



# Study Abroad for Communication Majors

## MYTHS BUSTED!

**MYTH: *I could never afford to study abroad.***

**TRUTH:** You can apply your regular financial aid and scholarships toward the cost of studying abroad. There are national and UMD scholarships specifically for study abroad too!

**MYTH: *I can only study abroad my junior year.***

**TRUTH:** Students can study abroad as soon as their first winter term at UMD. Work with your academic advisor to determine where in your academic program studying abroad fits best. You can even study abroad your last semester or the summer after graduation!

**MYTH: *I can't go away for a whole semester so I can't study abroad.***

**TRUTH:** UMD offers semester, year-long, winter, summer, and spring break options. Because UMD offers so many different types of programs, study abroad doesn't have to delay graduation, either!

**MYTH: *I don't speak a foreign language so I can't study abroad.***

**TRUTH:** UMD and our partners offer programs all over the world where introductory levels of language are taught. Additionally, most programs offer English as the language of instruction. Studying abroad can enhance your current language skills or teach you new ones!

### ARHU Students: Get Globally Engaged

ARHU encourages students to see the world from inside another culture. We hope the experience will help our students understand and appreciate how other people think, what they value, how they live their lives as an individual and as a society, and how they view themselves in the larger world.

*Open your heart and mind: Be Worldwide!*

### Why Should Communication Majors Study Abroad?

- Experience first-hand how communication and culture intersect.
- Gain an international perspective on various communication fields.
- Develop a global professional network.
- Demonstrate to employers your ability to succeed in diverse settings!
- Earn Maryland credit abroad toward completion of the COMM major. (Many non-Maryland programs are also able to transfer back credits for the major).
- Don't just "think outside the box," BE "outside the box!"

### Get Going! How to Plan for Study Abroad:

- Discuss study abroad with your advisors in your departmental major and your college.
- Research programs on the Education Abroad website.
- Meet with a Peer Mentor if you need help exploring your options and refining your goals for study abroad.
- Research financial aid and scholarships.
- Apply! Our online application is easy.
- Apply for a passport (can take up to 12 weeks).
- Complete pre-departure paperwork to know how credits will apply to your degree.
- Just go away!

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## Excited? Now explore all the amazing places you can *Just Go Away!*

Communication majors can choose from a diverse array of programs in locations across the globe. The list below represents only a sampling of options available to you. There are numerous other opportunities if you don't see a program that appeals to you! Please note that ALL programs offer additional courses for elective and CORE credit. Please check with an ARHU advisor for additional information. Check out the Education Abroad website or come in and meet with a Peer Mentor, who can help you explore other options!

### Asia:

S. Korea: Ewha Women's University (Exchange);  
Korea University (Exchange)

### Australia:

#### Australia and New Zealand:

Australia: Macquarie University (Exchange or Direct Enroll); RMIT University (Exchange)  
Australia and New Zealand: Education Abroad Network (UMD Partners—Various Locations)

### Europe:

Austria: Salzburg Academy Program on Media and Global Change (UMD faculty led summer)  
Czech Republic: Prague (USAC\*)  
Denmark: Maryland-in-Copenhagen (UMD)  
England: University of Liverpool (Exchange)  
Germany: Luneburg (USAC)

Italy: Maryland-in-Rome (UMD)

Italy: Torino, Viterbo (USAC)

Spain: Bilbao (USAC); Maryland-in-Barcelona (UMD)

### Glossary of program types:

- **UMD**: Maryland-in- semester program or UMD faculty- led short term program
- **UMD Partner**: program administered by a partner university or organization
- **USAC**: program administered by the University Studies Abroad Consortium, of which UMD is a member
- **Exchange**: UMD exchange partner. Good option for independent, flexible, academically motivated student

## College or major specific information

- Communication majors can study abroad at any time during their time at the University of Maryland.
- Please make sure to meet with a COMM advisor to start planning your study abroad experience. Public Relations track students will want to do this early in their curriculum.
- Please note that there are several programs abroad run by COMM faculty members in which you might want to participate; these include both winter and summer programs which can fit into your program of study.
- Studying abroad can work toward the fulfillment of the ARHU Global Engagement requirement.

## Make it Happen!

You've got the facts, now make study abroad a reality! Visit EA in 1125 Holzapfel, email an EA Peer Mentor at [eapeers@umd.edu](mailto:eapeers@umd.edu) or search for a program at [myEA.umd.edu](http://myEA.umd.edu). We are here to help you add a life-changing international experience to your undergraduate education. So just go away...and study