

# Communication Majors Study Abroad at CCSU!

## Why Communication Majors should study abroad

Study in another country – whether you are there for a few weeks, a semester, or a full year – is so much more than just traveling and being a tourist. Overseas study is an opportunity for you to gain valuable, first-hand international experience that will improve your chances of landing a job and will greatly expand your career options. As a major in the School of Arts and Sciences you will have the opportunity to learn, for example, about the history, economy, ecology, politics, music, indigenous cultures, human rights, and legal systems of different countries. You will have the possibility of sharing ideas with scientists, activists, and artists from around the world.

## Study abroad will enable you to

- Enhance your résumé
- Earn credits for your degree
- Experience a different culture
- Challenge yourself to become more independent
- Gain a global perspective

## Classes and credits in your major

Many choices will enable you to fulfill your major requirements abroad. First step – meet with your advisor. Then contact Erin Beecher in the Center for International Education, [beecher\\_er@ccsu.edu](mailto:beecher_er@ccsu.edu). There are additional advantages: credits transfer as residency credit, not transfer credit and your financial aid will apply to a partner university program.

## Fulfill Your General Education Requirement!

Great news! CCSU students can now fulfill part or all of their International Course Requirement through Study Abroad. This applies both to short-term faculty-led courses abroad and to semester-long study abroad that result in approved CCSU transfer credit. And, it applies even if the equivalent course on the CCSU campus does not bear an International designation. In other words, studying abroad *per se* will earn you credit toward the 6-credit I-Course requirement.

## Funding your Study Abroad

There are many ways to pay for your study abroad experience. CCSU students who receive federal Pell Grants, for example, can apply to the Gilman Scholarship Program for a maximum additional \$5,000 and students receiving other forms of CCSU financial aid may apply their aid to fund study at a partner university. You can also apply to the CIE for a variety of scholarships, and browse the catalog of external funding opportunities in the CIE's Study Abroad library. With many creative ways to finance your study abroad, don't let the cost stand in your way!

## CCSU-Affiliated Universities and Programs

List of CCSU Study Abroad Programs Offering Communication Courses	
England: University of Bolton	<a href="http://www.bolton.ac.uk">www.bolton.ac.uk</a>
England: University of Central Lancashire	<a href="http://www.uclan.ac.uk">www.uclan.ac.uk</a>
England: University of Cumbria	<a href="http://www.cumbria.ac.uk">www.cumbria.ac.uk</a>
Germany: Baden-Württemberg Universities (Mannheim)	<a href="http://www.ctdhe.org/germany">www.ctdhe.org/germany</a> *
Northern Cyprus: Eastern Mediterranean Uni.	<a href="http://www.emu.edu.tr">www.emu.edu.tr</a>
Scotland: Queen Margaret University	<a href="http://www.qmu.ac.uk">www.qmu.ac.uk</a>
Sweden: LinnaeusUniversity	<a href="http://www.lnu.se/english">www.lnu.se/english</a>

\*Language Requirement – courses offered in languages other than English only

## *CCSU faculty-led programs for Communication Majors*

<http://www.ccsu.edu/page.cfm?p=575>

<b>Other Study Abroad Programs Offering Communication Courses</b>	
GlobaLinks: AsiaLearn, AustraLearn, EuroLearn	<a href="http://www.globalinksabroad.org">www.globalinksabroad.org</a>
ISEP	<a href="http://www.isep.org">www.isep.org</a>

### **Participation in CSU Study Abroad Programs**

CCSU students are eligible to participate in the study abroad programs sponsored by our sister campuses within the Connecticut State University (CSU) system. Stop by the Center for International Education (CIE) for more information on programs offered by Eastern, Southern, and Western Connecticut State Universities. CCSU financial aid and scholarships will apply and credit transfer is assured. Don't delay -- find a program now!

### **Advice from the Communication Department**

1. Meet with your major advisor and start planning early for your overseas experience.
2. Remember that pre-approval by your advisor and department chair is required for transfer credit in your major.
3. If you cannot spend a semester abroad, consider a short-term, faculty-led Course Abroad.
4. Do some international homework: research the destination country, including its history, culture, laws, social/moral codes, customs, and language – visit the CIE for more information.

### **How Communication is taught abroad**

Many students study abroad on programs that are academically very similar to CCSU programs. The method of instruction, however, may be very different. There might be less stress on class attendance and more stress on independent study and exams, for example. Each country is different, so review the list above and come to the CIE.

### **Language Concerns for Communication Majors**

Partner Universities that are located in countries where English is not the native language may offer a variety of courses in English for English-speaking students – you will want to research these on the Partner University's website. CCSU students with foreign language proficiency may also have the opportunity to take courses in the native language; and students with elementary or intermediate foreign language skills can often find programs that combine courses in English with opportunities to improve foreign language skills.

### **When to go abroad**

Communication Majors can study abroad at many times. CCSU offers two types of international experiences. In addition to semester and year-long programs at Partner Universities during regular fall and spring semesters, CCSU offers short-term Courses Abroad that take place in Winter Session, during Spring Break, and in the Summer. In addition, you will want to check out CCSU's other recommended programs.

### **What to take before going abroad**

It is recommended that you begin taking courses in your major before going abroad. This will enable you to determine which courses must be taken at CCSU and which ones you can take abroad. Make an appointment with your advisor to discuss your specific degree requirements.

For more information please contact:

The Center for International Education (CIE) - [www.ccsu.edu/cie](http://www.ccsu.edu/cie)

or

The Department of Communication - <http://www.communication.ccsu.edu/>