



# Study Abroad/International Exchange Programs

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## Entrance Requirements

Undergraduates study abroad during their sophomore, junior or first semester senior year. Graduate students may participate also. Most programs require a GPA of 2.75. A certain level of language proficiency may be required for some programs offered in another language.

Students in all disciplines are encouraged to take advantage of an international experience. Many departments will grant major credit for courses taken abroad. Be sure to start planning early.

Contact the Office of International Programs for initial information about studying abroad, and with any questions about individual programs or the process.

## University-Wide Programs

### Program Description

The University of Maine offers students the opportunity to study abroad practically anywhere in the world. Some programs are through specific reciprocal exchange agreements between the University of Maine and an individual institution. Others are available through the university's membership in consortial programs or through direct application to an approved study abroad program.

Semester and year-long opportunities are available, as are shorter term and summer programs. Many programs are at universities where English is the language of instruction. Others are available for those students who wish to increase their fluency in another language.

Each University of Maine direct exchange program has an assigned faculty or staff coordinator. This person is thoroughly familiar with a particular exchange program and, in conjunction with the Office of International Programs, will work with MAINE students to plan the Study Abroad experience, including the selection of courses and approval of transfer credit. The Study Abroad Resource Room in The Maples (3rd floor) is open during the school year and houses information such as catalogs and course schedules for MAINE exchange programs, as well as other Study Abroad and travel information. Information is also available in the Office of International Programs in Winslow Hall, Room 100.

Most reciprocal programs require students to pay tuition and academic fees to MAINE, while room and board is paid to the host institution. Thus, for the added cost of a plane ticket and regular personal expenses, an international opportunity is available. Financial aid, based on the Study Abroad program costs, can be used in most cases. There are some scholarships available for study abroad.

Academic, career and personal goals are enhanced and enriched by an international experience. Careful planning with your academic advisor and the OIP will result in a rewarding experience.

### Specialized Information

In most cases, credits, not grades, are transferred. There is a Study Abroad fee of \$100.00. Some consortia have additional fees.

#### MAINE DIRECT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

<u>Australia</u>	Edith Cowan University Griffith University
<u>Bulgaria</u>	American University in Bulgaria
<u>Canada</u>	University of New Brunswick
<u>Chile</u>	University of Chile
<u>England</u>	Lancaster University University of East Anglia University of Hull University of Sunderland

## Specialized Information (continued)

<u>France</u>	Université d'Angers Université de Nantes University of West Brittany (UBO)
<u>Germany</u>	HTW Aalen (international business and German language only) University of Applied Sciences - Bad Honnef (business)
<u>Japan</u>	Hirosaki University Kyushu Institute of Technology (engineering only)
<u>Spain</u>	Universidade de Santiago de Compostela
<u>Turkey</u>	Bilkent University
<u>Wales</u>	University of Wales, Bangor

### MAINE MEMBERSHIPS IN CONSORTIAL AGREEMENTS

<u>API</u>	Academic Programs International
<u>AustraLearn</u>	North American Center for Australian Studies
<u>CCIS</u>	College Consortium for International Studies
<u>CIS</u>	Center for International Studies
<u>ISA</u>	International Studies Abroad
<u>USAC</u>	University Studies Abroad Consortium

In addition to direct exchanges and consortial programs, students may also study abroad for credit through many approved study abroad providers. For example, CIEE (Council on International Education Exchange), IFSA-Butler University, IES (Institute for the International Education of Students), and many other providers offer programs worldwide.

### Academic Programs 2009-2010

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