



Study Abroad for Political Science Majors

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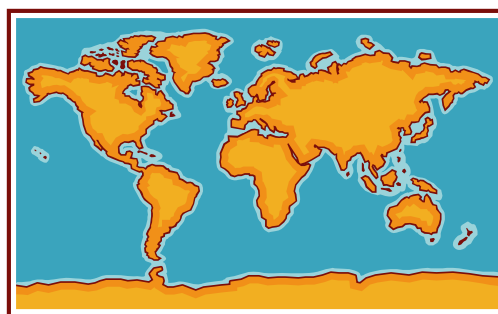
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"An international experience through Study Abroad or an International Internship will surely provide a richer understanding of the political world."

— Dr. Matthew Burbank,
Chair of Political Science

Why should Political Science Majors study abroad?

- Deepen your understanding of international and comparative politics
- Expand your knowledge about how other countries' politics are organized
- Expose yourself to new approaches on political questions of common concern
- Increase your appreciation for other nations' perspectives
- Access an expanded political science curriculum
- Enhance your cross-cultural communication and foreign language skills as you interact with faculty and students from around the world
- Prepare yourself for life after college by gaining real-life work experience through internships or service-learning
- Expose yourself to another educational system
- Fulfill the International Requirement for graduation



Financing Study Abroad

You should begin your financial planning as soon as you begin researching study abroad locations and programs. Federal financial aid can be used on most study abroad programs. Talk to your financial aid counselor early in the process to determine the kind and amount of aid that is available to you. Scholarships are also available from the International Center, the Hinckley Institute of Politics, and other sources. Contact the International Center and the Department of Political Science for information on funding resources and scholarship applications.

Choosing a Program

Political Science is a discipline which lends itself to a study abroad opportunity. The Department of Political Science encourages you to explore politics in the international arena through study abroad or international internships. Use this guide as a starting point in selecting a program.

- Regardless of where you study, take classes of national or regional interest to your study abroad location that will offer new and different perspectives.
- Choose a program that meets your goals, both educationally and personally.
- Decide if you want to take classes in English, in a foreign language, or learn a new language.
- Consider both your long-term academic and professional goals, as well as your on-campus degree requirements.
- Meet with a study abroad advisor and Dr. Lauren Holland in Political Science for assistance in choosing and applying to a program.

Study Abroad Options

There are literally thousands of study abroad options of varying duration and type. It's important to understand the different types of programs from which you can choose. You should begin your research by familiarizing yourself with the various types of programs:

Faculty-Led Short Term Programs

These programs are offered mainly during the summer (and sometimes Spring Break) and range from 2-6 weeks. Participants earn University of Utah resident credit while studying abroad. These are the shortest programs and generally the least expensive.

Exchange Programs

On reciprocal exchange programs, a student pays tuition and fees at the University of Utah to study in a foreign institution. Housing costs are typically paid at the host institution. Reciprocal programs are Financial Aid eligible. Students earn transfer credit while studying on a reciprocal program. Programs are available for a semester (Fall or Spring) or an academic year.

International Student Exchange Program (ISEP)

ISEP is a program that allows University of Utah students to study at one of over 100 foreign universities while paying U of U resident tuition and U of U room/board. The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) is a consortium of colleges and universities throughout the world that allows for the exchange of students between member institutions. Because the U of U is a member, undergraduate students have the opportunity to study abroad at ISEP member institutions while paying resident tuition, fees, room and board. Classes in almost any major are available.

Affiliated Program Providers

Affiliated providers are companies or schools that specialize in customized group study abroad programs. These following affiliated providers are recommended by the International Center. Students will earn transfer credit, and in most cases, University of Utah financial aid can be used. Eligibility requirements and language proficiency requirements vary by program; check with providers for individual program descriptions.

- Academic Programs International (API) www.academicintl.com
- College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS) www.ccisabroad.org
- Cultural Experiences Abroad (CEA) www.gowithcea.com
- Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) www.ciee.org/study
- Danish International Study Program (DIS) www.dis.dk
- International Studies Abroad (ISA) www.studiesabroad.com
- School for Field Studies (SFS) www.fieldstudies.org
- School for International Training (SIT) www.sit.edu

Internships

International internships are a great way to gain valuable international work experience while earning credit at the same time. See the International Center and the Hinckley Institute of Politics for a list of internship opportunities or talk to your advisor in the Political Science Department to set up a specialized internship. In most cases, a fee is charged to participate in an international internship. This fee typically includes academic credit (up to 12 quarter credit hours the first term). Most forms of financial aid can be applied toward the costs of an internship, and stipends are sometimes available to assist with living expenses.

