



# Study Abroad for Journalism 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:** You can study abroad as soon as your 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!

### Experience the World

The Philip Merrill College of Journalism recognizes that in today's interconnected world, journalism plays a crucial role in the free exchange of ideas and information. Students are encouraged to pursue some type of international experience during their time as a journalism major. Gaining an international experience through study abroad brings students one step closer to leadership in media skills and media literacy on a global scale. Study abroad takes learning outside of the traditional classroom and provides a forum for intercultural exchange of knowledge.

### Why Should Journalism Majors Study Abroad?

- Gain an international perspective on the practice of journalism
- Demonstrate cultural competence
- Develop a global network for graduate school and the job market
- Immerse yourself in another culture
- Take courses that enhance your expertise and supplement your UMD coursework
- Expand your cross-cultural communication skills and develop a global network
- Demonstrate to employers your adaptability, flexibility and ability to succeed in diverse settings!
- Don't just "think outside the box," BE "outside the box!"

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

- Plan early!
- Discuss with a journalism advisor how study abroad will fit into your journalism degree
- Research programs on the Education Abroad website
- Investigate financial aid and scholarship opportunities
- Meet with a journalism advisor to review requirement areas that can be fulfilled abroad
- Apply to the study abroad program of your choice, and for a passport!
- Complete your PSA – make sure your study abroad credits will apply to your degree

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

Journalism majors can choose from a diverse array of programs in locations across the globe. The list below represents only a sampling of programs that Journalism majors have selected and successfully fit into their degree requirements. Please note that as a Journalism major, your study abroad courses should focus on non-major requirements, such as your Concentration/Double Major/Minor and other required upper-level courses outside of Journalism and Communication. There are numerous other opportunities if you don't see a program that appeals to you! Check out the Education Abroad website or schedule an appointment with an Education Abroad regional advisor who can help you explore other options.

### Africa:

Partner: CIEE University of Capetown  
Partner: USAC University of Ghana

### Asia:

Exchange: University of Hong Kong (JOUR)

### Australia and New Zealand:

Exchange: RMIT (JOUR)  
Partner: TEAN University of Queensland

### Europe:

Exchange: University of Kent  
UMD: Latvia (JOUR)  
UMD: Slovakia & Hungary (JOUR)  
UMD: Salzburg (JOUR)  
UMD: Maryland-in-Barcelona  
UMD: Maryland-in-London  
UMD: Maryland-in-Rome

### Middle East:

External: American University in Dubai

### Latin America:

Partner: USAC Costa Rica

Glossary of program types:

- **UMD:** Maryland-in- semester or UMD faculty-led short term program.
- **Partner:** Program administered by a UMD partner university or organization.
- **Exchange:** UMD exchange partner. Good option for independent, flexible, academically motivated students.
- **External:** Program with which UMD has no formal agreement but where academic credit can be transferred from an accredited degree granting university

### College or major specific information:

- Journalism majors cannot take journalism classes abroad and count them toward their degree unless they are approved by the College; typically only Media and Society (JOUR410-469) courses are approved
- Students may use study abroad to work on the language portion of their Abstract Thinking Skills requirement or to complete their supporting area upper-level degree requirements
- Students are encouraged to study abroad after they have completed JOUR320 (for multiplatform) or JOUR360 and JOUR262 (for broadcast)
- Please make sure to meet with a Journalism advisor to start planning your study abroad experience
- If you're interested in a faculty-led program, consider the 6-credit Salzburg Academy on Media and Global Change (summer), or the winter Latvia, and Slovakia & Hungary programs for your Journalism degree.

### Make it Happen!

Visit EA in 3122 Susquehanna Hall, 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 abroad!