



**DUKE UNIVERSITY**

*Trinity College of Arts & Sciences and Pratt School of Engineering*

**STUDYING ABROAD** is a highly popular option for Duke students who want to expand their educational horizons. Duke University is committed to providing a globally grounded liberal arts education that will enable its students to understand the world better, appreciate global contributions to knowledge, and cope effectively with an increasingly intercultural environment. Duke strongly encourages its students to study abroad: an encounter with different values, educational methods, and with a foreign culture can broaden students' understanding of the world. The opportunities for year, semester or summer study are diverse enough to meet the needs of virtually any undergraduate's course of study. Study abroad is not limited to language majors or those with knowledge of foreign languages; Duke sponsors and has approved programs providing language training in addition to programs taught in English in many countries. Programs are available offering courses in humanities and social sciences as well as sciences and engineering. Duke financial aid is available for year and semester programs, and partial aid is available for Duke summer programs. Students wishing to participate in any program should visit the Global Education Office for Undergraduates, Smith Warehouse, Bay 6, 2nd Floor, 114 S. Buchanan Blvd., or our website at [global.duke.edu/geo](http://global.duke.edu/geo).

## THE 2 TYPES OF STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

### I. DUKE PROGRAMS

Duke administers and supervises these programs. Duke faculty are directly involved, and most of the courses receive Duke credit and grades like courses on campus. Currently, Duke administers academic year and semester programs at the Universidad Politécnica Salesiana in Ecuador; University of Paris I, IV and VII, and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques; at Yunnan Normal University in Kunming, China; at the University of Glasgow; at the Freie Universität, the Humboldt Universität, and the Technische Universität Berlin; at the University of St. Petersburg, Russia; at the Universidad San Pablo in Madrid; at the Intercollegiate Center for Classical Studies in Rome and at the University of Catania in Sicily; in Florence (fall semester only); at Venice International University; at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul; in Costa Rica; and in South Africa. Duke-administered summer programs have been, or are planned to be, offered in Australia, Belgium, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands, Russia, Spain, Singapore, Switzerland, and Turkey.

### II. DUKE-APPROVED PROGRAMS

These programs, in which students receive transfer credits, are sponsored by other American and foreign universities and approved by the Duke Faculty Study Abroad Committee. A large number of programs are approved for Duke student participation in Africa and the Middle East, The Americas, Europe, and the Pacific Rim (Asia, Australia, and New Zealand). Students not finding an approved program suitable to their interests may petition the Study Abroad Committee for provisional approval of a specific program of their choice. Students interested in studying at foreign universities by direct enrollment (without the sponsorship of a U.S. institution) may apply directly to these universities in order to attend regular university courses. Direct enrollment must be approved by the Duke Study Abroad Committee.

Special direct enrollment opportunities, arranged by Duke but administered by universities abroad, offer relatively complete integration with students of the host country, and participants receive transfer credit. Semester and academic year programs currently take place in Britain and South African universities.

**The first step to getting the study abroad process started is to visit the GEO-U website at <http://global.duke.edu/geo>.** GEO-U assists students in clearing their plans through Duke and in understanding Duke's policies on study abroad. After reviewing the website, students may schedule appointments with the office staff or with a director in the office to receive individualized guidance in their planning for the best possible global educational experience.

The office maintains a reference room for students' use and it includes:

- program brochures
- travel guides
- program evaluations
- scholarship information
- computers and a printer to be used to search for, and print out, program information or applications and view program DVDs.

## COST & CREDITS

### DUKE-ADMINISTERED PROGRAMS:

- Students earn: Regular Duke credits and grades in most cases, transfer credits in some, that count fully towards curricular requirements
- Students pay: Duke tuition and program fees

### DUKE-APPROVED PROGRAMS:

- Students earn: Transfer credit only, which may fulfill requirements for majors, minors, areas of knowledge, and modes of inquiry with special approval
- Students pay: Tuition and fees of the other institution plus the Duke study abroad fee (\$2,565 per semester in 2009-10)

Program costs vary greatly. In *many* cases, however, tuition, room and board, and airfare for study abroad are somewhat less than studying on Duke's campus. Students on financial aid at Duke receive financial aid for approved academic year and semester studies abroad. Eligible students also may receive partial financial aid for summer study abroad on Duke-administered programs. Students should contact their financial aid advisor for more information regarding financial aid and study abroad.

Students should explore the opportunities for foreign study during their first two years and plan their Duke course work to permit a sojourn abroad. While students generally study abroad during their junior year, they may do so at almost any time during their career at Duke. In many cases, students will need to complete prerequisites in a foreign language. Students must declare their majors prior to semester study abroad. Students interested in studying abroad for a semester or academic year need to make plans for completing their major requirements by identifying programs which provide instruction in the major field, by doubling up on major courses during their Duke semesters, or by taking major courses in the summer on campus. It is possible to complete a pre-medical or engineering program and incorporate a semester abroad; it simply takes planning from the start. It is also possible to start a new language upon arriving at Duke and then to study abroad in that language.

**DUKE SUMMER STUDY ABROAD CAN ALWAYS BE INCORPORATED INTO DUKE COURSE WORK:** Detailed information and applications for individual Duke summer programs are available on our web site at <http://global.duke.edu/geo>.

Duke students who have studied abroad enthusiastically agree it is worthwhile. They find coursework in a foreign country stimulating and their encounters outside the classroom educational and exciting. They come back with a broader, deeper understanding both of another country and of their own cultural background. Entering Duke students should start planning early to enjoy this unique opportunity.

**\*\*\*ALL STUDENTS PLANNING TO STUDY ABROAD SHOULD PLAN TO ATTEND THE GLOBAL EDUCATION FAIR, WHICH PROVIDES INFORMATION ON MANY PROGRAMS. THE FAIR IS HOSTED BY GEO AND IS HELD EARLY IN THE FALL SEMESTER. WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE GLOBAL EDUCATION WEBSITE AS WELL AS IN *THE CHRONICLE*.\*\*\***

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