

Advising Guide for Study Abroad in POLITICAL SCIENCE

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 POLS and general education courses during the fall or spring of your third year at KU.



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 as early as possible.



Summer Options

Summer is a great time to participate in an internship or research experience. You can also take POLS or general education courses at many programs.



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

POLS Major Requirements

POLS 110	Introduction to US Politics
POLS 150 or 170	Intro to Compar. or Intl. Politics
POLS 301	Introduction to Political Theory
POLS 306	Political Science Methods of Inquiry
POLS 400+	Sub-field one
POLS 400+	Sub-field two
POLS 100+	Major Elective
POLS 400+	Major Elective (Capstone recommended)
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RECOMMENDED PROGRAM OPTIONS

Below you will find a list of possible program options for your major that have been reviewed and approved by the Political Science department. This is not an all-inclusive list, but rather a starting point for you to begin your study abroad search. For more program options and/or to learn more about the specific courses available, please visit www.studyabroad.ku.edu or come to the Study Abroad Info Center in 105 Lippincott Hall.

Programs offering

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND GENERAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF SHARJAH

Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

The American University of Sharjah (AUS) offers an accredited American-style education grounded in the Gulf Arab culture. All programs are co-educational, with English as the language of instruction. Sharjah was named the 2014 Capital of Islamic Culture by the Islamic Organization for Education, Science and Culture.

Eligibility: Overall GPA of at least 2.75.

CIEE LEGON

Legon, Ghana

One of Africa's most stable countries, vibrant Ghana offers a rich cultural heritage and fascinating history of politics and social change to explore. The program offers wonderful opportunities in the classroom and in the community for students to explore critical issues related to public health, development, and African history and culture.

Eligibility: Sophomore standing and at least a 2.5 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.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Melbourne, Australia

Deakin's three principle campuses reflect the full range of what Australia has to offer - from the busy multiculturalism of the metropolitan areas to the regional diversity of its coastal and bayside communities. Melbourne is Australia's second largest city with a population of 3.6 million, and is also Australia's cultural and sports capital.

Eligibility: Applicants must be at least a sophomore by the beginning of the program with a cumulative GPA of 2.6.

HIGHER SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Moscow, Russia

Established in 1992 after the fall of the Soviet Union, the HSE has become one of Russia's leading universities and one of the most respected institutions for the study of economics, social sciences, mathematics, and computer science in all of Eastern Europe and Eurasia. No Russian language competency is required.

Eligibility: Sophomore status and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5

IES BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Open to students of all language levels, the Latin American Societies & Cultures program allows you to improve your Spanish language skills while taking English-taught courses in Business, Humanities, and Social Sciences, all of which feature an academic emphasis on Latin America.

Eligibility: Sophomore status and a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.

ISA BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Argentina

This program is designed for students at all levels of the Spanish language who have an interest in political, social, economic, and cultural aspects of Argentina. The courses in this program are taught in Spanish and English by University of Belgrano professors.

Eligibility: GPA of at least 2.5.

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: Sophomore level and in good academic standing.

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PROGRAM OPTIONS CONT.

UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Cape Town, South Africa

Choose from a range of course offerings in commerce, engineering, humanities, and science. Immerse yourself in the culture through a homestay, volunteering, and independent study opportunities. Live, interact, and study with South African students in a society in transition.

Eligibility: Overall 3.0 GPA.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

Cork, Ireland

The University College Cork was founded in 1845 and is one of the oldest universities in Ireland. The campus is located only 10-15 minutes by foot from the city center of Cork, which is the second largest city in Ireland, with a population of 150,000. The student population is 14,500.

Eligibility: Overall 3.0 GPA.

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

Colchester, England

Colchester is the oldest recorded town in Britain. The university is located just two miles from the center of Colchester on 200 acres of attractive parkland, much of which was landscaped in the eighteenth century. Essex is eight miles from the sea on the east coast of England and only 54 miles from London.

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 HONG KONG

Hong Kong

The University of Hong Kong (HKU) is a premier international university and was the first university established in Hong Kong in 1911. HKU is a comprehensive university of world-class standing with a student population of over 21,000. It is situated on the northwestern slopes of Hong Kong Island facing Victoria Harbor and is close to Hong Kong's bustling financial district. There is no language requirement.

Eligibility: Open to KU students with sophomore standing by the beginning of the program that have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

UPPSALA UNIVERSITY

Uppsala, Sweden

Located only 45 minutes by train north of Stockholm, Uppsala has the charm of a small town as well as the opportunities of a big city. Uppsala University has a wide variety of courses taught in English to choose from. Uppsala is the first university site in Scandinavia.

Eligibility: Open to KU students in good academic standing who have completed at least 30 credit hours. Minimum 2.5 GPA for students applying to the Swedish Culture and Society program in the Fall; minimum 3.0 GPA for students applying to take courses in other subjects.

Programs offering

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Internship placements and duties vary based on location and student interest. Here are two sample placements:

Placement: NGO (Non-Governmental Organization) These organizations generally work in social, political, and economic spheres that are not part of governments or political parties. They can be focused locally, nationally, or internationally and include political consultancies, lobbying, or research organizations for charities.

Possible Duties: Research, event planning, compiling data, attending/organizing meetings, fundraising, writing briefs, marketing/PR, campaigning

Placement: Party Politics Work is typically based in the party headquarters, which some opportunities to spend time in constituency offices and the parliament.

Possible Duties: Research, attending meetings, writing letters, event planning, canvassing

Locations:

Sydney, Australia

Shanghai, China

London, England

Dublin, Ireland

Prague, Czech Republic

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