Study Abroad in Visual Arts

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Programs Abroad Office • International Center • Second Floor • http://pao.ucsd.edu/

What are my First Steps?

☐ Attend a First Steps session
☐ Research the program that is right for you
☐ Meet with a Programs Abroad advisor
☐ Search for courses you can take abroad that may fulfill major/minor/GE requirements to add to your Academic Planning Form
☐ Meet with your major/minor advisor
☐ Meet with your college advisor

"...every art program in the world is a snowflake with diverse national and cultural influences as well as interesting local peculiarities. Study abroad is a great opportunity to experience this first hand, to reflect on the differences in what constitutes “Art” globally, and for students to bring this experience back home to their UCSD art community through their own work as artists.” --Brett Staulbaum, Faculty, Visual Arts Department, UC San Diego

100% of Visual Arts students who took courses in their major abroad received or are in the process of receiving major credit.

Humanities Majors Who Studied Abroad Four-Year Graduation Rate • 88%

Humanities Majors Who Did Not Study Abroad Four-Year Graduation Rate • 64%

Picture yourself here!

The shade from the tree, the aroma of the rose and peony gardens, the bike path encompassing the banks of the Rhone river—the Parc de la Tête d’Or has become your favorite place for your morning run. After your run, you’ll probably stop by La Boîte à Café, where you’ve become fast friends with the owner and are becoming a regular.

Un café et gougère, s’il vous plaît! While you wait for your coffee and cheese pastry, you pull out your class schedule.

At the University of Lyon, you have registered to take art history classes like 20th Century Visual Art and The Heroic in Art and media studies courses such as Art of Directing and Photographic Writing. You can barely contain your excitement, picturing yourself interacting with your French classmates or discussing heroism aesthetics with your professor or even getting a study group together over a baguette & cheese. As you walk back thinking of all the fun times to come, your host mom greets you at the front door and has prepared you a traditional savoury, Lyonnais brunch (just the cherry on top for living in France).

Why Study Abroad?

Regardless of your future career choice, studying abroad will help you develop skills that are critical to a liberal arts education.

Consider your value to an employer or a graduate program if you’ve:

• Participated in a different educational system
• Increased your proficiency in another language
• Improved your critical thinking skills
• Expanded your worldview by experiencing another culture firsthand
• Developed self-confidence and independence
• Prepared for a career in an internationally competitive world
Enhanced resumes and/or applications for graduate school
Some highlighted programs…for more programs in Visual Arts, see pao.ucsd.edu

**Turkey**
*Topic:* Media  
*Program:* Bilkent University, Ankara  
*Date:* Fall, Spring, Year  
*Info:* eap.ucop.edu

**Ireland**
*Topic:* Art History/Criticism  
*Program:* University College, Dublin  
*Date:* Fall, Spring, Year  
*Info:* eap.ucop.edu

**South Africa**
*Topic:* Studio Art  
*Program:* University of Cape Town  
*Date:* Fall, Spring, Year  
*Info:* iesabroad.org

**Australia**
*Topic:* ICAM  
*Program:* Queensland Univ. of Tech.  
*Date:* Fall, Spring, Year  
*Info:* globalinksabroad.org

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**How Much Does it Cost?**

Study abroad may be more affordable than you think. The cost of studying abroad can be comparable to staying at UCSD and may even be less expensive.

**Financial Aid**

In almost all instances, students can use most or all of their financial aid packages for study abroad. Over half of UCSD’s study abroad participants are financial aid recipients.

**Scholarships**

UCSD students were awarded about $500,000 in study abroad scholarships last year. The Programs Abroad Office offers regular workshops to help students prepare a competitive scholarship essay.

**Visit Our Website to Learn More:**
http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/funding.htm

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**What Happens When I Return?**

The support of the Programs Abroad Office does not end when you return. We continue to help you get credit for your classes and also provide opportunities to reflect on your time abroad and connect with other returnees and prospective students.

**To Petition Courses for Major Credit**

- Bring all course work from abroad to the Visual Arts advisor (notes, tests, quizzes, syllabi, etc.)
- Wait for courses taken abroad to post to your UCSD transcript
- Fill out an undergraduate student petition for each course you would like to satisfy a major requirement
- The Visual Arts faculty advisor will review courses for final approval

**To Use What You’ve Learned Abroad:**
http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/uponreturn.html