



Education Abroad in African American & African Studies

Benefits of International Experience

For students in African American and African Studies an international experience can be an integral component to the discipline and their studies at UVA. Education abroad can further provide students with the skills and intercultural competence that is becoming invaluable in our increasingly multicultural and interconnected world. Upon return from studying abroad, many students report that they are equipped with greater language proficiency, deeper knowledge and understanding of various cultures, as well as a broader, more global perspective that is often valued by employers.

There is a wide range of opportunities available for coursework abroad in African American Studies. Students can integrate a semester, year, summer, or January-term program into their academic plan, earning both major credit and general elective credit toward their UVA degree.

Student Testimonial

"UVA in St. Kitts and Nevis... aided my experience learning AAS but also made me more conscious of the medical profession. I gained a better understanding of the health care system in another country, which I can apply to my job in the health care system here... As a pre-med student in the United States, you are expected to get a lot of hours shadowing doctors and gaining clinical experience. However, there is a very limited amount of opportunities in order to do such abroad. In St. Kitts and Nevis, we were given the opportunity to learn and shadow their doctors. The health care system of St. Kitts and Nevis is quite different from the United States. I learned more about how the climate of the island affects the health of the citizens and how the doctors respond." — *Jacob Uskavitch, African American and African Studies and Chemistry: UVA in St. Kitts and Nevis*



Academic and Timing Considerations

The African American and African Studies Program strongly encourages students to take advantage of coursework offered abroad. Depending on the program you enroll in, you may receive either direct or transfer credit for the courses you complete abroad. Students may take up to 6 credits of coursework toward the AAS major, AAS minor, or African Studies minor, as long as courses are approved by the Director of Undergraduate Programs. Please note that some of the programs on this list have a language requirement. All students wishing to study abroad must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, depending on the program you choose.

Planning ahead is key to finding a program that meets your academic and personal goals. The Carter G. Woodson Institute for African American and African Studies and the International Studies Office recommend planning for your international experience as early as first year, and encourage you to meet with an education abroad advisor, as well as your academic advisor.

Steps to go abroad

- Get a passport
- Complete the online Education Abroad Workshop
- Talk with your department about timing and course requirements
- Meet with an ISO education abroad advisor and explore opportunities
- Learn about funding resources (financial aid, scholarships)
- Research programs and apply online
- Participate in cross-cultural seminars (CORE)

For African American and African Studies major or minor course approvals, contact:

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For more information on program options, make an appointment online with an education abroad advisor according to your country or region of interest.

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Interested in other disciplines?
Explore additional major advising sheets online at www.virginia.edu/studyabroad/studyinmajor.html

International Opportunities in African American & African Studies

This list is a starting point, you are *not* limited to these options

Africa

- **Ghana**, CIEE: Legon: Arts and Sciences
- **Madagascar**, SIT: Antananarivo: Traditional Medicine And Health Care Systems[§]
- **Morocco & Ghana**, UVA in Morocco & Ghana: Market Insights
- **Rwanda**, SIT: Kigali: Post-Genocide Restoration and Peacebuilding [§]
- **Senegal**, CIEE: Dakar: Language and Culture
- **Senegal**, University of Minnesota: Dakar: Studies in International Development^{*}
- **South Africa**, UVA in South Africa: Emerging Business Market & Democracy
- **South Africa**, UVA in South Africa: Cape Town: Public Health Sciences [§]
- **South Africa**, Arcadia: Cape Town: University of the Western Cape
- **South Africa**, CIEE: Cape Town: Arts & Sciences
- **South Africa**, CIEE: Cape Town: Summer Global Internship Program ^{*}
- **South Africa**, SIT: Cape Town: Multiculturalism and Human Rights[§]
- **South Africa**, SIT: Durban: Education and Social Change[§]
- **South Africa**, SIT: Durban: Social and Political Transformation[§]
- **Tanzania**, SIT: Arusha: Wildlife Conservation and Political Ecology[§]
- **Tanzania**, SIT: Zanzibar: Coastal Ecology and Natural Resource Management[§]
- **Uganda and Rwanda**, SIT: Peace and Conflict in the Lake Victoria Basin[§]
- **Uganda**, SIT: Kampala: Development Studies[§]

*Internship available

§Fieldwork/field study available

Europe

- **France**, IES: Paris: French Studies^{*}
- **Germany**, UVA Exchange: Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
- **Germany**, UVA Exchange: Humboldt University
- **Sweden**, UVA Exchange: Lund University
- **United Kingdom**, UVA Exchange: University of Birmingham
- **United Kingdom**, UVA Exchange: University of St. Andrews
- **United Kingdom**, School of Oriental & African Studies

Latin America

- **Bahamas**, UVA in the Bahamas: Marine Biology[§]
- **Cuba**, UVA in Cuba: Afro-Cuban Religions
- **Cuba**, UVA Commerce: The Business of Saving Nature in Cuba (COMM 4589/ETP 4693)
- **Dominica**, UVA Batten Global in Dominica: Social Entrepreneurship in Small Island Developing States
- **Dominican Republic**, UVA in the Dominican Republic
- **Dominican Republic**, UVA in the Dominican Republic: Public Health Sciences
- **St. Kitts and Nevis**, UVA in St. Kitts and Nevis
- **St. Kitts and Nevis**, UVA in St. Kitts and Nevis: Public Health Sciences[§]

Financial Aid & Study Abroad

- ◇ With careful planning, you can find a program that fits your budget!
- ◇ Many existing financial resources continue to be available while abroad.
- ◇ Additional funding is available, including scholarships!
- ◇ Talk to your Education Abroad Advisor about planning for an experience abroad.