EDUCATION ABROAD IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Take the Education Abroad Workshop
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BENEFITS OF AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

For students in Religious Studies, an international experience can be an integral component to the discipline. 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.

ACADEMIC & TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Depending on the program you enroll in, you may receive either direct or transfer credit for the courses you complete abroad. All students wishing to study abroad must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, depending on the program. Planning ahead is key to finding a program that meets your academic and personal goals. The Religious 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.

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STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

What is remarkable... is the coexistence of both of these religions in harmony... Korea has had a history of religious acceptance, especially of foreign religions, and the divide between Christianity and Buddhism is about fifty-fifty... This has created a society where Buddhist temples and Christian churches sit virtually side-by-side without the slightest hint of animosity... Currently, there are quite a lot religious conflicts spread across the world, and these conflicts are some of the most difficult to resolve...

Therefore, to see a country and culture like Korea where two religions can coexist, sans conflict, gives me hope that those conflicts have some sort of resolution...

-Jonathan Thomas, UVA Exchange: Seoul National University