm

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Timing: Most economics concentrators study abroad during the junior year. If you are planning to study economics abroad during your junior year, the department recommends that you complete Econ 401 before you go.

"Though we've studied the economies of other countries - we've never done so from their own perspectives. It really gives you a different perspective of international markets, not to mention seeing the effects of American industry on international markets."

*~ Artur Glantz
Madrid, Spain*

Satisfying distribution and general LSA/RC requirements with courses taken abroad:

- ◆ **Distribution credit** – To use a course or courses taken abroad to satisfy Humanities, Social Science, Natural Science, or another distribution category, you should meet with your LSA advisor before going abroad. Take detailed course descriptions or as much information as you can gather to the advising appointment. If you are unable to get this information ahead of time, or if your course elections change while abroad, bring back as much course information as you can, so that your advisor can effectively evaluate the course upon return.
- ◆ **Race and ethnicity** – It is generally advisable to take R & E class on campus. However, if you want to use a course taken abroad to satisfy this requirement, you need to petition the LSA Academic Standards Board upon return. As part of your petition, you need to provide a syllabus for the course and write an argument explaining how you felt the course met the spirit of the requirement. Petition forms with the R & E criteria are available on the web or at the Newnan LSA Advising Center. Keep in mind that you may not be able to get a syllabus for the course, so you should bring back as much course information as you can—e.g. reading lists, coursepacks, papers, etc. If the syllabus and/or course materials are not in English, contact the Academic Standards Board to see if you need to have them translated. Board members can translate Spanish, French, and German.
- ◆ **Quantitative Reasoning**— To use a class taken abroad to satisfy the Quantitative Reasoning requirement, you need to petition the LSA Academic Standards Board upon return. (Honors and RC students should contact their respective

advising offices.) You need to present a course syllabus as well as materials showing the type of work done in the course (homework, quizzes, exams, and textbooks are helpful.)

- ◆ **Upper level writing requirement** – It's extremely rare for a study abroad course to be approved for Upper-Level Writing. Generally these courses must be taught on campus by U-M faculty. If you want to request an exception, contact the Sweetland Writing Center, but keep in mind that such approvals are not likely granted.

Counting courses taken abroad towards

Economics requirements: Students should meet with a concentration advisor before going abroad to discuss course offerings at the host university and identify courses suitable for the economics concentration.

Economics 401 must be taken at U-M in Ann Arbor. Also, half of the upper level courses in the economics concentration and at least one of the courses with Econ 401 or 402 as prerequisite must be taken here. To count as a 300-level economics elective in the concentration, an economics course taken abroad must have the equivalents of Econ 101 and 102 as prerequisites. To count as an economics elective with either Econ 401 or Econ 402 as a prerequisite, an economics course taken abroad must have the equivalent intermediate microeconomics or intermediate macroeconomics course as prerequisite. In addition, students must have completed the prerequisite course(s).

Funding study abroad: Students that have financial aid through the U-M can apply their financial aid to and U-M programs sponsored by OIP or other units in the University.



OIP ECONOMICS OPPORTUNITIES:

AT ENGLISH-LANGUAGE UNIVERSITIES:

AUSTRALIA:

U-M programs at the Universities of Melbourne, New South Wales, and Western Australia all offer a full array of Economics courses. In addition, the CIC Internship program in Melbourne and Sydney combines academic study and internship placements with businesses, non-governmental organizations, and governmental agencies.

GREAT BRITAIN:

The London School of Economics and University College London in London and the University of Essex have internationally respected departments of Economics; at LSE, the approach is quantitative, whereas at UCL the department is more theoretical in its offerings. Other universities in Britain with highly ranked departments are York and Oxford, and Queen Mary and Westfield College in London.



SINGAPORE:

The National University of Singapore (NUS) offers a full range of classes in economics and other liberal arts courses in English.

SOUTH AFRICA:

The Universities of Cape Town and Natal offer a full array of Economics courses.

TURKEY:

The Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences at Middle East Technical University in Ankara provides a broad range of courses in Economics and Business and related fields. All instruction is in English by Turkish professors, most of whom have been trained in the U.S. and Britain.

IN OTHER LANGUAGES:

FRENCH:

The U-M program in Aix-en-Provence offers Economics courses at the University of Aix-Marseille's Faculty of Arts and at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques. The year-long program requires fifth-semester language proficiency, while the Winter term program requires six semesters of college-level French or the equivalent.

GERMAN:

Students participating in the programs at the Universities of [Freiburg](#) and [Tübingen](#) may elect Economics courses at either of these two universities. For the Freiburg program, four semesters of college-level German (or the equivalent) are required, while for Tübingen, five semesters are required.

PORTUGUESE:

Exchanges with the Brazilian Federal Universities of Bahia (UFBA) and Minas Gerais (UFMG) in Belo Horizonte offer access to Economics courses at the host universities. Requires intermediate or advanced-level proficiency in Portuguese.

SPANISH:

U-M offers direct-enrollment programs at the [University of Seville](#) (year-long and Winter semester) and [University of Granada](#) (Winter only). The year-long program requires fifth-semester language proficiency, while the Winter program requires six semesters of college-level Spanish or the equivalent. The U-M program in [Santiago, Chile at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile](#) is available for Fall, Winter, or the full academic year.

*"I know when I was deciding whether or not to study abroad, part of my hesitation was because I wasn't sure if I'd be able to both study abroad as well as complete the necessary requirements back in Ann Arbor for my Honors concentration in economics. But I was able to successfully complete both."
~ Daniel Haight
Chile*

SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS WITH ECONOMICS COURSE OFFERINGS:

CZECH REPUBLIC:

In Prague, the program for undergraduates at Charles University's Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education offers courses dealing with Central and Eastern Europe's transition to capitalism in addition to courses in the humanities, political science, and Czech language. Independent research in Economics may also be possible. Classes are taught in English; Fall and Winter semester programs.

FRANCE:

The very prestigious Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) offers courses in Economics; the program requires sixth-semester French language competency. Year-long program only.

POLAND:

In Warsaw, students take specially designed courses at CIEE's Study Center at the Warsaw School of Economics. Courses are available on East Central European economics, as well as politics, literature, history, and Polish language. Advanced business courses in English are also available at WSE.

"Nothing will change your mindset more than to live outside of your comfort zone, primarily in a place where the culture is unique and the language is not native to you. You will be amazed at how fast you will develop."

*~ Eric Hensel
Grenoble, France*

SUMMER PROGRAMS:

METU:

Limited number of Economics course offerings at METU Summer program in Ankara, Turkey.

OXFORD SUMMER:

Economics-related courses are offered as part of Environmental Studies component in Summer program at St. Peter's College, Oxford.

In addition to any of the above listed programs, it is possible for an economics concentrator to take a term off from studying economics. For example many economics concentrators have spent the summer improving their Spanish (and possibly completing the foreign language requirement) at the program in Salamanca, Spain. With any of the OIP programs students are free to choose any classes that interest them.

NON U-M PROGRAMS: Students hoping to use Economics classes taken on non-U-M programs to satisfy concentration requirements should plan to meet with a concentration advisor to review the program and its course offerings before making a final commitment to a non-U-M program.

