



Study Abroad in Global Studies

A major with worldwide impact.

Next Steps:

- Watch the First Steps video at: www.studyabroad.illinois.edu
- Investigate programs relevant to your major requirement
- Meet with your GS advisor to map out a plan
- Meet with a study abroad advisor to discuss your study abroad plan
- Apply to a program

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The Benefits of Study Abroad

Study abroad helps students gain essential skills and experiences that will be valuable both in the classroom and in professional settings. Through study abroad, Global Studies students will:

- Improve intercultural communication, language, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.
- Learn about global issues from the perspective of another culture and society.
- Gain a higher level of self-confidence both personally and professionally.
- Prepare for careers in diverse and increasingly global work environments.
- Enhance sense of responsibility and engagement as a global citizen.

Global Studies majors complete a semester-long study abroad program in order to meet degree requirements. Students may choose to study abroad to enhance their language skills or supplement their thematic area coursework or both.

This guide is designed to help GS majors better understand study abroad program options that are appropriate for their semester long study abroad requirement, but does not include optional study abroad experiences like GLBL 298s or summer opportunities.



GS Student in Japan

Plan Ahead

Global Studies majors should pursue study abroad programs that allow them maximum opportunities to interact with people in their study abroad country. Programs should include volunteer, internship or research experiences. Exchanges and programs in which students direct enroll in universities and live with local families and students typically promote greater language and culture learning through immersion in the local culture.

Planning is key to a successful study abroad experience. Begin your planning at least a year in advance by setting goals related to your study abroad experience. Do you want to sharpen your language skills and take courses from a range of topics? Is an internship or research experience during study abroad one of your goals? Do you want to pursue a program abroad focused completely on your thematic area? How important are volunteer and extracurricular activities to you? Once you have thoughts on some of these questions, plan to meet with your academic advisor to discuss programs that make sense for you based on your goals.



GS Student in Morocco

Read about students' experiences abroad at the Global Studies website.

www.globalstudies.illinois.edu



GS Student at Machu Picchu in Peru

Study Abroad in your Language and Culture

Most Global Studies majors choose a study abroad program that corresponds with their language and area studies. In this option, students may choose a wide variety of courses and are not limited to their Thematic Area topic. Below is a list of programs suggested for Global Studies majors. See your GS advisor prior to applying.

Arabic

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Middle East	American University Cairo	Cairo, Egypt
Middle East	Middlebury Middle East	Alexandria, Egypt
Middle East	CIEE Jordan	Amman, Jordan

Chinese

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
East and South Asia	Alliance China	Beijing and Shanghai, China
East and South Asia	Chinese University of Hong Kong Exchange	Hong Kong, China

French

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Europe	Illinois Program in Paris	Paris, France
Europe	Sciences Po Exchange	Paris, France
Europe	Internships in Francophone Europe (IFE)	Paris, France
Africa	MSID Senegal	Dakar, Senegal

German

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Europe	Austria-Illinois Exchange Program	Vienna, Austria
Europe	Humboldt University Exchange	Berlin, Germany

Hebrew

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Middle East	Hebrew University of Jerusalem Rothberg International	Jerusalem, Israel
Middle East	Technion - Israel Institute of Technology Exchange	Haifa, Israel



GS Student in Carthage, Tunisia

Hindi

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
East and South Asia	MSID India	Jaipur, India
East and South Asia	Alliance Contemporary India	Pune, India

Italian

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Europe	University of Bologna-Cooperative Studies Exchange	Bologna, Italy

Japanese

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
East and South Asia	Year-in-Japan	Kobe, Japan

Korean

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
East and South Asia	Yonsei University	Seoul, South Korea

Portuguese

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Latin America	Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio de Janeiro Exchange	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



GS Student Volunteering in Ecuador

Discuss your study abroad plans with a Global Studies advisor.

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**GS Student in
the Sahara Desert**

***Look for ways
to become
involved outside
of the
classroom.***



**GS Student in
Ecuador**

Russian

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Russia and Eastern Europe	American Council of Teachers of Russian Moscow, Russia	Moscow or St. Petersburg, Russia

Spanish

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Europe	Year in Barcelona	Barcelona, Spain
Europe	Intensive Spanish in Bilbao	Bilbao, Spain
Latin America	Universidad de San Francisco de Quito	Quito, Ecuador
Latin America	Instituto San Joaquin de Flores	San Joaquin, Costa Rica

Swahili

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Africa	MSID Kenya	Nairobi, Kenya
Africa	Arcadia Tanzania	Arusha, Tanzania

Wolof

Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Africa	CIEE Dakar, Senegal	Dakar, Senegal

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a great way to meet people and become more involved in local life while abroad. One way to find volunteer opportunities is to speak with the program coordinator at the study abroad site. Some programs have established volunteer sites such as schools, hospitals, and retirement communities.

Research-Based Programs

Study abroad is a great time for students to conduct research on a topic of specific individual interest. This research can relate to a capstone or distinction project if the student has received proper approval in advance. Here is a list of programs that provide research opportunities and guidance to students.

Language	Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Spanish	Latin America	Butler Argentine Universities	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Chinese	East and South Asia	Alliance China	Beijing, China
Thai	East and South Asia	International Sustainable Development Studies Institute-Thailand	Chiang Mai, Thailand
Hindi	East and South Asia	MSID India	Jaipur, India
French	Europe	Internships in Francophone Europe (IFE)	Paris, France
Spanish	Latin America	MSID Ecuador	Quito, Ecuador
Swahili	Africa	MSID Kenya	Nairobi, Kenya
Wolof	Africa	MSID Senegal	Dakar, Senegal



GS Students in Turkey

Remember to apply for the Thulin Scholarship if you're doing research or an internship abroad.

