

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

## STUDY ABROAD OFFICE

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### FAQs

#### **What academic programs are offered by the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Study Abroad Office?**

The UIC Study Abroad Office offers undergraduates a great variety of programs around the world in virtually any field of study. Opportunities are available for the academic year, semester or summer terms. The UIC Study Abroad Office runs several faculty-led summer programs. All other programs are run through a range of partnerships with US universities and academic consortia. Some programs are open for graduate students.

#### **How do I get credit for study abroad? Do I get UIC resident credit for my course work abroad? Will my grades affect my UIC cumulative GPA?**

Provided that you follow academic guidelines given to you before you study abroad, your study abroad credit will count towards your UIC degree. Through a special pre-departure approval system, you will discuss your program with academic advisors in the Study Abroad Office, faculty members, your academic advisor and/or college dean. This will help to ensure that you get UIC resident credit upon successful completion of your course work abroad. You can usually earn up to 6 - 8 hours for the summer, 12-18 hours for a semester and up to 30 for the academic year. Your grades from abroad will appear on your UIC transcript and will count toward your UIC cumulative GPA.

#### **How much does studying abroad cost? Can I use financial aid abroad?**

Each program's costs vary. The Study Abroad Office will help you choose a program to fit your budget and academic plan. Once you have your courses approved, much of the financial aid for which UIC students are normally eligible may be applied toward study abroad. Specific information about your eligibility for financial aid may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office.

#### **Are there any scholarships available for study abroad?**

Yes! Some program sponsors offer scholarships for students who participate on their programs. Some scholarships are also available through the Study Abroad Office. For some programs, UIC students receive automatic discounts. For more information please look through the scholarship information in the SAO Resource Center or on our website at <http://studyabroad.uic.edu>.

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### **Do I have to have a certain GPA to study abroad?**

Students are required to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5/4.0 to apply for study abroad through the UIC Study Abroad Office. However, specific programs may have additional eligibility requirements.

### **At what year in school are students eligible to study abroad?**

The Study Abroad Office requires that students have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at UIC at the time of application.

### **Can I go abroad if I don't speak a foreign language?**

Yes! Many programs have no foreign language requirement. Please check each program listing for more information.

### **When and how should I begin making plans to study abroad?**

It's never too early to start thinking about study abroad. Begin by attending a First Step information presentation at the Study Abroad Office. These are held regularly throughout the year. You are encouraged to research programs in our Resource Center, on our website, and to talk to study abroad alumni. Also, talk to your department/college advisor and see how studying abroad will fit into your particular curriculum track.

### **Is study abroad a great opportunity?**

Yes! Students who go abroad say it has been one of the best experiences of their lives. The benefits of studying abroad include enhancing language skills, learning about another culture and personal growth. A study abroad program can also enhance your resume, professional/ graduate school application and better prepare you for today's global market. From studying Spanish language and culture in Mexico to Marine Biology in Australia, there's a world of opportunity waiting for you at the UIC Study Abroad Office.