International Leadership Academy

The International Leadership Academy (ILA) is a one-semester class that allows students to add an international dimension to their chosen field of study and develop themselves as future international leaders. The program consists of three components: a weekly three-hour seminar, a mentoring program, and an international opportunity. Professor Howard Lehman, of the Department of Political Science, will be the primary instructor of the seminar, but guest speakers will be invited to lecture for each class. Speakers will come from government, business, academic, and non-profits backgrounds. These distinguished visitors will have practical experience associated with the weekly topics that may include: Leadership & Power, Global Health Issues, National Defense & Global Security, International Trade, Utah in the Global Economy, Non-Profit Leadership and more. Students from any major are welcome to apply.

More information is available from the International Center (Union 159).



Latin America

ARGENTINA

Latin American History & Economics

The short-term summer program is hosted by the University of Belgrano in Buenos Aires. Accompanied by a University of Utah professor, students take classes taught in English and earn 6 U of U credits. Live with an Argentinean family and visit the main sites of Buenos Aires and the surrounding neighborhoods. (U of U Summer Program)

MEXICO

Grassroots Development & Social Change

Witness Mexico at a critical juncture as shifting political leadership offers hope for a more fully democratic economic and social system. This program focuses on the history, impact, and potential of grassroots movements in determining Mexico's social, economic, and political future by facilitating student immersion and active engagement with local Oaxacan nongovernmental organizations. (SIT Study Abroad)

NICARAGUA

Revolution, Transformation & Society

Offered either Fall or Spring semester, this experiential program based in Managua illustrates ways in which social and political movements, including those focused on women, indigenous people, peasants, and the environment, are informed by and respond to both domestic and external influences, including US foreign policy. Three recent semesters of college-level Spanish or equivalent are required. (SIT Study Abroad)

“My study abroad experience in Japan was the most challenging and rewarding experience of my life.” -James, U of U Student

Europe

DENMARK

Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)

Study for a full-year, semester, or summer in Copenhagen (classes taught in English). Gain an understanding of Europe's position and aspirations in global politics through classes such as: European Conflict & Security Issues, International Law from a European Perspective, Politics & History of the European Union, Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism in International Politics, and Law & Religion. (DIS)

UNITED KINGDOM

Cambridge International Summer School

Study at Cambridge during the summer! Sessions range from 2-6 weeks and classes focus on British and European politics (as well as many other topics). Live “in College” at Cambridge and experience life as a student in one of the world's oldest and most prestigious Universities. (U of U Summer Program)

University of East Anglia, Norwich

Located less than two hours from London, the University of East Anglia in Norwich offers an opportunity to explore the theory and practice of politics and international relations. Classes study a variety of different political regimes - including USA, Europe, the Middle East and South-East Asia. You will also be able to study many different political ideas and topics including: political communication, policy making, Western political thought, democracy, the mass media, and popular culture. (U of U Exchange)

GERMANY

Freie Universitat, Berlin

This four-week summer program taught in English allows students to take one or two classes while living in the exciting European city of Berlin. Courses change annually, but previous Political Science courses have included: The European Union in the 21st Century, Global Politics: How to Cope With a World in Disarray, and Berlin: East Meets West. (U of U Summer Program)

Africa/Middle East

GHANA

University of Ghana - Legon

Located just north of the capital city of Accra, this study abroad program offers U of U students the opportunity to experience the rich history and culture of this West African nation. Sample courses at the University of Ghana include: Africa and the Global System; Public Administration in Ghana; Nature, Growth And Role Of International Organizations; The Military in Ghanaian Politics; Conflicts in African States; State And Society In Africa; and Regionalism And Ethnicity In Ghanaian Politics. (ISEP Direct)

SOUTH AFRICA

Reconciliation & Development

Examine post-apartheid South Africa's pressing need for social, political, and economic development from your base in beautiful Durban, an Indian Ocean city renowned for its progressive history. In addition to the academic coursework, students complete at least one week of service learning in Durban with affiliate grassroots non-governmental organizations. (SIT Study Abroad)

JORDAN

CIEE: Amman, Jordan

Based in Amman, this program combines Arabic language study with courses in Political Science or other area of interest. Sample classes include: International Relations and Diplomacy in the Middle East, Seminar on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, and Prospects for Democracy in the Arab World. (CIEE)

OMAN

Political Culture & Development

Explore social and economic development, regional politics, political reform, and religious traditions in Muscat—a meeting point of Arab, Asian, and African cultures, traditions, and languages. In addition to the seminar on Political Culture & Development, participants take an Arabic language class and complete an independent research project. (SIT Study Abroad)

