Psychology Study Abroad

**Why Study Psych Abroad?**

“Studying abroad allowed me to immerse myself in a different culture and truly experience it. It also allowed me to push my own boundaries and challenge myself. Knowing I could live comfortably for a year in Uruguay, I am more willing to take risks and more open to consider professional opportunities in international contexts. My advice to students who are considering studying abroad is *do it! Just do it.*

Even if it’s scary at first, it is so rewarding and it challenges you to overcome struggles and to realize you can do it.”

*Shawn Mendez*
Psychology and Spanish major
Studied abroad for a year in Montevideo, Uruguay, Fall and Spring 2010

**Psych Major Specifics:**

*When is the best time to study abroad?*

While every student’s situation may vary, psychology students ideally study abroad during their junior year, upon having completed both PSY 310 and 311 at UNCG during their sophomore year. However, finding the most appropriate program as well as the best time to go may often depend on academic background, interest areas, and pre-requisites. Begin planning your study abroad experience early.

*What courses should I take abroad vs. at UNCG?*

The department highly encourages students to take a variety of PSY, GEC, and elective courses while studying abroad. PSY 310 and PSY 311 must be taken at UNCG and we recommend taking them in consecutive semesters. It is also recommended that students complete these courses prior to studying abroad, although it is not required. PSY 519: Special Topics in Psychology is a flexible option that can be taken abroad for credit. Students can also consider taking PSY 433: Research Experience in Psychology while studying abroad, which allows students to gather research experience in a multicultural context. PSY options are flexible and transferrable, so students can take a wide range of elective and PSY courses and still *graduate on time!*

**Do I need to speak a foreign language?**

While studying abroad is an ideal time to complete foreign language requirements or learn a new language, most international programs offer extensive coursework in English available to exchange students.

**Other benefits...**

Simply studying abroad in any country waives a Global marker, and depending on the program, a Global Non-Western marker. Speak to an IPC adviser for more information.

**Can I Afford It?**

**YES!** On semester or year-long exchange programs, students pay regular UNCG tuition and fees. Housing and meal costs are typically equivalent to a semester in residence at UNCG. Any financial aid received at UNCG can be applied to the program costs. In addition, students are eligible to receive travel grants to help offset the costs of airfare. Set up a meeting with an IPC adviser to learn more.

**Getting Started!**

IPC is dedicated to finding the right program for each student, and our huge array of partner universities allows us to do just that. **Call (336) 334-5404 or stop by 207 Foust to schedule an appointment with a study abroad advisor.** This meeting will provide you with more information on appropriate programs, finances, application procedures, and more.

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**Call or stop by our office!**
Voice: 336.334.5404
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http://studyabroad.uncg.edu

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International Programs Center
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
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UNITED KINGDOM

Plymouth University
PU offers an exciting range of course options with a broad focus on cutting-edge research developments in specialized areas.
www.plymouth.ac.uk

Keele University
KU’s impressive psychology department includes a wide variety of coursework with an emphasis on research.
www.keele.ac.uk

University of Strathclyde
SU offers a diverse variety of courses in its psychology department. Students can study general psychology coursework as well as forensic, neuropsychology, among others.
www.strath.ac.uk

SOUTH AFRICA

Stellenbosch University
SU offers a wide variety of coursework in its psychology department. Courses are usually taught in English or offered in both English and Afrikaans (see E or T- options).
www.sun.ac.za/index.asp

University of Cape Town
UCT offers a wide range of course in its psychology department. In addition, courses in social development and organizational psychology are available.
www.uct.ac.za

BOTSWANA

University of Botswana
UB offer courses in a wide range of general psychology coursework, including development, learning, cognition, research methods, and more.
www.ub.bw

MALTA

University of Malta
UM offers a diverse range of psychology courses, including health, environmental, family, and evolutionary psychology. Several psychology courses related to education and learning disabilities are also available.
www.um.edu.mt

TURKEY

Yeditepe University
YU offers a wide range of coursework in its psychology department. In addition to a strong focus on research and on community projects, emphasis is placed on cognitive-developmental psychology, neuropsychology, and clinical and health psychology.
www.yeditepe.edu.tr

PERU

Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola
USIL offers courses in organizational behavior, communications psychology, psychophysiology, development, and more. USIL’s business psychology program offers an extensive array of courses (Spanish prof. required for most of these).
http://international.usil.edu.pe/semesterlima.html

SWEDEN

Malmo University
MU offers an intensive part-time course in sports psychology, along with a wide range of GEC course options.
www.mah.se/english

CANADA

Brock University
Exchange students can take courses in BU’s impressive psychology department, which focuses on both the breadth and depth of psychology by offering both specific and general coursework. Small group discussions, seminars, and research are emphasized.
www.brocku.ca

SOUTH KOREA

Yonsei University
YU offers several psychology courses to international exchange students. Courses include abnormal psychology, psychology of learning, marriage and family, diagnosis, and counseling psychology.
www.yonsei.ac.kr/eng

AUSTRALIA

Edith Cowan University
Located near Perth in Western Australia, ECU offers an extensive amount of psychology coursework, including studies in family studies, addiction, counseling, writing, and youth work.
www.ecu.edu.au

Federation University Australia
At Fed Uni, exchange students can take a wide variety of courses in the psychological sciences department, including general psychology courses, sports psychology, and western and indigenous perspectives.
federation.edu.au

James Cook University
JCU offers a wide range of psychology courses for exchange students, including general psychology courses, anthropological psychology, forensic psychology, and others.
www.jcu.edu.au

University of Southern Queensland
The psychology program at USQ offers extensive course choices, emphasizing community and professional focus.
www.usq.edu.au

SPAIN

The following programs require a minimum of SPA 301 or more:

University of Extremadura
Located in Caceres, Spain, UEX offers courses in their department of anthropology and psychology.
www.unex.es

University of Castilla-La Mancha
Located in Toledo, UCLM offers courses in its psychology department.
www.uclm.es/dep/psicologia

University of Granada
The psychology department at UG offers courses in the areas of experimental psychology, research, psychology of personality, social psychology, biopsychology, and more.
http://facultadpsicologia.ugr.es

*While these are featured programs for the Department of Psychology, students are by no means limited to these opportunities. For all available programs, please visit http://studyabroad.uncg.edu.