Education Abroad in
JEWISH STUDIES

Benefits of International Experience

For students in Jewish 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 anthropology. 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.

Academic and Timing Considerations

The Jewish Studies Program 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. 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.

Up to six credits from abroad may be counted toward the Jewish Studies major. The department will allow one course (three credits) to be counted toward the Jewish Studies minor. To obtain course approvals for major or minor credit, you need to meet with the director of undergraduate studies in Jewish Studies when applying to a program.

Planning ahead is key to finding a program that meets your academic and personal goals. The Jewish Studies Program 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 Jewish 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 educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major
International Opportunities in Jewish Studies

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

Europe

- **Austria & Hungary**, UVA in Vienna & Budapest: The Jewish Experience
- **Belgium**, IFE: Field Study & Internship Program $^*$
- **France**, IFE: Paris: Field Study & Internship Program $^*$
- **France**, IFE: Strasbourg: Field Study & Internship Program $^*$
- **Germany**, IES: Berlin Language & Area Studies
- **Germany**, UVA Exchange: Albert-Ludwig University of Freiburg
- **Germany**, Wayne State University: Junior Year in Munich
- **Spain**, Spanish Studies Abroad: Seville Summer Term $^$
- **United Kingdom**, IFSA-Butler, Oxford University
- **United Kingdom**, IFSA-Butler, Cambridge University $^$
- **United Kingdom**, University College London $^$

Middle East

- **Israel**, Ben-Gurion University: Ginsburg-Ingerman Overseas Student Program $^*$
- **Israel**, University of Haifa International School

Oceania

- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of Melbourne
- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of New South Wales
- **New Zealand**, UVA Exchange: University of Auckland

North America

- **Canada**, UVA Exchange: McGill University

*Internship available

$^*$Fieldwork/field study available