STUDY ABROAD

Living and studying in another culture can positively impact a student’s academic program, career path, and personal growth. UNC–Chapel Hill’s study abroad programs are available to all students.

The Study Abroad Office (SAO) for the College of Arts & Sciences is located in the FedEx Global Education Center, and the Kenan–Flagler Business School’s Undergraduate Global Programs is located in the McColl Building. Both offices offer high-quality, for-credit academic experiences abroad that provide meaningful opportunities for academic, personal, and professional growth. Each office strives to ensure programs are accessible, cost-effective, and safe. UNC–Chapel Hill awards numerous scholarships to offset the cost of study abroad.

The Study Abroad Office facilitates study abroad programs for the entire campus, working with the College of Arts & Sciences, and schools and departments throughout the University. Programs include undergraduate student exchanges, faculty-led, and direct enroll programs during the summer (from three to eight weeks duration), semester, and academic year. Options are available throughout the world for every major and minor at UNC. Some programs offer a varied curriculum, while others focus on a particular academic discipline. Students may earn academic credit for approved internship and service-learning programs abroad.

The Kenan–Flagler Business School’s Undergraduate Global Programs administer semester, summer, and immersion programs available only to students admitted to the Kenan–Flagler Business School.

UNC students may fulfill elective, General Education, and major/minor requirements abroad. All students who participate in approved study abroad programs earn experiential education (EE) General Education credit. Approval for major/minor credits must be granted by the director of undergraduate studies or study abroad liaison in the relevant department. The Study Abroad Office approves General Education requirements and coordinates the credit approval process for both General Education and major/minor academic credit. Some programs, such as UNC–Chapel Hill faculty-led options, offer University graded course credits. Most programs offer transfer credit that can be used to fulfill requirements toward graduation. Study abroad credit is awarded to students participating in the programs administered by these UNC–Chapel Hill offices. Students seeking to participate in other programs for academic credit may submit an appeal or petition for approval to the Study Abroad Office.

Students are encouraged to begin planning for study abroad as early as possible after enrolling at UNC to ensure that a global experience is part of their academic program. The first step is to attend a Study Abroad 101 information session. Students can then schedule a one-on-one advising session in the Study Abroad Office. The SAO’s professional staff assist students in selecting the best programs for their academic, financial, personal, and professional goals.

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