Study Abroad with Education

Why Study Abroad?

Studying abroad offers exposure to a different cultural and academic environment. It can improve self-confidence and give you the chance to hone a variety of skills, which are highly regarded by employers. Depending where you go, you could also improve your language skills. Many students report that the year abroad is the best part of their degree!

When would I go abroad?

To be eligible to study abroad you must be registered on the BA Education Studies programme. For undergraduates, the period of study abroad will be one term during your 3rd year of study. You need to discuss your interest in studying abroad with your Study Abroad Tutor, and they, as well as your Programme Leader need to agree to it.

What would I study while abroad?

You will follow courses at another institution in lieu of courses you would have been taking at UCL, which means you will be expected to study courses directly related to your degree. The exact courses you take will be agreed by you, the Study Abroad Tutor, and your Programme Leader.

You will need to put some time into researching the available courses at the institution of your choice and this process should begin as soon as possible. Your IOE Study Abroad Tutor and Programme Leader will be able to offer you advice. You should not submit an application to study abroad until you have established that the host institution you wish to apply to offers courses compatible with the requirements of your UCL degree. You will need to liaise closely with your Study Abroad Tutor and Programme Leader in order to agree a provisional course list you will be following at the host institution.

How will I gain credit for the work I do at my host university?

This varies from department to department and you should therefore ensure that you are absolutely clear in your own mind how this will work before you embark on your study abroad period. If you have questions, please contact your Study Abroad Tutor. It is in your interest to establish the means of assessment and to know how your credits will be determined.

Can I go to an institution which UCL doesn't have a link with?

No, students cannot study at an institution where UCL does not have a bilateral exchange set up. By arranging a formal exchange with another university, UCL can ensure that the quality of the teaching is suitable for our students, as well as ensuring that you are fully supported whilst overseas. The bilateral agreement also means that students benefit from a tuition fee waiver at the host institution.
If I choose to study in a non-English speaking environment, do I need to learn the language?

If classes are not taught in English then yes, you will need to have good language skills in order to follow courses there. No allowances will be made for non-native speakers by our partner institutions, so you must be confident operating in the target language at an advanced level. Even if courses are taught in English, you should be prepared to try and pick up some of the language in order to take part in everyday life outside of university.

How do I apply?

For undergraduate students only:

1. Find out where you can apply and do your research – use our website as a starting point
2. Log in to Portico and complete the Study Abroad Approval Request. Your tutor must approve your choices via Portico no later than 4pm on 18th November 2016.
3. Once your Study Abroad Approval Request is approved, you will need to complete the second part of the application form on Portico. This should be submitted before 4pm on 25 November 2016.

Full application instructions can be found on our website: [www.ucl.ac.uk/studyabroad/how-to-apply](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/studyabroad/how-to-apply)

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