

Advising Guide for Study Abroad in COMMUNICATION STUDIES

PLANNING TIPS



Look into your options early

KU students can study abroad as early as the second semester of their first year. The KU Study Abroad Fair held in early September is a great place to begin your program search.



Semester Study

Your best semester option is to take COMS and general education courses during the fall or spring of your second or third year at KU, or as early as possible.



Visit the Study Abroad Info Center

Meet with peer advisors in 105 Lippincott to find out more info about the programs we offer.



Make a Graduation Plan

Talk to your academic advisor about how to include study abroad within your curriculum.



Summer Options

Summer is a great time to take COMS, general education, or elective courses abroad. You can also participate in a unique summer internship program.



Apply for a Passport

It typically takes 3-4 months for a passport application to be processed. Head to the Office of International Programs in 300 Strong Hall.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

KU Core Requirements

GE 1.1	Critical Thinking
GE 1.2	Quantitative Literacy
GE 2.1	Written Communication
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GE 2.2	Oral Communication
GE 3H	Arts and Humanities
GE 3S	Social Sciences
GE 3N	Natural Sciences
AE 4.1	Diversity of Human Experience
AE 4.2	Global Perspectives
AE 5	Social Responsibility and Ethics
AE 6	Integration and Creativity

Additional BA Requirements

Quantitative Reasoning (2nd MATH)
Laboratory or Field Experience
Writing (ENGL 101 and 102 or other)
Non-English Language Proficiency

COMS Major Requirements

Prerequisite Knowledge (3 hrs — COMS 130)
Breadth of Discipline (6 hrs — two introductory classes)
Skills Classes (6 hrs — two classes from primary area)
Methods Classes (6 hrs — 2 classes)
Depth of Discipline (12 hrs — 4 classes from primary and secondary concentrations)
 Capstone Experience (3 hrs — COMS 496)



Must take course at KU

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM OPTIONS

Below you will find a list of possible program options for your major that have been reviewed and approved by the Communication Studies department. This is not an all-inclusive list, but rather a starting point for you to begin your study abroad search. Visit the links to learn more about course availability.

Programs offering **COMMUNICATION COURSEWORK**

[AL-AKHAWAYN UNIVERSITY](#)

Ifrane, Morocco

Most classes in this liberal arts curriculum are conducted in English and based on the American system. There are about 1,800 full-time students on this residential campus.

Eligibility: University students who have completed at least 4 semesters of college and have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

[CIEE-BERLIN](#)

Berlin, Germany

Immerse yourself in the German language and culture in the vibrant Kreuzberg district – a hub for the arts, techno, and the world's digital currency boom.

Eligibility: Open to KU students with sophomore standing by the beginning of the program who have a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA.

[DIS - COPENHAGEN](#)

Copenhagen, Denmark

Study in Copenhagen's beautiful capital, which is a European capital city in every sense of the word. Most courses have several field study events during the semester to add depth and perspective to the courses.

Eligibility: At least junior standing and GPA of 3.0 preferred.

[JOHN CABOT UNIVERSITY](#)

Rome, Italy

With a location in the historic center of Rome, Italy and a student body representing 70 countries, John Cabot University is far more than the typical study abroad experience. Your time in the Eternal City will allow you to stay on track for graduation during the most significant academic experience of your undergraduate career.

Eligibility: Good academic standing at KU.

[MASARYK UNIVERSITY](#)

Brno, Czech Republic

Founded in 1919, Masaryk University is the second largest higher educational institution in the Czech Republic. University facilities include several new university and faculty libraries, a wide range of sports facilities (gymnasiums, sports fields, a rowing center, indoor and outdoor tennis courts), a botanical garden, and several student clubs at individual faculties.

Eligibility: Open to KU students with sophomore standing by the beginning of the program who have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA. There is no language requirement.

[MASSEY UNIVERSITY](#)

Palmerston North, New Zealand

Massey University is New Zealand's defining university, with three major campuses in Auckland, Palmerston North and Wellington. Massey is characterized by the applied nature of its teaching and research programs and by its special expertise in the fields of Sciences, Food Technology, Creative Arts, Social Sciences, Education and Business.

Eligibility: Completion of at least two semesters of college coursework and at least a 2.75 overall GPA.

[THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY](#)

Bangkok, Thailand

Take courses in English in a wide variety of subjects in the heart of Southeast Asia. Study at one of Thammasat University's two campuses - one in downtown Bangkok and the other about an hour outside the center of the city. Complement your coursework by volunteering with local organizations in the fields of health, English education, and development.

Eligibility: Completion of at least two semesters of college coursework and at least a 2.75 overall GPA.

LOOKING FOR MORE OPTIONS? VISIT OUR [WEBSITE](#).

PROGRAM OPTIONS CONT.

UNIVERSITY OF EAST ANGLIA

Norwich, England

For the third consecutive year, students at the University of East Anglia have placed UEA in the top five mainstream English universities for overall student satisfaction and for satisfaction with the teaching they receive.

Eligibility: Open to KU students who have achieved junior status by the beginning of the program and who have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8.

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

Exeter, England

With a population of around 100,000, Exeter is the county seat of Devon in southwest England. In recent years it has consistently been rated in national surveys as one of the best places to live in the U.K.

Eligibility: Open to KU students who have achieved junior status by the beginning of the program and who have a minimum GPA of 2.8.

UNIVERSITY OF JYVÄSKYLÄ

Jyväskylä, Finland

Study abroad in Finland, ranked the top educational system in the world. There's a wide range of courses in English available. Experience the northern lights, saunas, and a rich variety of architecture and design.

Eligibility: Completion of at least two semesters of college coursework and at least a 2.75 overall GPA.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

Leeds, England

Leeds, a city of 700,000 people, is a vibrant city full of shopping, entertainment, and culture. Earn elective credit from a range of options, including British history, literature and film.

Eligibility: University students with a GPA of 2.8 or higher.

UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER

Leicester, England

Leicester is almost exactly in the center of England - London is 100 miles south; the trip by rail takes just over one hour.

Eligibility: Open to KU students who have achieved junior status by the beginning of the program and who have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8.

UNIVERSITY OF SHARJAH

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

The American University of Sharjah in the Middle East is an independent, fully accredited institution serving a diverse student body from the region and around the world. Courses are taught in English giving students an opportunity to study in accredited programs like architecture (NAAB), business (AACSB), and engineering (ABET). Students are encouraged to take advantage of the numerous courses in Arabic language, literature, as well as Middle East culture, history and contemporary politics.

Eligibility: Completion of at least two semesters of college coursework and at least a 2.75 overall GPA.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

Wollongong, Australia

The University was founded in 1951 and today has an enrollment of 20,000 students. The international population includes students from more than 70 countries.

Eligibility: Applicants must be at least a second semester sophomore by the beginning of the program with a cumulative GPA of 2.7.

Programs offering

INTERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Internship placements and duties vary based on location and also student interest. Whether you're a COMS major or a business major, or anything in between, internship opportunities are a great way to develop your personal, professional, and intercultural competencies; you will gain insight into the working culture of your host country, apply classroom knowledge to real-life scenarios, and build your resume.

Locations:

Sydney, Australia
Shanghai, China
London, England
Dublin, Ireland
Prague, Czech Republic

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