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**Student Testimonial**

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**Academic and Timing Considerations**

The programs on this list are well-suited for any student wanting to take sociology coursework abroad. For the major, the Sociology Department will allow up to six credits earned abroad to transfer towards requirements. Students seeking approval for major credit must meet with the Director of Undergraduate Programs of Sociology on a case-by-case basis. Please note that the courses which are considered for transfer cannot be substituted for SOC 3020, 3120, or 4000 level courses.

Students with a declared sociology minor may not use study abroad credit for their minor requirements.

To ensure a well-integrated study abroad experience, the Sociology department and the International Studies Office recommends planning early in your academic career. Speaking with an education abroad advisor and your Sociology academic advisor as early as first year will help you find the best program with the best coursework suited for your goals while still allowing you to graduate on time.
International Opportunities in Sociology

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

**Africa**
- **South Africa**, SIT: Community Health and Social Policy

**North America**
- **Canada**, UVA Exchange: McGill University
- **Canada**, UVA Exchange: University of British Columbia

**Asia**
- **China**, SIT: Language, Cultures, and Ethnic Minorities
- **Hong Kong**, UVA Exchange: University of Hong Kong
- **India**, The Alliance for Global Education: Contemporary India
- **Japan**, IES: Language and Culture

**Europe**
- **Austria**, IES: European Society and Culture
- **Denmark**, Danish Institute for Study Abroad
- **France**, UVA Exchange: University of Lyon II
- **Ireland**, University Internship Program: Dublin
- **Netherlands**, UVA Exchange: University of Amsterdam
- **Scotland**, UVA Exchange: University of Glasgow
- **United Kingdom**, London School of Economics
- **United Kingdom**, UVA in Oxford

**Latin America**
- **Brazil**, CIEE: Salvador de Bahia
- **Chile**, ISFA-Butler: Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- **Chile**, IES: Santiago
- **Cuba**, Arcadia University at the University of Havana

**Oceania**
- **Australia**, EAN: Monash University
- **Australia**, IES: University of Sydney
- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of Melbourne
- **Samoa**, SIT: Pacific Communities and Social Change

*Internship available

§Fieldwork/field study available