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About

As the university’s central point of contact for all of its international activities, the International Programs Center (IPC) develops, coordinates, and supports global learning opportunities for students. IPC’s work supports UNC Greensboro’s diversity, equity, and inclusion goals.

Education Abroad

A UNC Greensboro student in good standing may engage in a summer, semester, or academic year opportunity abroad in several ways.

Exchange Programs

Through various exchange agreements, a UNC Greensboro student may exchange places with a student in another country for a semester or academic year. Under these arrangements, students study abroad for approximately the cost of being in residence at UNC Greensboro. Students can choose from over ninety exchange partner programs in more than forty-five countries. Examples of our partner program locations include Australia, Botswana, Canada, Chile, China, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. The cost of such study is about the same as being in residence at UNC Greensboro. Because of such exchanges UNC Greensboro hosts about 130 international exchange students per year from our partner universities.

Faculty-Led Programs

UNC Greensboro professors regularly develop and lead student group programs overseas for course credit. Over the past few years, groups have gone to such countries as Costa Rica, China, Greece, Spain, United Kingdom, and Tanzania, among many others. Faculty lead students abroad on interculturally immersive short-term programs during Winter Break, Spring Break, and over summer.

Virtual Global Programs

UNC Greensboro students may take advantage of virtual international experiences to learn a language, access subject areas as taught by partner institutions, or even engage in an internship with an organization abroad. These affordable, credit-bearing opportunities allow students to engage

Additional Education Abroad Programs

Students can also take advantage of dozens of semester and summer study programs, internships, and research abroad opportunities offered by UNC Greensboro partner universities, affiliated education abroad providers, and faculty members. Although not student exchange programs, many of these education abroad options can offer a cost effective means to engage in global efforts.

Non-UNC Greensboro Affiliated Education Abroad Programs

A UNC Greensboro student may spend a summer, semester, or year abroad under the auspices of a group or institution that is not affiliated with UNC Greensboro but is approved by the UNC Greensboro Study Abroad Committee. While generally more costly than ISEP or the UNC Greensboro programs, this option may be of interest to students seeking particular experiences not otherwise available. Note that for UNC Greensboro transfer credit to be awarded, for non-credit curricular requirements to be satisfied, or for UNC Greensboro financial aid or scholarships to potentially apply, approval of a Non-UNC Greensboro Program must be granted by the International Programs Center prior to participation.

International Student and Scholar Services

UNC Greensboro is home to more than 450 degree-seeking international students and scholars who represent 65+ countries around the world. Specific services and advocacy are provided by the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) for degree-seeking international students and visiting scholars, including faculty, researchers, and observers. IPC provides services from the time of initial contact through the student or scholar’s entire experience at the university.

Fellowships Advising and Mentorship

Housed in the International Programs Center (IPC), the Fellowships Advising and Mentorship (FAM) unit provides information and support to UNC Greensboro undergraduate students, recent graduates, and graduate students applying for nationally and internationally competitive fellowships and scholarships. Opportunities include undergraduate and graduate study, research, and teaching—often in other countries.

FAM works with faculty and units across campus to provide advice and feedback for candidates at all stages of the application process, from planning to applying to final submission, helping applicants to become more competitive for scholarships.

System-Wide Initiative: Baden-Württemberg North Carolina (BW/NC) Exchange Program

On behalf of the UNC System, IPC/SAE is responsible for the administration of the Baden-Württemberg state-to-state Exchange
Program (https://sites.google.com/uncg.edu/bwnc-exchange/home/).
We established this study abroad exchange partnership between North Carolina’s 15 university campuses and the 9 Baden-Württemberg universities in Germany. The BW/NC Exchange Program allows students to continue enrollment on their home campus while studying abroad at an exchange institution in Baden-Württemberg or North Carolina for no additional tuition.

Committees
All IPC activities are carefully supervised and supported by the following committees:

• Discretionary Funds Committee
• Global Leadership (GLP) Steering Committee
• International Students and Scholars Services Committee
• IPC Advisory Committee
• Study Abroad Committee