

# STUDY ABROAD IN FILM AND MEDIA STUDIES



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*"I absolutely loved my time abroad. It was so interesting to see another country's perspective on the film industry, and Hollywood in particular. I also took a really interesting seminar which had us analyze films still in theaters –which added an element of relevance and immediacy I didn't always feel in other courses I've taken."*

*Madelyn Brehm, Film major, U. of Bristol, UK, Spring 2014*

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The Film and Media department encourages its majors to take the opportunity to study abroad. Because film and media play such an important role in shaping global culture, we routinely examine international cinema and media in our courses. Why not take some of these courses abroad where you can immerse yourselves not only in classes but in local cultures, languages, and societies. Study abroad can be an experience of a lifetime!

## WHY STUDY ABROAD?

Study abroad provides students with an opportunity to step out of their comfort zones and be challenged to understand the world from a new perspective. Film and Media students have traveled and studied in countries around the world. By going abroad, you can:

- Take advantage of unique academic and experiential opportunities in Film and Media Studies
- Participate in a different educational system and get a comparative perspective on your field of study
- Increase language proficiency
- Improve critical thinking skills
- Expand world view by experiencing another culture firsthand
- Develop self-confidence and independence
- Enhance résumés and/or applications for graduate school
- Prepare for a career in an internationally competitive world

## WHEN CAN I STUDY ABROAD?

While it is possible for Film and Media Studies students to go abroad at almost any point in their academic careers, the particular semester, summer or year that you study abroad depends on what courses you plan to take. Meet with your departmental advisor to determine when would be the best time to fit study abroad into your academic schedule.

**Transfer students** are eligible to participate as soon as they arrive at Berkeley. Please note that application deadlines are quite early.

For more information:

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/transfer-students>

**Graduate students** may apply to study or pursue research at most BSA-affiliated host institutions, and may participate in the short-term language programs. For more information:

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/graduate-students>

## • PLAN AHEAD! •

Applications typically are due six months to a year prior to the program's start date and some programs have academic or linguistic prerequisites that must be satisfied in advance. Please check the BSA website for guidance on "how to apply":

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/how-to-apply>

## • THE COST OF BSA •

Study on BSA can be comparable to the cost of study at UC. In some cases, it is less. BSA participants pay UC fees and continue to receive UC financial aid while abroad. Furthermore, BSA students are eligible for special grants and scholarships from UC, the host country, and other sources.

## WHERE CAN I STUDY ABROAD?

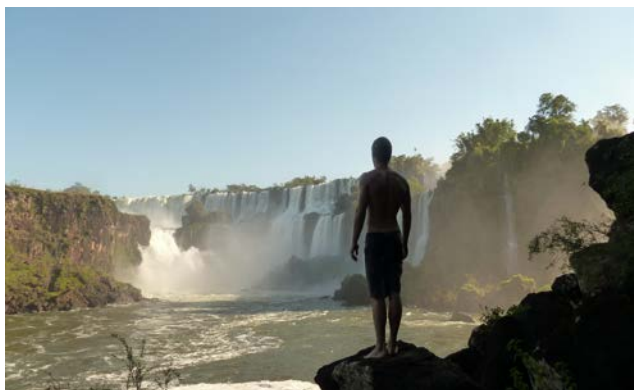
There are a wide variety of topics that can be studied abroad, including National Cinemas, Social Issues, and Media and Cultural Theory. Why not study the Evolution of Asian Cult Films in Hong Kong, the History of Spanish Film in Madrid, or Bollywood Cinema in India?

Find unique courses in film studies in the following countries: **Argentina -Australia – Barbados - Brazil – Chile – China - France - Germany - Hong Kong - India – Ireland - Italy - Korea - Mexico - South Africa – Singapore - Spain – Sweden**



*UC student, Florence, Italy. Photo by Adelaide Coronado, Media Studies major, 2012*

***Study in English or in another language to improve your communication skills.***



*Iguazu Falls, Argentina. Photo by Oliver Li, Film Studies major, Intensive Spanish Program, University of Belgrano, Argentina*

## I'M INTERESTED, WHAT ARE MY NEXT STEPS?

First, research program options on the BSA website (<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu>), then meet with your advisor to discuss departmental regulations and the academic planning process. BSA application and advising are available at the Berkeley Study Abroad office, 160 Stephens Hall.

## WHAT CLASSES CAN I TAKE?

Meet with your advisor to determine whether your study abroad courses will satisfy major requirements or electives. Even if your courses will not fulfill requirements, this experience may be well worth your time!

Through Berkeley Study Abroad, you'll find many relevant course options at top colleges and universities all over the world. Some examples are: "Florence in Cinema," at UC Center Florence, Italy; "Far Eastern Film," at Yonsei Univ., Korea; "New Media and Culture," Univ. of Copenhagen, Denmark; "Asia on Global Screens," Univ. of Hong Kong; "Media in Transition," Science Po, Paris; "Memory and Media," University of Auckland, NZ; "Topics in World Cinema," Kings College, London; or "Story and Narrative in Film," Univ. of West Indies, Barbados.

Students will earn UC credit for BSA courses they complete abroad. However, application of credit to major requirements is subject to the discretion of the department.

To search for program and course options, go to the BSA website:

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/programs> and follow the links to courses offered through UCEAP and Berkeley Abroad.

If you plan to conduct research for your senior thesis while studying abroad, talk with a faculty member in your field before you leave, and take detailed notes on your research while you're away.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I RETURN?

**Be sure to:**

- Bring back course materials such as syllabi, reading lists and exams, as these will help when petitioning for major or GE credit.
- If you took courses in another language while abroad, have your proficiency tested immediately upon return.