Internship-Based Programs

Various study abroad programs feature an internship experience that is integral to the student's personal and professional development. These programs give students the opportunity to expand on their thematic interests. Remember that students must always choose a program that corresponds with their area studies to fulfill their major requirement.

Language	Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Hindi	East and South Asia	MSID India	Jaipur, India
French	Europe	Internships in Francophone Europe (IFE)	Paris, France
Spanish	Latin America	MSID Ecuador	Quito, Ecuador
Swahili	Africa	MSID Kenya	Nairobi, Kenya
Wolof	Africa	MSID Senegal	Dakar, Senegal



GS Student at Tiananmen Square in China



GS Student at Great Wall in China

IS/GS alumni report that study abroad was one of their most valuable experiences as undergraduates.



GS Student Trekking in the Andes

Study Abroad in your Thematic Area

Global Studies majors must study abroad in the cultural region that corresponds to their area studies and may choose a program that is topic-focused, corresponding to their thematic area or topic of interest. Students interested in this option should look for programs with relevant topic concentrations or tracks. The following semester-long programs are examples that can fulfill this option. Generally exchanges or direct enroll programs do not qualify for this option. See your GS advisor for approval prior to applying.

Cultures in Contact

Thematic Topic	Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Diversity or Gender Studies	Latin America	Diversity, Minority, and Gender Studies concentration through Butler Argentine Universities	Buenos Aires, Argentina

Environment, Sustainability, and Social Responsibility

Thematic Topic	Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Environment or Environmental Policy	Latin America	Politics, the Environment and the Galapagos (GAIAS)	San Cristobal, Ecuador
Ecology or Conservation Studies	Latin America	Evolution, Ecology, and Conservation (GAIAS)	San Cristobal, Ecuador
Wildlife Management	Africa	SFS Wildlife Management Studies	Nairobi, Kenya

Global Health

Thematic Topic	Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Global Health	Latin America	Health, Nutrition and Environment	Jarabacoa, Dominican Republic
Global Health Pre-Med	Europe	SAO Newcastle Pre-Med	Newcastle, United Kingdom
Global Health or Public Health	Asia	Alliance Manipal - Public Health Track at Manipal University	Manipal, India

Governance, Conflict, and Resolution

Thematic Topic	Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Diplomacy	Europe	Vienna Diplomatic Program	Vienna, Austria
International Relations	Europe	Kent State Geneva, Switzerland	Geneva, Switzerland



GS Student in Barcelona, Spain

Human Rights

Thematic Topic	Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
Human Rights	Latin America	Human Rights concentration through Butler Argentine Universities	Buenos Aires, Argentina

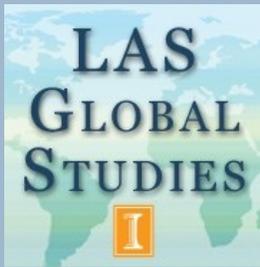
Wealth and Poverty in a Globalized World

Thematic Topic	Area Studies	Study Abroad Program	Location
International Business	East and South Asia	Alliance International Business in China	Shanghai, China
International Development	Latin America	MSID Ecuador	Quito, Ecuador
International Development	East and South Asia	MSID India	Jaipur, India
International Development	Africa	MSID Kenya MSID Senegal	Nairobi, Kenya Dakar, Senegal
International Development	East and South Asia	Alliance Contemporary India	Pune, India
International Development	East and South Asia	International Sustainable Development Studies Institute-Thailand	Chiang Mai, Thailand
International Development	East and South Asia	CIEE Thailand - Development and Globalization	Khon Kaen, Thailand



GS Student in Senegal

Plan early for study abroad in order to meet scholarship deadlines.



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Study Abroad Scholarships

The Global Studies Program sponsors two scholarships for Global Studies majors. Details on these two scholarships are below. Application and deadline information can be found at www.globalstudies.illinois.edu.

The Catherine C. and Bruce A. Bastian Scholarship **\$1,000**

Priority will be given to GS students whose required study abroad programs include high cultural immersion experiences, such as taking classes with local students, living with local students or in a home-stay, participating in a volunteer, service or internship experience. Priority will also be given to students who have demonstrated a commitment to their major and other international initiatives on campus. ALL GS students completing their required semester abroad are eligible,

Thulin Field Work Experience Scholarship **\$1,000 - \$2,000**

This scholarship is intended to support a student who participates in a field experience as part of a study abroad program or a student who pursues another type of unpaid field work experience abroad for which the student has arranged academic credit. Students participating in study abroad programs that include internship or field work components, such as MSID and IFE, are encouraged to apply. The field work experience must be a minimum of six weeks. Scholarships are available for fall, spring, or summer term.

Other Scholarships and Resources

Illinois for Illinois Scholarship (I4I) and other campus scholarships

www.studyabroad.illinois.edu/cost/scholarships.aspx

Foreign Language and Area Study (FLAS) Fellowships

www.flas.illinois.edu

National and International Scholarships Office

www.topscholars.illinois.edu

Critical Language Scholarships

<http://www.clscholarship.org/applicants.htm>

Other Requirements

Study abroad programs typically require a GPA of at least 2.75 and an insufficient GPA may preclude studying abroad. Discuss options with your academic advisor prior to applying to any programs. For a list of study abroad programs, see: www.studyabroad.illinois.edu.

Find this guide on our website at:

www.globalstudies.illinois.edu/academics/gsmajor/language/#abroad

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