



# Education Abroad in ENGLISH

## Benefits of International Experience

The English Department encourages their students to study abroad and a large portion of English majors do! The ability to take the works you've studied in class and enter into the world in which they were written is a uniquely inspiring experience that has led to literature fans everywhere going global.

The study of literature is not solely an independent experience. Opening your eyes to the different points of view around the globe and experiencing the lifestyle and locality of the authors, poets, and characters bring literature to life in a way staying still never can. The take-away from discussing familiar or brand new texts with new people doesn't just stop in the classroom. Studying abroad not only expands your literary horizons, but also your outlook on life. Literature is everywhere!

## Student Testimonial

*The theater experience of this program is one of a kind: nowhere but London can you watch such variety and quality of plays live within so short a time. Plus, London is the setting of so many favorite books and authors, that exploring was a literary delight on top of the incomparable cultural riches found there (the Tube is a wonderful thing!). This combined with the camaraderie of socializing and discussing with classmates from multiple majors and two wonderful professors made the London J-term one of my favorite experiences as a UVA English major. Aubrey Geyer, UVA in London: A Theatrical City*



## Academic and Timing Considerations

The English Department will allow up to two major electives taken abroad to be transferred towards the major's elective requirements. The restriction of only accepting elective transfer credit means that students must plan ahead to fulfill the major requirements on Grounds. Study-abroad courses that students take for major credit must be pre-approved by the Director of Undergraduate Study in English.

Currently, the UVA in London program is the only summer program from which the English Department automatically accepts major elective credit. One credit is granted for the course itself with students given an opportunity in the following fall term to earn up to six credits by enrolling in one or two independent studies. The English minor must be completed on grounds and does not accept transfer credit for any component.

If the global study of literature feels right for you, the English Department has newly introduced the Global English Literature and Culture (GELC) Program. This program expands the range of study into the widest contexts of international literary achievement, with a special emphasis on world Anglophone writing. Contact the department about this new course of study.

### 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 academic advising and 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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[educationabroad.virginia.edu](http://educationabroad.virginia.edu)

Interested in other disciplines?  
Explore additional major advising sheets online at <http://educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major>

# International Opportunities in English

Please consider these programs alongside others listed on the ISO website.

## Africa

- **Ghana**, CIEE: Legon: Arts and Sciences\*
- **South Africa**, Arcadia: University of Cape Town
- **South Africa**, Arcadia: University of Western Cape

## Asia

- **China**, UVA Exchange: Peking University
- **China**, UVA Exchange: University of Hong Kong
- **Korea**, UVA Exchange: Korea University
- **Singapore**, UVA Exchange: National University of Singapore



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## Europe

- **Denmark**, DIS: Literature
- **France**, UVA in Lyon (Semester only)
- **Germany**, UVA Exchange: Albert-Ludwig University of Freiberg
- **Germany**, UVA Exchange: Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
- **Greece**, UVA Exchange: American College of Greece
- **Ireland**, UVA Exchange: University College Dublin
- **Ireland**, UVA in Ireland: An Irish Sense of Place: Literature, Music, and the Arts
- **Italy**, Temple University in Rome
- **Spain**, St. Louis University in Madrid
- **Spain**, UVA in Valencia

\*Internship available

§Fieldwork/field study available



Red robes of the University of St. Andrews  
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- **United Kingdom**, Arcadia: Edinburgh Internship Program
- **United Kingdom**, IFSA-Butler: Oxford University
- **United Kingdom**, University College London
- **United Kingdom**, UVA Exchange: University of Nottingham
- **United Kingdom**, UVA Exchange: University of St. Andrews
- **United Kingdom**, UVA in London: Culture of London: Past and Present
- **United Kingdom**, UVA in London: A Theatrical City

## Oceania

- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of NSW
- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of Tasmania



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- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of Queensland
- **Fiji**, UW Madison-Platteville: University of South Pacific
- **New Zealand**, Arcadia: University of Canterbury
- **New Zealand**, UVA Exchange: University of Otago