With over 80 unique opportunities overseas, students have many options to study abroad on UM programs that align with their interests. Students can live and learn abroad through short term and long term programs with UM faculty or at UM partner universities overseas. Programs with UM faculty are unique in their emphasis on experiential learning, pre-arranged group housing, excursions, and courses taught by UM professors and overseas academic experts. Examples of these programs include UM semester-on-locations in Prague, Shanghai, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, India, the Galapagos, and Rome, as well as short term faculty-led programs during the summer in Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America.

Students can also receive UM credit hours and grades while studying at any one of UM's exchange partner universities overseas. These programs can be undertaken for a semester, year, and/or during the summer. Among a multitude of other options, students can study marine biology on the edge of Australia's Great Barrier Reef at James Cook University, be at the center of Europe and study business at the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration, explore Iceland's unspoiled nature while studying earth sciences at the University of Iceland, immerse themselves in Japanese culture and business practices at Sophia University in Tokyo, or become acquainted with the changing panorama of international relations at Uppsala University in Sweden. Many of these programs are delivered in English so foreign language proficiency is not required for most study abroad opportunities.

Students who participate in UM Study Abroad programs will receive UM grades and credits and are able to use their existing financial aid towards semester program costs. With careful planning and academic department approval, students can apply their courses abroad to their majors, minors, cognates, or elective credits. Programs are open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who meet posted eligibility requirements for admission such as minimum cumulative GPA.

The Schools and Colleges at UM encourage study abroad options for their students. With the assistance of the Study Abroad Office and the guidance of academic advisors, students can select a study abroad program to fit almost any major. Additionally, UM financial aid will apply to the costs of the UM programs. Students are advised to plan as early as their freshman year so studying abroad can be incorporated into their academic plan.

The cost of studying abroad varies depending on the type, length, and location of the program. Students are often surprised at how affordable studying abroad can be. Students participating in a UM study abroad program will be able to use their financial aid abroad. Participants are charged full tuition for the term abroad and the financial aid package will be adjusted based on the estimated expenses of the program. If the estimated expenses of the program are lower than the costs of attending UM, participants may be eligible for less in loans, but scholarships and grants will stay the same.

As studying abroad is seen as such an important aspect of a college career, many national and institutional scholarships are available. Interested students should begin to research scholarship opportunities early. The most prestigious study abroad scholarships, which grant up to $10,000 per semester, have applications with deadlines up to 18 months before the study abroad program begins. Several other scholarships, with deadlines similar to program application deadlines, are also available and grant up to $5,000. Learn more about finances and scholarships by visiting the Study Abroad website, speaking with the advisors in the Study Abroad Office and the Office of Financial Assistance Services.

Students enrolled in any study abroad program at a partner institution may not earn 25 percent or more of their credits toward any UM degree program (credit requirements may vary by major/level), including courses taught by UM faculty. A student who anticipates earning 25 percent or more of his/her degree credits while participating in a study abroad program must immediately inform his/her advisor or program chair, who will be responsible for notifying the appropriate parties so that advance approval can be obtained from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

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