

EDUCATION ABROAD

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All UMD students can enhance their academic and professional experience through Education Abroad (EA) programs. These academically rigorous overseas programs are designed to broaden and enrich learning in fields of study across all majors, deepen understanding of other languages and cultures, and increase UMD graduates' capacity to compete for successful careers in today's global economy and workforce.

Coursework represents a wide range of disciplines so that participants can study abroad for a semester, short-term or academic year and still complete their degrees on schedule. A growing number of EA programs combine the concepts of global citizenship, civic engagement, and entrepreneurship by engaging students in innovative projects designed to address health, economic, and environmental issues in the communities that host them during their overseas studies. Students are then able to bring their skills back to UMD and their future endeavors.

EA collaborates with UMD faculty and staff, as well as international institutions and affiliated organizations, to support more than 400 international programs in over 65 countries and to integrate overseas coursework into campus curricula. Professional advisors guide students in the selection of suitable programs and the arrangement of academic credit, assist with applications for financial aid, conduct pre-departure orientations, and provide on-call support to participants overseas.

Study Abroad Process

Students interested in overseas studies should ideally visit EA one year before actually submitting an application in order to explore program options and learn more about the next steps in arranging academic credit, completing prerequisites, and obtaining financial aid for their intended programs. When students are prepared to begin applying, they should arrange to meet with an advisor by making an appointment through the online system at: <http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/make-appointment> (<http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/make-appointment/>).

Types of Study Abroad Programs

Maryland Semester (Maryland-In), Maryland Short-Term & Freshmen Abroad Programs

EA directly sponsors and administers a wide array of semester and short-term opportunities in partnership with UMD academic departments. These options allow students to receive UMD resident credit. These include semester programs in Buenos Aires, Copenhagen, Florence, Perugia, Nice, Seville, Berlin, Barcelona, Rome and Stockholm, as well as more than 70 short-term courses taught by Maryland faculty during the summer, winter term, and spring break in locations ranging from Morocco to Brazil. This also includes Terrapin Take Off pre-freshman summer programs and Destination Abroad fall semester programs in

Rome and Sydney for spring admitted freshmen. In addition to high-quality instruction, UMD programs offer cultural activities, internships, and service opportunities to help students maximize their engagement with the host country's culture.

Exchange Programs

Exchange programs allow UMD students to study for a semester or year at leading universities throughout the world while paying little more than their regular UMD tuition, travel, and overseas living expenses. UMD is part of the prestigious U21 consortium of world-class universities, which share excellence, collaborate across borders, and nurture international knowledge exchange. In exchange for each outgoing student, a student from the overseas host university studies at the College Park campus for an equivalent period. While some exchange programs require foreign language proficiency, many are open to students who speak only English. These programs offer UMD students an outstanding opportunity to develop lasting bonds with local students abroad. UMD students earn transfer credit applied to their UMD degree on all exchange programs.

Approved Programs and Affiliate Programs

EA administers a wide range of programs in collaboration with vetted study abroad providers and universities, including the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE), the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES Abroad), the Education Abroad Network (TEAN), American Councils (ACTR), SIT Study Abroad, CET Academic Programs and the University Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC).

Non-Approved Programs

UMD students who wish to study abroad through other institutions must petition to do so. The first step in this process is to speak with an EA advisor. Petitioners must demonstrate a compelling academic reason to participate in a non-approved program and that the program in question meets the same standards required of approved programs. EA strongly encourages students to explore its extensive list of affiliated and approved programs before beginning the petition process.

More information and applications are available at the EA website: <http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad> (<http://globalmaryland.umd.edu/offices/education-abroad/>).