

Women's Studies

STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION FOR WOMEN'S STUDIES STUDENTS

The University of Michigan Women's Studies Department encourages students to study abroad in order to enhance their education and gain international perspectives on women's issues and feminism. Our programs benefit both our students and the communities in which they work. Students routinely look back on their time spent abroad as valuable aspects of their undergraduate career. There are many excellent study abroad opportunities offering students a variety of possible experiences: among them service learning, cultural immersion, fieldwork, intensive language learning, independent study, participation in another educational system. This brochure lists both University of Michigan programs that offer women's studies courses and programs that focus specifically on women and/or gender issues that are administered by other colleges.



Planning early for study abroad is important, as is research into study abroad possibilities. Both the Women's Studies Department and the [U-M Office of International Programs \(OIP\)](#) are committed to working with students to help them find the right study abroad program. Stop in the OIP office (1712 Chemistry) between 10a.m. to 5p.m. Monday-Friday to obtain more information about their programs, which include specific information for women students. Or, call 764-4311 to inquire about walk-in advising hours and appointments. The Women's Studies invites students to make an appointment with a concentration advisor to discuss specific study abroad options for Women's Studies majors, including some not administered through OIP. Please call 763-2047 to make an appointment or e-mail wsp.advising@umich.edu.

GETTING STARTED

1.) Plan early: Talk to your general and women's studies advisors about your interest in going abroad.	To meet with the Women's Studies concentration advisor contact the program office, 1122 Lane Hall, 734 763 2047 or email wsp.advising@umich.edu .
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 what you hope to achieve by 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 women's studies requirements. In planning for study abroad, discuss with the women's studies concentration advisor 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.

*"We are very grateful to have had this opportunity, for all the people we met and for everything we learned about ourselves and life in Kwa Zulu-Natal and the University of Zululand, South Africa."
~ Lydia M.*

Satisfying distribution and general LSA 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. 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 women's studies concentration requirements — You should plan to meet with the women's studies concentration advisor to discuss this possibility before going abroad; bring with you a copy of the course description(s). You may be asked to meet with your advisor upon your return to provide further information about the course(s) taken abroad.

Funding study abroad – Students who have financial aid through the U-M can apply their financial aid to any U-M programs sponsored the University.



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

The Office of International Programs offers 80 study abroad options for students to choose from. Credit from these programs appear 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 right for you. The following OIP programs have Women's Studies or Gender Studies courses.

AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT, CAIRO

Single semester or full year. The American University of Cairo (AUC) offers a full range of courses in liberal arts disciplines with some courses from the Cynthia Nelson Institute for Gender and Women's Studies. Teaching is in English (except for language courses).

"Studying abroad has challenged and broadened my worldview. It has made me more proud to be an African-American female and embrace my African culture. I am more aware of my privilege as an American and see how ideals such as "the American dream" have created great inequalities for brown people all over the world"

~Yolanda C.

SOUTH AFRICA, CAPE TOWN

One or two semesters. The African Gender Institute of the University of Cape Town is a teaching and research unit of the faculty of humanities which offers courses and research opportunities. Classes are taught in English with a variety of liberal arts classes including being available.

TURKEY, ANKARA AND ISTANBUL

One or two semesters. Bilkent University in Ankara has a limited number of Women's Studies or Gender Studies classes, especially in the Department of American Culture and Literature. The instruction is in English except for language classes.

ASIA

KOREA, SEOUL

Academic Year and Winter at Ewha. Through exchange agreements with Ewha Women's University students may elect women's studies or gender studies classes as well as liberal arts classes taught in English.

SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE

Single semester or full year. The National University of Singapore (NUS) offers a gender studies minor including a course on Gender and Society in Southeast Asia. Classes are taught in English except for Asian languages.

AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY

Single term or full year. At the University of New South Wales Women and Gender Studies is offered in its Faculty of Art and Social Sciences.

AUSTRALIA, PERTH

Single term or full year. The University of Western Australia in Perth offers an interdisciplinary Women's Studies major through their School of English. Over 20 classes are listed.

EUROPE

FINLAND, TURKU

Fall or Winter Term or Academic Year. The University of Turku has a Centre for Women's Studies as part of the Faculty of Humanities. There is an emphasis on Nordic women. Classes are taught in English.

GREAT BRITAIN

Winter Term or full year. OIP has programs affiliated with Sussex University, University College London, University of Lancaster and University of York as well as others. Each of these schools have a centre for Women's Studies or a Centre for Gender Studies with extensive course offerings.



EMESTER PROGRAMS WITH A SPECIFIC FOCUS ON WOMEN AND/OR GENDER ADMINISTERED BY OTHER U.S. COLLEGES

In addition to the programs offered through OIP, there are a number of special program offered by other colleges that have a particular attraction for Women's Studies students. These credits may well meet concentration and other general requirements if approved by an advisor.

Antioch College

Comparative Women's Studies in Europe fall semester

See www.antioch-college.edu/Edu_Abroad/women_prog.htm or contact (800) 874-7986

Augsburg College, Center for Global Education

Cuernavaca, Mexico

Crossing Borders: Gender and Social Change in Mesoamerica, fall semester

Social Justice, Gender and the Environment in Latin America, spring semester

See www.augsburg.edu/global/gendersem.html or contact (800) 299-8889

School for International Training

The Balkans: Gender, Transformation, and Civil Society

Jamaica: Gender and Development Mali: Gender, Health and Development Michigan State University, Women's Studies in London England, Summer only <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/ukwomen.html>

The Women's Studies Department in London offers the opportunity to study the lives of British women of diverse backgrounds. London is a perfect setting for cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary investigation into British women's writings and culture, feminist movements, and feminist theories and perspectives.

The Netherlands: Sexuality and Gender Identity

See www.sit.edu/studyabroad/themes/programs_by_region_theme.cfm?regOrThem=T&sliceCode=GS or contact (800) 336-1616.

Michigan State University: Women's Studies in London, England, summer program

See <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/ukwomen.html> or contact (517) 353-8920

It is also possible to study abroad during the summer or either Fall or Winter Terms on any of the OIP programs and elect courses that meet distribution and elective credits. In other words you can take a term off from women's studies and pursue other interests during your study abroad experience.

