



# Education Abroad in MEDIA STUDIES

## Benefits of International Experience

### 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)

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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.

International Studies Office

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[educationabroad.virginia.edu](http://educationabroad.virginia.edu)

Interested in other disciplines? Explore additional major advising sheets online at

[educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major](http://educationabroad.virginia.edu/your-major)

Media is a global field; technology today allows us to communicate effortlessly with people around the world, which requires a certain level of competence in appreciating cross-cultural perspectives. Whether you are a student minoring or majoring in Media Studies, studying abroad is an experience that will add significant depth to the discipline and enhance your knowledge of media in a more global context. Students can choose between a semester, year, or short-term program, earning both major credit elective credit towards their U.Va. degree. In addition to providing students with a greater set of skills and knowledge within the field of Media Studies, education abroad will also allow students to develop valuable interpersonal and communication skills, both of which may enhance a student's competitiveness in the job market.



Fallas Festival in Valencia, Spain

## Academic and Timing Considerations

The Media Studies Department encourages students to pursue a study abroad experience that suits not only their academic interests in Media Studies, but also one that satisfies their personal interests and needs. The Media Studies Department will allow up to 6 credits earned abroad to be transferred towards major requirements. Direct credit courses are exempted from the six credit limit. Courses which students seek to take for major credit must be pre-approved by the Director of Undergraduate Programs of Media Studies. Media Studies' majors are highly encouraged to study abroad, however, all majors must be present in either the fall or spring of their third year to take required courses for the major. MDST 2000 (Introduction to Media Studies) and MDST 2010 (Introduction to Digital Media) should be taken early on in the major, and should therefore be completed prior to studying abroad. To ensure a well-integrated study abroad experience, the Media Studies department and the International Studies Office recommends planning early in your academic career. Speaking with an education abroad advisor and your Media Studies academic advisor early will help you find the best program with the best coursework suited for your personal and academic goals.

# International Opportunities in Media Studies

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

## Asia

- **China**, UVA Exchange: University of Hong Kong
- **China**, IES Beijing: Language Intensive
- **Singapore**, UVA Exchange: National University of Singapore
- **China**, UVA in Shanghai: Fudan University
- **India**, UVA in India
- **India**, The Alliance: Pune: Contemporary India - Development, Economy, Society \*§

## Europe

- **Austria**, IES: Vienna: Culture & Society\*
- **Belgium**, Business, Communications, and Culture\*



Amsterdam, the Netherlands

- **Belgium**, IFE: Field Study and Internship Program in Brussels\*§
- **Czech Republic**, CIEE: Communication, New Media, and Journalism Program\*
- **Denmark**, DIS: Communication in Copenhagen
- **France**, UVA in Lyon
- **Ireland**, IES: Irish General Studies in Dublin\*

\*Internship available

§Fieldwork/field study available

- **Italy**, UVA in Siena (in affiliation with CET)
- **Italy**, IES: Language and Area Studies in Rome\*
- **Netherlands**, UVA Exchange: University of Amsterdam
- **Spain**, UVA in Valencia\*
- **Spain**, Spanish Studies Abroad: Integrated Studies Program in Seville
- **United Kingdom**, CIEE Goldsmiths, University of London
- **United Kingdom**, London School of Economics
- **United Kingdom**, UVA Exchange: University of St. Andrews
- **United Kingdom**, UVA Exchange: University of Nottingham

## Oceania



University of Melbourne

- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of Melbourne
- **New Zealand**, UVA Exchange: University of Otago

## Multiple

- Semester at Sea

## Middle East

- **Jordan**, CIEE: Amman: Arabic Language