Study Abroad in Communication
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What are my First Steps?
- Attend a First Steps session
- Research the program that is right for you
- Meet with a Programs Abroad advisor
- Search for courses you can take abroad that may fulfill major/minor/GE requirements to add to your Academic Planning Form
- Meet with your major/minor advisor
- Meet with your college advisor

"Studying abroad in Shanghai helped me realize that there's a HUGE world outside of the United States. I'm excited to use my communication degree for a career in international marketing that caters to the burgeoning consumer population in China!" – Ching Young, OAP China

"Picture yourself here! Sitting inside Madrid’s largest university, you discuss how international relations have affected audiovisual media around the world. Later today, you will take a class field trip down to Madrid’s famous Gran Via – the “Times Square” of Spain. Your class is visiting the recently opened Museum of Telecommunications.

Even after a long day of exploring the cinema district, it doesn’t stop there! A Spanish classmate is having a birthday tonight at a new restaurant that boasts the best Tortilla Española. What a perfect reward after a long day of classes!

From debating the psychology behind intercultural communications with an Italian professor to understanding the change in Japanese radio & television, you can learn the ever-impactful role of communications in the modern world. You’ve heard the irreversible effects of the globalizing media; try seeing it with your own eyes.

Why Study Abroad?
Regardless of your future career choice, studying abroad will help you develop skills that are critical to a liberal arts education. Consider your value to an employer or a graduate program if you've:
- Participated in a different educational system
- Increased your proficiency in another language
- Improved your critical thinking skills
- Expanded your worldview by experiencing another culture firsthand
- Prepared for a career in an internationally competitive world
- Enhanced resumes and/or applications for graduate school

Social Science Majors Who Studied Abroad
Four-Year Graduation Rate
- 72%

Social Science Majors Who Did Not Study Abroad
Four-Year Graduation Rate
- 61%

93% of Communication students who took courses in their major abroad received or are in the process of receiving major credit.
Thailand

Topic: Communication Media and Entertainment Design
Program: Mahidol University
Dates: Semester or Full Year
Info: www.asialearn.org

Belgium

Topic: Business, Communications, and Culture
Program: OAP at Vesalius College
Dates: Fall/Spring/Year
Info: ciee.org

Egypt

Topic: Communications, Media history, Ethics and responsibility
Program: EAP at American University
Dates: Full-year
Info: eap.ucop.edu

Australia

Topic: Media Studies, Communication
Program: EAP at La Trobe University
Dates: Fall/Spring/Year
Info: eap.ucop.edu

How Much Does it Cost?

Study abroad may be more affordable than you think. The cost of studying abroad can be comparable to staying at UCSD and may even be less expensive.

Financial Aid
In almost all instances, students can use most or all of their financial aid packages for study abroad. Over half of UCSD’s study abroad participants are financial aid recipients.

Scholarships
UCSD students were awarded about $500,000 in study abroad scholarships last year. The Programs Abroad Office offers regular workshops to help students prepare a competitive scholarship essay.

Visit Our Website to Learn More:
http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/funding.htm

The support of the Programs Abroad Office does not end when you return. We continue to help you with the process of getting credit for your classes and also provide opportunities to reflect on your time abroad and connect with other returnees and prospective students.

To Petition Courses for Major Credit

- Bring all course work from abroad to the Communication advisor (notes, tests, quizzes, syllabi, etc.)
- Wait for courses taken abroad to post to your UCSD transcript
- Fill out an undergraduate student petition for each course you would like to satisfy a major requirement
- The Communication faculty advisor will review courses for final approval

To Use What You’ve Learned Abroad:
http://pao.ucsd.edu/pao/uponreturn.html