Study Abroad for Journalism Majors

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 multiphase) 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 or search for a program at 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!