



Education Abroad in STUDIO ART

Benefits of International Experience

For students in studio art, 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 studio art. 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.

Student Testimonial

"Spending a semester abroad in Florence, Italy as a Studio Art major was the ideal situation in which to not only enhance my studio practice and research interests through *in situ* studies, but also to gain a sense of cross-cultural understanding. With the guidance of the faculty at ISI Florence, I was able to experiment with the *fresco secco* and *buon fresco* techniques used by the Old Masters, examine the minutest details of Botticelli and Filippo Lippi masterpieces at the Uffizi, all while picking up Italian and engaging with the Florentine community. My experience in Florence afforded me a sense of global citizenship and inspired me to continue my career goals abroad after graduation." -Shannah Rose, *Studio Art and Art History Major: ISI Florence*



Academic and Timing Considerations

The McIntire Department of Art 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 nine credits can be transferred into the studio art major. The department will allow up to six transfer credits to count toward the studio art minor. To obtain course approvals for major or minor credit, you will need to meet with the Director of Undergraduate Program—Studio Art, prior to committing to a program. Students should be reminded that not every class will count towards the major/minor requirements, so it is crucial to work with the DUP to ensure that students can get the most out of their study abroad experience.

Planning ahead is key to finding a program that meets your academic and personal goals. The McIntire Department of Art 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 academic advising and course approvals, contact the DUP:
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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 Studio Art

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

Africa

- South Africa, Arcadia: University of Cape Town
- South Africa, Arcadia: University of Western Cape



Asia

- Hong Kong, UVA Exchange: The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Europe

- **Czech Republic**, School for International Training: Arts and Social Change[§]
- **France**, Middlebury College: Paris
- **Germany**, IES: Freiburg: Language and Area Studies
- **Italy**, UVA in Italy: Florence at the Palazzo Rucellai
- **Italy**, UVA in Italy: Photography and Contemporary Art History
- **Netherlands**, IES Abroad: Gerrit Rietveld Academie
- **Spain**, St. Louis University in Madrid
- **United Kingdom**, UVA Exchange: University of Glasgow
- **United Kingdom**, CIEE: University of London
- **United Kingdom**, Arcadia, Edinburgh Internship Program

*Internship available

§Fieldwork/field study available

Latin America

- **Brazil**, CIEE: Salvador da Bahia: Liberal Arts Program
- **Chile**, IES: Santiago: Politics, Social Justice & Language
- **Argentina**, Spanish Studies Abroad: Cordoba: Integrated Spanish Studies



Oceania

- **Australia**, Arcadia: Sydney: Summer Internship *
- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of Melbourne
- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of New South Wales
- **Australia**, UVA Exchange: University of Tasmania
- **New Zealand**, UVA Exchange: University of Auckland
- **New Zealand**, Arcadia: Wellington: Victoria University of Wellington