Study Abroad for Communication majors
Benefits

Why should Communication majors study abroad?

1. Learn how others in diverse regions of the world “communicate for the public good”

2. Develop intercultural communication capacities essential in a global economy

3. Experience how people in other cultures communicate in interpersonal relationships, political institutions, economic organizations, and mediated contexts

4. Build new skills and traits that employers seek such as curiosity, flexibility, increased confidence, independence, initiative, and problem-solving
Recommended Programs
UNC WORKING GLOBALLY IN DENMARK

COMM 325
Intro to Organizational Communication

May 22 - June 10, 2022

Steve May

More Info & Apply
go.unc.edu/WorkingGloballyinDenmark
Featured **summer programs** for **Communication** majors

**Europe**

- **Denmark & Sweden**  
  DIS: Copenhagen

- **France**  
  Boston University Paris  
  Summer Internship

- **Greece**  
  College Year in Athens

- **Italy**  
  Istituto Lorenzo de Medici
Featured *semester programs* for **Communication** majors

**Asia**
- **South Korea**
  - Korea University

**Europe**
- **Denmark**
  - DIS: Copenhagen
- **Italy**
  - UNC in Firenze
- **Greece**
  - College Year in Athens

**Latin America**
- **Ecuador**
  - Universidad San Francisco de Quito

**Oceania**
- **Australia**
  - University of Melbourne
- **New Zealand**
  - University of Canterbury
  - University of Otago

**United Kingdom**
- **England**
  - Lancaster University
  - University of Sussex
While abroad, you can earn...

- Elective credit
- General Education credit
- Experiential Education (EE) for all programs
- Major/minor/language requirements*
  *(requires departmental approval)

- **Meet with your Academic Advisor before applying** to discuss academic planning and degree requirements, especially if you have a high number of transfer credit hours.
Earn credit toward your degree while abroad!

- Review the list of pre-approved courses to check for courses that may already have credit decisions.
- Be sure to research course and credit information for your program to ensure the courses offered seem appropriate for your needs.
  - Look at...
    - course catalogues for the program you're interested in
    - course prerequisites
    - syllabi/course descriptions for courses you'd like to take abroad
- Visit "Academics Abroad" on our website for information and tools to research courses and credits.
Program Costs

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Czech Republic
Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Your regular financial aid (scholarships, grants, loans) can usually be applied to your study abroad expenses.
- The Office of Scholarships and Student Aid (OSSA) can provide an estimated financial aid package to help you prepare financially. To do so...
  - Email fa_studyabroad@unc.edu
  - Include your name, PID, study abroad term, and a link to your program's budget sheet.

Sharon Beers
Assistant Director for Financial Aid for Study Abroad

Make an appointment here!
Steps to Apply

1. Attend a Study Abroad 101
2. Research Programs & Credit
3. Meet with a Study Abroad Advisor
4. Complete HeelsAbroad application
5. Complete Host Institution application*
6. Sign Study Abroad Contract after acceptance
7. Attend Pre-Departure Orientation

*Some programs do not require a host institution application
What's on an application?

Programs led by UNC:
- Apply entirely in HeelsAbroad

Partner Programs:
- Two sides to the application:
  - HeelsAbroad application
  - Host Institution application
- Apply in HeelsAbroad first, then apply to the host institution

Applications usually require:
- Transcript (unofficial or official)
- Short Answer Questions
- $50 Application Fee
- Disclaimers / Waivers
Application Cycles

- Application open date & deadline are the same, regardless of year
- **Summer, Fall, Academic Year Cycle***
  - Opens November 15
  - Closes February 10
- **Spring & Calendar Year Cycle***
  - Opens over the summer
  - Most programs close September 10

*These dates may vary by region

Other considerations...

- You can only apply to one program at a time.
- **Applying** to a program is not the same as **committing** to a program.
Our Website
http://studyabroad.unc.edu

- Main site for all things study abroad
- Find resources on academics abroad, study abroad advising, scholarships & financial aid, parents & family resources, and more.
HeelsAbroad Portal
http://heelsabroad.unc.edu

- Our program database & application system
- Play around with the "Program Search" tool to explore programs
- Apply in our system by visiting a brochure and clicking "Apply Now"
All travel involves at least some level of risk, but there are certainly unique considerations to take into account while traveling during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Recent changes to study abroad include:
- Implementation of online study programs with institutions abroad
- Additional risk assessment procedures while determining program viability
- Thorough briefing with students during pre-departure
- Program itinerary changes
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- Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to see upcoming info sessions and students spotlights.
- Check out our website for FAQs and other updates.
The Student Experience

- Introductions - name, major/concentration, year, program
- How were your classes abroad different than your classes at UNC?
- What is one of your favorite memories from your program?
- What advice do you have for students who are considering a study abroad program?
Questions?