

Interested in Studying Abroad?



CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Where in the world do you want to go?
- For how long and during which term(s) can you be away from campus?
- For which course level do you need to earn credit?
- Do you want to live in a dorm, an apartment, or with a host family?
- What will the total cost be (application/fees, tuition, travel, etc.) and how will it compare to a term or year at UM? Can you use financial aid?

UM STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

- Credits earned are considered in-residence and count toward your UM GPA.
- The [Center for Global and Intercultural Study \(CGIS\)](#) coordinates the vast majority of UM study abroad programs. Options range from short trips to year-long stays, experiences on your own or as part of a UM faculty-led class.
- [M-Compass](#) is a UM website which serves as a database for UM affiliated study abroad opportunities. Through M-Compass, students can search and apply for programs, as well as apply for LSA-sponsored financial aid.

NON-UM STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

- Credits earned are transfer credits and are considered out-of-residence.
- Visit the [UM International Center](#) and/or carefully research study abroad programs online.

Look for non-UM programs which:

- **Are sponsored by a North-American university or a recognized third party provider.** Most academic courses from accredited institutions/providers are transferable as general college credit. Some examples of third party providers are IES, CIEE, CEA, and ISA.
- **Offer a variety of courses and allow for direct enrollment at a local university.** The most beneficial programs provide a few courses at a center (with other foreign students), as well as the option of taking courses at a local university (with students from the host country). Local university courses are often equivalent at the upper-level. If seeking upper-level credit, avoid language-based programs (i.e. language institutes, advanced language programs, etc.), as these tend to provide basic language instruction rather than advanced content courses. Also, look for programs that offer a substantial number of courses with syllabi and/or detailed descriptions.
- **Provide home-stays with a host family.** Living with a host family will provide you with opportunities to engage in everyday language use and to immerse yourself in the local culture.

STUDYING ABROAD AND WANT RLL CREDIT?

Language specific guidelines for selecting study abroad programs/courses can be found on the [Romance Languages and Literatures \(RLL\)](#) website, under *Undergraduate>Study Abroad*.

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BEFORE YOU GO:

1. All students studying abroad through UM/CGIS programs are required to attend a "First Steps" session. It is strongly encouraged that students studying through non-UM programs also attend. Contact the CGIS office for session locations, dates, and times.
2. Research programs either UM/CGIS or non-UM. Use resources including M-Compass, CGIS, the International Center, and the Internet.
3. Before or after you apply to your program of choice:
 - **Make an appointment with your academic advisors.**
 - Meet with an RLL faculty advisor to discuss how courses will count toward your major/minor.
 - To make an appointment, visit the [RLL website](#) and choose "Make an Advising Appointment" under the "Quick Links" section.
 - Prior to your appointment, prepare a study plan by researching course offerings and gathering detailed syllabi and course descriptions.
 - Advisors can only provide *provisional* guarantees that pre-evaluated courses will count toward the major/minor; granting *official* credit must wait until after you return from abroad and a final evaluation of your coursework takes place.
 - For information about allocating credit toward distribution and other general degree requirements, visit the [Newnan LSA Academic Advising Center](#) (LSA students) or the advising center of your home school.
 - **Non-UM Programs only:**
 - *Prior to meeting with an RLL faculty advisor*, check the [Transfer Equivalency website](#) to see if the course(s) from the institution abroad have already been evaluated. If not, submit proposed courses for approval to the UM Office of Undergraduate Admissions using the online [Transfer Credit Equivalency form](#) (TCE). More information can be found on the LSA website under *Study Abroad>Academic Credit*.
 - Research [health insurance](#) for when you're abroad and register your travel on the [UM Travel Registry](#).

WHILE ABROAD:

1. If you have any questions while abroad, e-mail an RLL faculty advisor for additional evaluation/support.
2. Keep all course materials (syllabi, completed coursework, exams, etc.) for the *final evaluation* of your coursework.

UPON RETURN:

1. After individual course credits/grades (UM programs only) have been posted to your UM transcript, make an appointment with an RLL faculty advisor. Bring all course materials for the *final evaluation*, which will determine how your courses will officially count toward your major/minor in RLL.

UM/CGIS Programs: Transcripts are automatically sent to CGIS and then posted to Wolverine Access (this process could take up to six months). Please do not schedule your appointment until your grades have posted.

Non-UM Programs: You must request that the institution abroad mail an official transcript to the [UM Office of Undergraduate Admissions](#) (Attn: Credit Evaluation). This process could take quite some time, so be prompt.

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS

- RLL offers several scholarships specifically for study abroad. For detailed information regarding these scholarship opportunities, please visit the [RLL website](#), *Undergraduate>Scholarships*.
- To determine how to apply your existing financial aid toward a study abroad experience, visit the UM Financial Aid Office in the Student Activities Building or search the [UM Financial Aid website](#).
- LSA and CGIS offer scholarships to LSA students who demonstrate financial need and who are participating in a CGIS program through the University of Michigan. For information on available funding and scholarships, visit the [LSA Study Abroad Scholarship Program website](#).