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# Study Abroad for English

## Why study English abroad?

- To increase your understanding and appreciation of Anglophone people and cultures around the world
- To develop your critical and creative thinking skills as you interact with faculty and students from around the world
- To live and learn in settings you only read about in literature
- To experience the diverse cultural life that defines contemporary Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.
- To develop intellectually, emotionally, culturally and socially

## Yeah, but...

### • **When is the best time to go abroad?**

Students usually go abroad after completing ENG 111 & 112 or 190 and at least one course at the 200 level. Abroad, students are encouraged to study courses to fulfill a requirement in Early Literature, American Literature, British Literature, Diversity Literature or Writing—depending on their areas of interest.

### • **Can I fulfill any core requirements abroad?**

Yes. Most of the universities listed here have equivalent courses that will satisfy UST's general education requirements.

### • **Can I afford it?**

YES! The cost of studying abroad is within the reach of most UST students. Financial aid applies to semester study abroad, and students not currently receiving financial aid may be eligible for loans. In addition, there are special scholarships for studying abroad.

## So...what do I do next?

- Begin planning right away. It is never too early to start planning. Stop by the IEC, sign up for a "First Step" session (visit the IEC website for details), and use the resource library to begin researching destinations.
- Set some goals. There is not one program best suited for all English majors. You need to determine which one best fits you. Prioritize your goals. Consider your long-term academic, professional, and career goals.
- Think about what you want to learn from (and what you can contribute to) the program and country where you want to be.
- Prepare academically. You may need to take prerequisites or plan for classes upon your return.
- Prepare a budget.
- To help with the above, talk to:
  - ✓ your academic advisor
  - ✓ Study Abroad Advisor at International Education Center (IEC)

## Academic Planning:

- In consultation with your academic advisor, create a tentative “4-year” academic schedule ASAP (see sample below). Ideally, finish 200 level requirements in English before studying abroad and take ENGL 380 as well. DO take 300-level courses for the major abroad.
- Many students take a Shakespeare course or a course about a single author from the region where they are studying. Others choose a university known for an area that interests them such as Victorian literature, Medieval literature, or postcolonial literature.
- In short, the English major and minor provide ample opportunity to fulfill major requirements abroad as well as take electives and special topics courses. Study the list of courses available at the university that most interests you and discuss with your advisor/department chair the possible approval of these courses for English requirements.
- As part of your application process, you will identify particular courses of interest and get them approved *before* you depart. Finally, in addition to studying abroad, you should also consider research, service-learning, internships, volunteer and extracurricular experiences off-campus, just as you do when you are on campus.

### Sample Schedule for an English major wishing to study abroad:

	First Year	Second year	Third Year			Fourth Year		
F			ALL	LT	WT	ALL	LT	WT
			ENGL380	ENGL 200- level	ENGL 322, 321 or 326		ENGL 200 or 300- level	ENGL401, 402, 403 or 421
								ENGL422
J	A variety of courses is offered most January Terms							
S		ENGL 211 or 212	ALL	LT	WT	Senior Seminar		
		ENGL 251 or 252	ENGL 200- level		Early Lit Course			
			ENGL300- level		Diversity Lit course			

\*\* All=all English majors, LT=Literature Track, =WT=Writing Track

\*Only English courses are listed here, but don't forget about your core courses and/or electives abroad!

= time periods when *most* English students consider going abroad.

## Study Abroad Programs for English Majors/Minors

### England:

Birkbeck, University of London  
University of Leeds  
University of Nottingham  
Royal Holloway, London  
Queen Mary College, London  
University of York

### Australia:

Monash University, Melbourne  
Murdoch University, Perth  
University of Sydney

### Ireland:

N.U.I. Galway  
Trinity College Dublin [full year only]

### New Zealand:

Otago University, Dunedin  
Victoria University, Wellington

### Scotland:

University of Edinburgh  
University of Glasgow

### South Africa:

University of Cape Town

### Wales:

Cardiff University