

Communication Studies Abroad

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Study Abroad Facts

All financial aid applies

- Additional aid may be available to cover extra costs
- Students can apply for scholarships specifically for study abroad



Credits Count for Graduation Requirements

- Augsburg Experience
- Liberal Arts Foundations
- Major/minor requirements
- Modern Language
- Lifetime Activity



Go more than once

- Augsburg students can study abroad as often as they like



Looks good on an application

- Increase your chances of getting into graduate school or securing that desired job



Opportunity for personal development

- Gain self-confidence and knowledge of self
- Experience personal growth

Why study abroad?

The discipline of Communication Studies is grounded in rhetorical and scientific principles and is guided by the need to make communicative choices that are artful, ethical, and effective. In today's world, where people, organizations, and media frequently interact across borders, the need for cross-cultural competence among consultants, journalists, managers, and marketing, human resource, public relations, media, and other communication professionals is paramount. Study abroad provides Communication Studies students an opportunity to develop skills essential to communicating across cultural and linguistic boundaries and to increase their ability to understand the world from a different perspective, which enables them to make effective communicative choices in today's global society.

What type of program?

The Communication Studies department has worked hard to identify a set of study abroad programs that can uniquely benefit the Communication Studies student. Many of the programs listed here provide students with opportunities to gain valuable cross-cultural, language, and professional skills through **internship and service-learning** opportunities. Other programs enable students to focus on academics within their areas of emphasis while taking courses at a **study center** or **foreign university**.

When and what courses?

Best term to go abroad

Communication Studies students should plan carefully and early to include study abroad in their studies. We encourage students to study abroad during their **junior year** so they have taken basic courses and any necessary language prerequisites.

Best courses to take abroad

- Electives within your area of emphasis
- Internship
- Independent Study/Research
- Liberal Arts Foundation courses
- Modern Language courses

Courses that cannot be taken abroad

- Communication Studies major core courses

All courses taken abroad must be pre-approved by the department.

1-2-3 Steps to Study Abroad

1 – Attend a Group Advising Meeting to get information on finances, academics, and program selection. For meeting days/times, go to: www.augsburg.edu/augsburgabroad

2 – Choose a program by talking with Augsburg Abroad staff and your faculty advisor. You can also research programs online.

3 – Apply by the deadline to Augsburg Abroad and to your program.

Semester Programs

UNITED INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IN ZHUHAI, CHINA

Study at Augsburg's newest exchange partner, United International College. With English-language courses in journalism, advertising, public relations, film, and television, UIC is a great fit for Communication Studies majors.

www.uic.edu.hk

CGE: INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS & GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN MEXICO

As the U.S.'s second largest trading partner, Mexico is an ideal location for studying international business, import/export issues, the effects of globalization, and international trade agreements. An international business internship complements courses in Business, Marketing and Spanish.

www.augsburg.edu/global

HECUA: SCANDINAVIAN URBAN STUDIES (FALL)/DIVIDED STATES OF EUROPE (SPRING)

Based in Oslo, these two programs examine the effects of globalization, immigration, and European integration on Scandinavia and Eastern Europe. A volunteer placement in a government or community organization gives students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience.

www.hecua.org

BUSINESS, COMMUNICATIONS & CULTURE: BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Take courses in marketing, human resources, media, and communications, improve French or Dutch language skills, and learn about European identity and policy-making. For-credit internships are also available.

www.ciee.org/study

RHODES UNIVERSITY, SOUTH AFRICA

Work towards a Mass Communication and Journalism emphasis at Rhodes University's School of Journalism and Media Studies, where students take courses alongside South African students. Courses are available in radio, television, journalism, and media studies, as well as business and management.

www.interstudy.com

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Study alongside Australian students at Macquarie University in Sydney. The Department of Media, Music and Cultural Studies offers a range of courses in communications, media production and writing, public relations, marketing, and management. Students enrolled in the Study Internship Combo program gain practical experience through internship placements in various communications fields.

www.australearn.org

STUDY & INTERN IN LONDON, UK

With a range of internships in fields such as advertising, broadcasting, communications, film, journalism, public relations, marketing, and human resources, this program fits well with several different Communication Studies emphases. Courses with other participants in similar subjects complement the internship and engage students in learning about British culture.

www.umabroad.umn.edu

Summer Programs

CENTER FOR GLOBAL EDUCATION: NAMIBIA SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Learn about issues impacting development and social change in Southern Africa while completing an internship. Possible placements include organizations dealing with media and journalism, business development, health promotion, and other areas.

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SENEGAL: LENS ON WEST AFRICA

This six-week program investigates photography as a means of exploring, documenting and participating in contemporary Senegalese society. Students improve their digital photography skills through assignments and complete a social documentation practicum using these skills.

www.sit.edu/studyabroad

SUMMER KOREAN STUDIES IN SEOUL

Learn about the culture, business practices, and language of Korea by studying at the Yonsei University Summer School. Courses available in marketing, management, creative writing, and media and film studies.

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INTERNSHIPS IN MADRID, SPAIN

Gain on-the-job experience in communications or management while improving Spanish language skills and cross-cultural competency. Weekly seminars, a daily journal, and final report give students the opportunity to reflect on their experiences. Spanish proficiency is required.

www.suabroad.syr.edu

STUDY & INTERN IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

With a range of internships in fields such as human resources, journalism, marketing, film, and broadcasting, this program is ideal for students who seek to expand their professional qualifications. The Perspectives on Experiential Learning Abroad course explores the world of work and how students respond to challenges they expect to encounter.

www.umabroad.umn.edu

POLITICS AND MEDIA IN THE UK

In this five-week course, students gain knowledge about how the media covers politics in the UK and the interconnectedness between makers and shapers of public opinion and policy in the UK and beyond. An optional internship program after the course allows students to apply their learning to the workplace, in placements in media, political or public service organizations.

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