Education Abroad in HISTORY

Benefits of International Experience

International education can be an integral part of your UVA education. It will prepare you to embrace the opportunities and challenges of our global community. The courses you will take abroad may be similar to what you would take at UVA, but will provide a different cultural perspective. You may also find courses abroad that are unavailable at UVA.

Student Testimonial

Without a doubt, the single most influential moment for me as a history major came this past semester in Valencia, Spain. When you study different epochs of history, especially as an American, it’s easy to remember the facts and lose sight that the information was once real, and outside of our country in many places it continues to be very real. In Europe, their distant history is still present in many areas of life, and its influence is much more pronounced. In Valencia, the Roman ruins of the first street are still preserved and accessible. The primary cathedral still stands where it was built over 800 years ago on top of its predecessor, the older Muslim mosque. As a history major, you can’t pass up the opportunity to go and see the history that we read about in textbooks up front and personal, and to see for yourself that for many people the abstract “history” has as much of an effect on the people of today as it did in the past. Coming back to the US, I see that studying abroad in Spain really put into perspective just how important it is to learn our history, and how amazing it can be when you’re surrounded by it all the time in plain sight. I can’t wait to continue my research with the new mindset I’ve gained on just what history is and what it means. -Tucker Blythe UVA in Valencia

Academic and Timing Considerations

The Department of History accepts a maximum of four courses taken elsewhere toward the Major. No transfer courses can be applied toward the Minor in History.

Advanced planning is the key to finding a program that meets your academic and personal goals. The History Department and the International Studies Office recommend planning for your international experience as early as first year. You are encouraged to meet with an education abroad advisor, as well as your academic advisor, as you are embarking on your research into study abroad programs.

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 History major or minor course approvals, contact: Richard Barnett rbb@virginia.edu (434) 924-6396 384 Nau Hall

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

International Studies Office 208 Minor Hall educationabroad.virginia.edu

Interested in other disciplines? Explore additional major advising sheets online at educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major
International Opportunities in History

This list is a starting point; you are not limited to these options.

Africa
- Ghana, CIEE: Legon Arts & Sciences
- South Africa, Arcadia: University of the Western Cape
- United Kingdom, UVA in London: Culture of London Past and Present
- United Kingdom, UVA Exchange: University of Edinburgh

Asia
- China, UVA Exchange Peking University
- India, CIEE: Arts and Sciences
- Japan, UVA Exchange: Sophia University
- Japan, IES: Tokyo Language & Culture
- Singapore, UVA Exchange: National University of Singapore
- Argentina, IES: Latin American Societies and Cultures*
- Brazil, CIEE: Salvador de Bahia Liberal Arts Program*§
- Chile, Washington University in St. Louis: Santiago

Europe
- France, UVA Exchange: University of Lyon 2
- France, UVA in Lyon
- Germany, IES: Berlin Language & Area Studies*
- Germany, IES: Freiburg Language & Area Studies*
- Greece, College Year in Athens
- Ireland, UVA Exchange: University College Dublin
- Italy, UVA in Florence at the Palazzo Rucellai
- Italy, UVA in Siena (in affiliation with CET)
- Spain, UVA in Valencia: Language & Culture*
- Spain, IES: Barcelona Liberal Arts & Business*
- United Kingdom, UVA in Oxford
- Australia, UVA Exchange: University of New South Wales
- Australia, UVA Exchange: University of Melbourne
- Australia, TEAN: Bond University
- New Zealand, UVA Exchange: University of Auckland
- New Zealand, Arcadia: Victoria University of Wellington

Oceania
- Australia, UVA Exchange: University of New South Wales
- Australia, UVA Exchange: University of Melbourne
- Australia, TEAN: Bond University
- New Zealand, UVA Exchange: University of Auckland
- New Zealand, Arcadia: Victoria University of Wellington

Multiple
- SEA Semester: Colonization to Conservation in the Caribbean

*Internship available
§Fieldwork/field study available