

# EDUCATION ABROAD IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES



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## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Take the Education Abroad Workshop
- To discuss program options, make an appointment online with an education abroad advisor according to your country or region of interest.

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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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WHAT PROGRAMS ARE OUT THERE? READ ON!

# International Opportunities in Religious Studies

This is just a starting point and students are not limited to these options.

## Africa

- Ghana, CIEE in Legon: Arts and Sciences
- South Africa, CIEE in Cape Town: Arts and Sciences

## Asia

- Hong Kong, UVA Exchange: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology: School of Humanities and Social Science
- Hong Kong, UVA Exchange: The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- South Korea, UVA Exchange: Seoul National University

## North America

- Canada, UVA Exchange: McGill University
- Canada, UVA Exchange: University of British Columbia

## Oceania

- Australia, IES: University of Sydney\*
- Australia, UVA Exchange: University of Melbourne
- New Zealand, Arcadia: Victoria University of Wellington
- New Zealand, UVA Exchange: University of Auckland

## Europe

- France, UVA in Lyon
- Germany, UVA Exchange: Albert-Ludwig University of Freiburg
- Italy, IES: Rome\*
- Ireland, IES: Trinity College of Dublin
- Netherlands, UVA Exchange: University of Amsterdam
- United Kingdom, School of Oriental and African Studies
- United Kingdom, UVA Exchange: University of Birmingham
- United Kingdom, UVA Exchange: University of Edinburgh

## Multiple

- Semester at Sea
- J-term: UVA in Vienna and Budapest

\*Internship available

## STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

*What is remarkable about this 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, and makes me appreciate Korea for its unique cultural aspects like this one.*

*-Jonathan Thomas, UVA Exchange: Seoul National University*



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