



# Study Abroad Frequently Asked Questions

## Is Study Abroad for you?

Are You:

- Independent
- Self-motivated
- Resourceful
- Patient
- Flexible
- Open-minded
- Adventurousome

## Why do you want to Study Abroad?

- Fluency in another language?
- Studying something you can't study here?
- Learning about another culture?
- Getting course work in your major?

## When can I go abroad?

- You may study abroad during the fall or spring semester, or you may participate in a year long study abroad. In addition you may study abroad more than once, and opportunities are available for sophomore, juniors, and seniors.

## Is there a minimum G.P.A. requirement?

- To receive general approval from UNCP to study abroad, you need a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5. However, some programs will require a higher G.P.A. in order to be accepted, please speak with the Study Abroad Coordinator to determine what the G.P.A. is for your program of interest.

## Do I need to know a foreign Language?

- Many programs do not have a foreign language requirement. Students who want a university-integrated experience must have proficiency in the language of the host country. Proficiency is defined as successful completion of at least four semesters, or the equivalent, of university level foreign language courses. In some programs there are no foreign language prerequisites but on-site foreign language instruction may be offered.

## Where can I Study Abroad?

- Do you have a language skill that you'd like to improve?
- Have you seen a culture that you want to learn more about?
- Do you want to be in a small town, a university community, or a big city?
- Do you want to live in a residence hall or homestay?
- What country or region interests you?

## What is the Cost to Study Abroad?

- As a general guideline study abroad will cost an application fee (varies), UNCP tuition, room, board, and fees. In addition you will need a passport, student visa, airline ticket, and spending money. North Carolina requires you to have mandatory student health insurance (even if you are covered by your parents insurance...you will need this additional coverage).

## How does Credit Transfer Work?

- You will work with your advisor and the Registrar to make sure the courses you register for will transfer back to UNCP and will be applied to your degree program.

## How does Financial Aid apply to Study Abroad?

- During the planning process you will meet with your financial-aid counselor to determine what loans/grants or scholarships will be available for your study abroad.

## What is the role of the Study Abroad Office?

- The role of the Study Abroad Office is to coordinate all efforts with the student. As you begin to plan your Study Abroad you will meet with your advisor, Registrar, and financial-aid counselor to make sure your courses selected will transfer and that your student loans/grants or scholarships will cover your expenses. You will also need to get a passport, visa, and airline flight. All this information will be coordinated with the help of the Study Abroad Office.

## Get Involved/Join ISO?

- The International Student Organization (ISO) is designed to immerse international students in American culture and society while exposing American students to our international students and their fascinating cultures. For more information e-mail: [ip@uncp.edu](mailto:ip@uncp.edu).

UNCP Study Abroad Resources:

[www.isep.org](http://www.isep.org)

[www.uncep.org](http://www.uncep.org)

[www.uncp.edu/ip/abroad](http://www.uncp.edu/ip/abroad)

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