

The Residential College

STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION FOR RC STUDENTS

The Residential College (RC) program takes an interdisciplinary and global approach to learning. With course offerings in humanities, social sciences, visual and performing arts, and foreign languages, the RC course curriculums cut across topics such as cultures; political, economic, and social structures; classical contemporary histories and literatures; and current events. Along with a wide range of globally focused liberal arts courses, RC students gain proficiency in a second language, amply preparing them and whetting their interest to study abroad.

Study abroad provides an opportunity to apply knowledge gained from RC coursework through firsthand experience of another culture and setting. A broad range of international opportunities offered at U-M and available to RC students allows students to go abroad at different stages of their undergraduate careers and for varying lengths of time: The Global Intercultural Experience for Undergraduates (GIEU), designed primarily for first- and second-year students, sponsors summer programs in which small groups of students, together with a U-M faculty member, spend several weeks on site addressing a particular topic in the faculty member's area of expertise. Another option is to elect a class that incorporates one or two-week international components into it. The educational trips usually occur during mid-winter break or early in May, at the end of Winter semester.

Longer-term study abroad programs, sponsored by LSA's Office of International Programs, allow for international stays during Spring and Summer half-terms, for a single semester during Fall or Winter terms, or for a full academic year. Some programs are designed for sophomores, while others require junior or senior standing.



This flyer highlights study abroad opportunities that are especially suitable for RC students and the RC curriculum. Some program possibilities are available each year, while others vary from one year to the next. In researching international study opportunities, RC students should consider the programs described in this flyer as a starting point rather than the final, definitive list of what is available!

GETTING STARTED

1.) Plan early: Talk to your RC and concentration advisors about your interest in going abroad.	To meet with your RC advisor contact: Call (734) 763-0032 or email Charlie Murphy (clmurph@umich.edu) or Cynthia Burton (caburton@umich.edu) or stop by the RC Academic Services Office in 134 Tyler
2.) Visit the OIP: Learn about program offerings and attend the OIP study abroad fair and information sessions.	OIP's Study Abroad Fairs: Fall Fair – Mid September Summer Fair – Mid January
3.) Narrow down your program options: Review course offerings and how they can satisfy concentration and 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: Study abroad is not just for juniors! Rather, the timing (and program choice) varies by RC concentration and your academic goals in studying abroad. Global Intercultural Experience for Undergraduates (GIEU) offerings encourage first year students to apply. Individual courses that offer a study abroad component may be taken any time. Summer, semester, and year-long programs offer courses that have the potential to be used toward RC requirements. In planning for study abroad, meet with an RC advisor to determine which requirements ought to be taken here in Ann Arbor (and when) and which requirements might be satisfied with a course or courses taken abroad.

"Study abroad is what you make of it! Your experience will leave you with memories you'll never forget, present you with opportunities you may never otherwise have had, and grant you new perspectives on life and the world around you."

~Kate Mitroka

LSA/RC Student '08

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, RC students should contact the RC Advising Office. 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, RC students should contact the RC Advising Office. 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** – This requirement can only be satisfied with a course taught by a U-M faculty member, and for this reason, it is almost impossible to do with a course take abroad. Decisions about the requirement are made by the Sweetland Writing Center.
- ◆ **RC Arts Practicum** – The Arts Practicum is usually satisfied by coursework in the RC. Exceptions would need to be granted by the RC Board on Academic Standing (BOAS)

Counting courses taken abroad towards RC

Concentration requirements – RC students who are pursuing any of the 5 RC concentrations: Social Science, Arts and Ideas in the Humanities, Creative Writing, Drama, or the Individualized Concentration may satisfy concentration requirements while abroad. Plan to meet with your RC concentration advisor to discuss this possibility before going abroad; bring a copy of course description(s). You may be asked to meet with your advisor upon return to provide further information about the course(s) taken abroad.

Funding study abroad – Students with financial aid through the U-M can apply their financial aid to any U-M programs sponsored the University. RC students can apply directly to the RC for funding support for their abroad projects. For more information, visit:


www.rc.lsa.umich.edu/html/2_3_2study_abroad.htm



ACADEMIC YEAR, TERM-LONG (FALL OR WINTER), SPRING AND SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Office of International Programs offers over 80 study abroad options. Credit from these programs appears on your U-M transcript as in residence credit and can be used to meet any College requirements. It is wise to discuss your possible programs with your concentration advisor before you select the program you feel is right for you.

The Residential College language program prepares students well for study abroad. Students who complete the RC language requirement are prepared to participate in any of the following programs;

<p><i>"The RC Language program and prep course made all the difference to my year in Aix. I felt well prepared for what to expect"</i> ~ RC student in Aix-en-Provence</p>	<p>FRENCH FRANCE: Aix-en-Provence (Academic Year & Winter) FRANCE: Grenoble (Summer) FRANCE: Paris Art History (Winter) FRANCE: Paris Sciences Po (Academic Year) SENEGAL: Dakar (Winter) SWITZERLAND: Lausanne (Academic Year & Winter)</p>
<p>GERMAN GERMANY: Freiburg (Academic Year) GERMANY: Tübingen (Academic Year) GERMANY: Tübingen (Winter)</p>	
<p>JAPANESE JAPAN: Fukuoka (Academic Year) JAPAN: Kyoto (Fall & Winter) JAPAN: Shiga/Hikone (Fall & Winter)</p>	
<p>LATIN ITALY: Rome (Fall & Winter)</p>	
<p>RUSSIAN RUSSIA: St. Petersburg (Fall & Winter)</p>	
<p>SPANISH CHILE: Santiago (Fall or Winter) COSTA RICA: San José (Fall or Winter) MEXICO: Guanajuato (Summer) SPAIN: Granada (Winter) SPAIN: Madrid (Winter) SPAIN: Salamanca (Summer) SPAIN: Seville (Fall & Winter)</p>	
<p>In addition to these programs, there is an extensive selection of programs taught in English throughout the world. There are also non-U-M programs offered through other universities that may allow you to meet your particular needs.</p>	

PROGRAMS TO CONSIDER FOR RC CONCENTRATORS:

<p>ARTS AND IDEAS ITALY, FLORENCE Academic year. U-M faculty offer relevant courses and the setting allows direct exposure to a plethora of opportunities.</p>
<p>TURKEY, ISTANBUL Academic year or Winter. Boğaziçi University's Department of Fine Arts offers courses in Western as well as Turkish music, dance, and studio art, providing students a unique perspective in two different, influential artistic cultures.</p>
<p>CREATIVE WRITING GREAT BRITAIN, ESSEX UNIVERSITY Academic year or Winter. Essex's program allows continued study of English literature and creative writing.</p>
<p>SCOTLAND, ST. ANDREWS Academic year or Winter. St. Andrews has a creative writing program open to visiting students.</p>

DRAMA

GREAT BRITAIN, LONDON

Summer. Program directed by U-M faculty emphasizes the drama opportunities.

GREAT BRITAIN, KING'S COLLEGE

Academic Year or Winter. Program works with the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts (RADA).

IRELAND, DUBLIN

Summer program. Program directed by U-M faculty emphasize the drama opportunities.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

KHON KAEN, THAILAND

Semester or Academic Year.

HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

Semester or Academic Year. Both of these programs are run by the Council for International Education Exchange (CIEE) and offer course work in the social sciences combined with grass roots involvement with social causes in developing nations.

