Study Abroad

Department Website: http://study-abroad.uchicago.edu

The University of Chicago Study Abroad program encourages students to expand their education through diverse intellectual perspectives, active participation in a new culture, and critical, firsthand engagement with local and global challenges. Study Abroad’s distinctive range of faculty-led programming blends the academic rigor and spirit of intellectual curiosity that is central to the College curriculum with the University’s wide-reaching international mission.

The College sponsors 65 study abroad programs in 20 countries (31 cities) around the world. These include faculty-led, direct enrollment, and language-intensive programs.

FACULTY-LED PROGRAMS

Civilization Abroad Programs

The following programs allow students to fulfill their civilization studies requirement in a single quarter. Courses are taught primarily by University of Chicago faculty and carry no language prerequisite, other than for the civilization sequences taught in French and Spanish. Students also study a local language.

- Athens: Greek Antiquity and Its Legacy (Spring Quarter)
- Barcelona: Civilization in the Western Mediterranean (Winter Quarter)
- Barcelona: Civilization in the Western Mediterranean, taught in Spanish (Spring Quarter)
- Beijing: East Asian Civilizations (Autumn Quarter)
- Cairo: Middle Eastern Civilizations (Winter Quarter)
- Dakar: African Civilizations (Winter Quarter)
- Granada: Islamicate Civilizations in Spain (Spring Quarter)
- Hong Kong: Colonizations (Spring Quarter)
- Hong Kong: Gender and Sexuality in World Civilizations (Autumn Quarter)
- Istanbul: Middle Eastern Civilizations (Spring Quarter)
- Jerusalem in Middle Eastern Civilizations (Spring Quarter)
- Marrakesh: Middle Eastern Civilizations in Morocco (Winter Quarter)
- Oaxaca: Mexico in Latin American Civilizations (Winter Quarter)
- Paris: African Civilizations: Colonialism, Migration, Diaspora (Autumn Quarter, offered in alternating years)
- Paris: Colonialization (Spring Quarter)
- Paris: European Civilization (Autumn, Winter, Spring, and Summer Quarters)
- Paris: African Civilizations, taught in French (Autumn Quarter)
- Paris: Russian Civilization (Spring Quarter)
- Pune: South Asian Civilization in India (Autumn Quarter)
- Rome: Antiqutiy to the Baroque (Autumn Quarter)
- Vienna in Western Civilization (Autumn Quarter)

Thematic Programs

Thematic programs are also taught primarily by University of Chicago faculty and offer a range of courses across disciplines, some of which meet major, minor, or general education requirements.

- Barcelona: Public Policy (Spring Quarter)
- Florence: Living with History (September Course)
- Hong Kong: Economics (Winter Quarter)
- Hong Kong: [theme TBD] (September Course)
- London: British Literature and Culture (Autumn Quarter)
- Paris: Astronomy (Spring Quarter)
- Paris: Cinema and Media Studies (Winter Quarter)
- Paris: Classics of Social and Political Thought (Autumn Quarter, offered in alternating years)
- Paris: Global Health (Winter Quarter)
- Paris: Humanities (Spring Quarter)
- Paris: Law, Letters, and Society (September Course)
- Paris: Mathematics (Spring Quarter)
- Paris: Neuroscience (Autumn Quarter)
- Paris: Social Sciences - Critical Theory (Winter Quarter, offered in alternating years)
• Paris: Social Sciences - Urbanism (Winter Quarter, offered in alternating years)
• Paris: Versailles: Art, Power, and Resistance (September Course)
• Vienna: Human Rights (Spring Quarter)

DIRECT ENROLLMENT PROGRAMS

Direct enrollment programs are available at partner universities in the following cities:

• Barcelona: Universitat Pompeu Fabra
• Beijing: Peking University, Renmin University
• Berlin: Freie Universität Berlin
• Bologna: University of Bologna
• Great Britain and Ireland
  • King’s College London
  • London School of Economics and Political Science
  • Trinity College Dublin
  • Trinity College, University of Cambridge
  • University College London
  • University of Bristol
  • University of Edinburgh
  • University of Oxford
• Kyoto: Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies
• Milan: Bocconi University
• Paris
  • Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)
  • Sorbonne Université
  • Université de Paris
  • Université Paris Nanterre
• Santiago: Catholic University of Chile
• Seoul: Yonsei University
• Shanghai: Fudan University
• Tokyo: Waseda University

LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

Quarter-long intensive language programs offer intermediate-level instruction. Upon your return, you may be able to earn the University of Chicago’s Office of Language Assessment (OLA) foreign language proficiency certifications. Visit the OLA website (https://languageassessment.uchicago.edu/flpc/) for more information.

• Paris: Intermediate French (Summer Quarter)
• Toledo: Intermediate Spanish (Autumn Quarter)

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Students who wish to study abroad should attend the Autumn Quarter information meetings organized by the Study Abroad Office. Students should discuss their plans with their College adviser to determine how study abroad fits into their degree program in Chicago and should make an appointment with the relevant Study Abroad staff member to discuss the program and application process. Visit the College Scheduling site (https://collegescheduling.uchicago.edu/samonline/BookAppt/?C=C&T=T&P=P&P=88) to make an appointment. For more information, including the most current list of program locations, visit the Study Abroad website (https://study-abroad.uchicago.edu).

Participants in University of Chicago Study Abroad programs pay the same tuition as if they were on campus, plus a nonrefundable study abroad administrative fee and, in most cases, a program fee set by the College. Each program fee includes housing and subsidizes the cost of excursions, instruction, and local support. Please visit the specific program pages (https://study-abroad.uchicago.edu/programs/) for precise fees. Participants retain their financial aid (https://study-abroad.uchicago.edu/tuition/financial-aid/) eligibility while abroad. Financial aid packages are extended to take into account the program fee when a University of Chicago student studies abroad on a College program, and Odyssey Scholars receive additional funding.

Students participating in some study abroad programs (e.g., direct enrollment programs) are not eligible for the Dean’s List for that year. Please note that more than half of the requirements for a major or minor must be met by registering for courses bearing University of Chicago course numbers. Please see the Direct Enrollment Credit Guide (https://study-abroad.uchicago.edu/direct-enrollment-credit-guide/) for more information.
Summer International Travel Grants

Each year the College awards approximately 100 Summer International Travel Grants to support outstanding undergraduates for intensive language study or research abroad. Awards are $5,000. Applications are submitted online (see the Study Abroad website (https://study-abroad.uchicago.edu/sitg/) for details) and are normally due in early February.

Foreign Language Acquisition Grants (FLAG)

The FLAG Program offers awards of $5,000 to defray the costs of intermediate or advanced language study abroad. Study programs must be at least eight weeks in duration of intensive language study (at least 15 hours per week) and located in a setting where the target language is predominantly spoken. Applicants must have completed or placed out of the first year of the target language by the program start date. If a language is not offered on campus, applicants may apply at any level. For French and Spanish language applications, preference will be given to students who have completed some intermediate language study.

Research Grants

Research grants provide $5,000 to support students conducting six to eight weeks of summer research outside the United States. In most cases these awards support research leading to a BA paper; however, other academic research projects may also be considered.