Department of Communication Studies

Study Abroad

Why Study CST Abroad?

“CST majors will benefit from study abroad because we now live in a global society where diverse communication partners open our eyes to the complexity of communication process. Many graduates now work in careers that require travel, intercultural communication, and knowledge of diversity. Study abroad hones communication skills necessary for the world at large.”

-Department of Communication Studies

Student Testimonials

“Study abroad is about experiences. To me, study abroad means last minute trips; hiking 3 miles, alone, in a time crunch for a view; the view being worth it; spending so long trying to figure out the correct word that the point is lost; laughing it off; overcoming language barriers; making lifelong friendships; Big Ben feeling like home; getting a communication education you cannot get in the classroom; and finding joy and beauty in life.”

- Angel Owens
Communications Studies Major
University of Leicester, UK

“Learning how to effectively communicate through language barriers and cultural differences instilled in me a confidence that can clearly be seen in the way I communicate today. I recommend any and every CST student to take advantage of furthering their communication skills by studying abroad.”

- Kelsey Budine
Communications Studies Major
Massey University, New Zealand

CST Major Specifics:

When is the best time to study abroad?
While every student’s situation may vary, CST students typically study abroad during their junior year, which allows students to apply their study abroad experience to coursework taken during their senior year. Finding the most appropriate program as well as the best time to go may often depend on academic background and certain prerequisites. In addition, students should also keep in mind the 2.75 GPA requirement needed to qualify for study abroad. Begin planning your study abroad experience early!

What courses should I take abroad vs. at UNCG?
The department encourages students to take a variety of both CST, GEC, and elective courses while studying abroad. Prior to studying abroad, it is encouraged that students take the following:

* CST 200: Communication and Community
* CST 300: Communication Theory

These courses will help prepare students for diverse situations and provide base knowledge for other coursework.

Do I need to know a foreign language?
Although there are no language requirements for CST majors, the department highly recommends students consider taking foreign language and culture courses while abroad. This will enhance the experience and benefit students personally and professionally.

Other benefits...
Simply studying abroad in any country waives a Global marker, and depending on the program, a Global Non-Western marker. In addition, students receive UNCG credit for classes taken abroad, so students typically graduate on time (students’ situations may vary depending on course sequencing and timing). Be sure to speak with CST and IPC advisors for more information.

Can I Afford It?
Yes! On semester or year-long exchange programs, students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees. Housing and meal costs are typically equivalent to a semester in residence at UNCG. Any financial aid received at UNCG can be applied to the program costs. In addition, students are eligible to receive travel grants to help offset the costs of airfare. Be sure to review budget sheets and speak with an IPC advisor for more information.

Getting Started!
IPC is dedicated to finding the right program for each student, and our huge array of partner universities allows us to do just that. Call (336) 334-5404 or stop by 207 Foust to schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor. This will provide you with more information on appropriate programs, finances, application procedures, and more. You will also need to make arrangements to meet with the study abroad CST advisor.
Communication Studies
Featured Exchange Programs

AUSTRALIA
Deakin University
Deakin University offers several classes in media and communications as well as public relations. Click here for more information.

The University of Canberra
The University of Canberra has an extensive program in media communications with an emphasis in public relations and communications with media and organizations. Click here for more information.

The University of Southern Queensland
The Communication program at UWS has coursework available in media-related concentrations, such as public relations, advertising, journalism, and visual communications. Click here for more information.

The University of Western Sydney
The Communication program at USYD has an extensive program in media communications with an emphasis in public relations and communications with media and organizations. In addition, it offers coursework in film, television and radio, including courses in film production. Call: 02-457 4111

CANADA
Brock University
BU offers a course in communication studies, with a focus on human communicative behavior, the institutions of communication, the social production of meaning, and more. Click here for more information.

CHINA
Chinese University of Hong Kong
CUHK offers coursework in communication theories, international communication, and more. www.cuhk.edu.hk/english

FINLAND
University of Jyvaskyla
At UJ, students can take a wide variety of coursework in the areas of general, intercultural, and organizational communication studies. www.jyu.fi/en

THE NETHERLANDS
Arnhem University
Arnhem University offers courses in business communication, public relations, and intercultural communication. Click here for more information.

NEW ZEALAND
Massey University
Located in Palmerston North, MU offers a wide variety of courses in the areas of cross-cultural communication, communication management, language and communication, business communication, and PR. Click here for more information.

UNITED KINGDOM
University of Leicester
The University of Leicester offers courses in media and communications with topics ranging from media and politics to media and popular culture. Click here for more information.

University of Ulster
At Ulster in Northern Ireland, students can take a variety of courses, including one-to-one communication, language and communication, communication within and between different social groups, health related communication, and more. Click here for more information.

Manchester Metropolitan University
Located in Manchester, England, MMU offers several communication courses where students can take on studies in social change, interpersonal communication, and more. Click here for more information.

Unitec Institute of Technology
UIT offers a wide range of course options in its department of international communication, including communication theories, persuasive and speech communication, interpersonal communication, intercultural communication, and public relations. www.unitec.ac.nz

SOUTH KOREA
Yonsei University

SWEDEN
Malmo University
Malmo University offers courses in communication and social change, cross gender communication, and intercultural communication. Click here for more information.

TURKEY
Yeditepe University
At YU, students can take courses in global communication, theories of communication, communication ethics, mass communication, oral communication, organizational communication, rhetoric of women’s rights, interpersonal communication, communication for social change, among others. Click here for more information.