



Real Talk about Study Abroad

WHY study abroad?

Because you can.....stretch your neighborhood boundaries.

- **Financial accessibility:** In AY 2017-2018, \$981,685 of scholarship and grant funding to students.
- **Academic accessibility:** Earn credit toward graduation for all pre-approved courses taken abroad.
- **Discover** a new culture / discover yourself.
- **Improve** on or learn a new language.
- **Engage** in a real world situation by participating in a research project or internship.
- **Be part of the 2%** and power surge your resume....98% of US undergraduates don't study abroad.

WHO went abroad in Academic Year 2017-18?

Students just like you.

- From 59 majors across 10 UIC colleges; 25% were STEM majors
- 75% received federal financial aid
- 71% female; 29% male
- 62% identified as an under-represented minority:
 - ✓ 29% Latinx; 13% African American; 13% Asian American; 7% Multi-racial
- 61% speak a primary language other than English; 20% speak at least two languages at home other than English
- 44% were Pell eligible
- 42% were first in their family to attend college

WHAT can you study?

What do you want to study?

- You can choose to fulfill your major, minor, general education, language, or elective requirements.

WHERE can you go?

Almost anywhere.

- 87 locations / 48 countries / 6 continents

WHEN can/should you go?

Meet with your college and Study Abroad Office advisors.

- You can apply to study abroad as soon as you have 12 UIC earned credits on your transcript.
- For curriculum integration, discuss timing with college advisor.
- You can study abroad multiple times as long as coursework is preapproved for graduation credit.

NEXT STEPS

Add study abroad to your academic bucket list.

- Surf the Study Abroad website at <https://studyabroad.uic.edu/> for answers to every question you have, explore over 200 program opportunities, and see what scholarships you can apply for.
- Attend a First Step Advising Session. See schedule at <https://studyabroad.uic.edu/first-steps/>

WHAT IS YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD?



B. Fuller's Dymaxion True Projection World Map

Countries where UIC students studied abroad in AY 2017-18



Impact of Study Abroad on Retention and Success
<http://globaledresearch.com/study-abroad-impact.asp>