TURKEY

Middle East Technical University

Ankara offers an exciting destination to take Political Science courses while paying U of U tuition. The Department of Political Science at Middle East Technical University offers an opportunity to explore concepts like power, authority, legitimacy, social class, gender, ethnicity, and political participation as well as political ideas and ideologies relating to issues like political justice, liberty, democracy, morality, and equality. (U of U Exchange)

Asia/Oceania/Australia

AUSTRALIA

Macquarie University

Located in a northern suburb of Sydney, Macquarie University offers a wide variety of courses in Political Science and International Relations including classes specific to Australia: Introduction to Australian Politics, Australia in International Relations, Contemporary Australian Politics and Australian Foreign Policy. (ISEP Direct)

Griffith University

Griffith University in Brisbane offers a variety of courses such as Political Institutions, Politics, Politicians & Media, International Relations Theory, Modern Political Thought, Australian Policy in Southeast Asia, Comparative Asian Politics and more. University of Utah students can study for a semester or year while paying U of U tuition. (U of U Exchange)

CHINA

Politics and Modern History in China

Travel and study in China with Dr. Yanqi Tong, from the University of Utah Department of Political Science. In China you will combine field experience with courses at Peking University in Beijing, the top university of China. Lectures will include the subjects of political reform, social change, NGOs, foreign banks, and rural development. The integration of coursework, travel, and interaction with your Chinese hosts in Beijing will provide a unique educational experience. (U of U Summer Program)

JAPAN

Akita International University

Akita International University offers students the exciting possibility of taking classes taught in English at a Japanese University while paying University of Utah tuition. A wide variety of classes are offered in the areas of International Relations and Political Science including courses focusing on U.S. – Asian Relations, Japanese and Chinese Politics, and Development Studies. (U of U Exchange)

Kansai Gaidai University

Located in Osaka, Japan, Kansai Gaidai is a private university offering a variety of courses taught in English. Political Science classes with an emphasis on Asian Studies are offered. Students may participate for a year or semester while paying U of U tuition. (U of U Exchange)

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The Hinckley Institute of Politics provides University of Utah undergraduate students with paid international internships in cities across the world. The goal of the international internship program is to provide students experience in global public policy, service, business, and politics as well as foster greater understanding among peoples, cultures, and governments.

The Hinckley Institute sends students to a variety of locations around the globe. Locations include: **China, India, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Peru, Belize, Scotland, Ethiopia, Bolivia, Mozambique, Ecuador, Ghana, and Thailand.** Internship locations vary from semester to semester and the list of international internships is continually expanding as further opportunities become available. The Hinckley Institute also sponsors students who obtain global internships through the U.S. State Department and other organizations.

"My experience has helped in shaping my political views and has given me the opportunity to experience and learn the culture and views of the Scottish people."

-Liz Braithwaite, Intern with the Scottish Parliament, Fall 2006.

"I love Scotland, need I say more? This internship has been one of the best decisions and has made such an impact on my life! It has given me a chance to work closely with important figures here at the Scottish Parliament and to see what goes on behind the scenes."

-Nichole Hatch, Intern with the Scottish Parliament, Fall 2006.

More information on international internships is available at the Hinckley Institute of Politics, OSH Room #253, (801) 581-8501. <http://hinckley.utah.edu/>

Postcard from Prague

There really isn't any fitting way to explain what happens to you between those two very important moments; when you first step out of the airport in your host country, and then months later as your plane leaves the ground at the same airport to take you home, profoundly different... somehow. Truthfully I've barely had a chance to reflect on any of it; it's a little unreal, as if I dreamt the whole thing. For me the country was the Czech Republic, the airport was the Ruzyně airport in Prague.

As the reality of it sunk in; I took a deep breath and realized that this was exactly what I wanted, to push my envelope and to be flung far outside of my "comfort zone".



I must have made close to 100 friends from around the world, traveled with them all over central Europe, learned so much about other cultures, and learned that we really aren't so different, language really isn't so much of a barrier (one of my good Italian friends couldn't

understand a word I said), and I don't really know exactly what foreign means anymore.

Four months later I made it back to the airport with no sweat (I'd been back to Prague several times since that first day), but oh how bittersweet those last days were. My time there was too short, and if I have any regrets it's only that I didn't go for a whole year instead of one semester, many of my friends are still there having the time of their lives!

-Eli Donovan is a U of U Student who studied in the Czech Republic with ISEP.

www.international.utah.edu

