

STUDY ABROAD

FOR **RADIO-TELEVISION-FILM** MAJORS



WHY YOU SHOULD STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad programs provide Radio-Television-Film majors with access to production and media classes around the world. Make professional connections outside of Austin, hone production skills in unfamiliar environments, and explore international perspectives important to your future work as media professionals.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

PROGRAMS

Choose from more than 400 UT-approved programs on six continents. A recommended list for RTF students is provided within this brochure.

AFFORDABILITY

Consider the real cost of studying abroad, the difference between a semester in Austin and a semester abroad. UT awards hundreds of study abroad scholarships that can help.

CAREER

Gain a competitive edge that can help you get a job later while building your resume now.

CREDIT

Obtain core, major, or elective credits that count toward your degree. Plan ahead and graduate on time. Search the “My Credit Abroad” database of over 7,000 pre-approved courses with UT equivalents.



“Given the globalized production and circulation of media, professionals increasingly must understand the international context of their work. Whether analyzing these media flows or helping produce them, students will greatly benefit from a study-abroad experience.”

– Dr. Stephen Reese,
Jesse H. Jones Professor and Associate Dean for
Academic Affairs, College of Communication

QUESTIONS

TO ASK YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR IN THE COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION

- What classes must I complete on campus for my degree?
- What core or major requirements can I complete abroad?
- What remaining prerequisites must I fulfill and how will study abroad impact my progress?
- How many hours of upper-division credit do I need to complete for my degree?
- How many hours of elective (lower vs. upper division) credit do I have remaining in my major?
- Are there any in-residence requirements I need to be aware of before I go abroad?
- How should I follow up with you as my study abroad plans are confirmed?

TO ASK YOUR STUDY ABROAD ADVISOR

- How will I get credit for the courses I take abroad?
- How can I get courses approved for my program(s) of interest?
- What do I need to consider in preparing an estimated budget for my program(s) of interest, and what expenses do I need to plan for up front?
- Where can I find more information about scholarships for study abroad?
- How can I contact UT students who have participated in my program(s) of interest?



Photo by L. Jackson

“The courses I took abroad focused on filmmaking and developing ideas for a 16mm shoot at the end of the semester. Working with esteemed Czech cinematographers, screenwriters, and Czech and American actors of successful feature films made for an academically beneficial and overall amazing study abroad experience.” - Ben Hanks, Czech Republic

TO ASK THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES

- Learn about study abroad and financial aid before you contact Financial Services. Visit: world.utexas.edu/abroad/funding
- How do loans work for study abroad? What kinds of aid/loans do I currently receive, and are there any restrictions on this aid if I study abroad?
- Have I reached the maximum of (insert name of) loan allowed per academic year?
- When will funds be released for my semester of participation?
- How will additional scholarships impact my UT financial aid?

RTF PROGRAMS ABROAD

More than 400 programs are available including UT Austin exchanges, courses taught by UT faculty, and affiliated programs. Visit the College of Communication online for an extensive list of options: <http://communication.utexas.edu/students/international>.

ARGENTINE UNIVERSITIES IN BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Courses taught in Spanish. This program offers a special concentration option through the *Fundación Universidad del Cine*, a renowned incubator of independent film production, which allows students to utilize their production facilities. Students are required to take two Argentine film and culture classes but may select other courses from a list of electives. Participants are required to have six semesters or equivalent of college-level Spanish. (IFSA Affiliated Studies)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

This exchange program at the University of Technology in Sydney allows students to take production and theory courses. Examples of courses pre-approved for RTF credit include Advanced Screenwriting; Film and Video Drama; Documentary Production; Contemporary World Cinema; and Producing. (UT Austin Exchange)

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Melbourne's School of Culture and Communication offers a range of media classes for the RTF exchange student. Examples of pre-approved courses include Islam, Media, and Conflict; Global Screen Cultures; Screening in Europe: Image and Identity; and Censorship, Film, Art, and Media. (UT Austin Exchange)



CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, CHINA

Courses taught in English. Courses in Cantonese also available. CUHK is known as a comprehensive research university with rich Chinese cultural heritage and a bilingual and multicultural tradition. The University's beautiful campus overlooking Tolo Harbour is the largest and greenest in Hong Kong. RTF courses taught in English include Media, Sex, and Violence; Television Production; Film Directors; Globalization and Communication; and Directing for Creative Media. (UT Austin Exchange)

FILM AND TELEVISION SCHOOL OF THE ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS (FAMU), PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC

Courses taught in English. Located in the Lazansky Palace, a cultural landmark, the Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts is one of the oldest and finest film academies in Europe. Students can choose either the production track, which includes producing a short film, or the screenwriting track, which involves writing screenplays. Examples of pre-approved RTF courses include Topics in Production; Filmmaking Practicum and Mentorship; Feature Screenwriting; and Script Analysis. (CIEE Affiliated Studies)

AARHUS UNIVERSITY, AARHUS, DENMARK

Courses taught in English or Danish. Aarhus ranks within the top 100 of the world's best universities. This exchange program is ideal for independent students with a strong interest in information and media studies. Upon arrival, the university offers a three-week Denmark Today course, a linguistic and cultural introduction to living in Denmark. (UT Austin Exchange)

DANISH INSTITUTE FOR STUDY ABROAD, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Courses taught in English. DIS is a specialized institution that offers semester programs in English primarily for American university students. Examples of pre-approved courses include Contemporary European Film; Scandinavian Moods in Cinema; European Trends in Communication; and Virtual Worlds and the Social Media. Two optional study tours to media institutions are available. One focuses on institutions within Denmark, and another visits the London-Oxford area to study the role of British media, public service broadcasting, and commercial interests. (DIS Affiliated Studies)

UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX, ENGLAND

The film studies program at the University of Sussex has a thriving research culture in film studies, media, and cultural studies. A wide range of courses are available in digital media, film, and production for this exchange program including Radio: On Air, Online; Hollywood Comedian Comedy; Creative Production: Digital Media; Film Analysis; and World Cinemas. (UT Austin Exchange)

TAMPERE UNIVERSITY, TAMPERE, FINLAND

Most courses taught in English, some taught in Finnish. Courses of interest for this exchange program include The Structure and Economy of Media Industries; Management of Media Organizations; Nordic Public Service Media in Global Comparison; The Finnish Media and Communication System; and International Communication and Globalization. (UT Austin Exchange)

HANYANG UNIVERSITY, SEOUL, KOREA

Most courses taught in English, some taught in Korean. RTF majors have a wide range of choices through this exchange program at one of the top universities in Korea. In the past, students have taken classes such as Theories of Media Effects; Media and Visual Industry; Broadcast Programming; and Film Criticism. Students must arrive with a minimum of two semesters or equivalent of college-level Korean. (UT Austin Exchange)

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

This university is situated in the vibrant capital city of Wellington, the creative and political center of New Zealand. The School of English, Film, Theatre, and Media Studies offers access to production and cinematic coursework through the Film Programme. Examples of pre-approved courses include Film Production; Women and Film; Cinema of Aotearoa New Zealand; and Television Narrative. (UT Austin Exchange)

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, SINGAPORE

Courses taught in English. Courses in both the School of Art Design and Media and the Wee Kim Wee School of Communication and Information are available to students. Examples of classes students have taken in the past include Sound Design; Documentary Film and Television; Cinema Studies; A Radio Practicum; and Writing for Cinema and TV. (UT Austin Exchange)

UNIVERSIDAD DE NAVARRA, PAMPLONA, SPAIN

Most courses taught in Spanish, some taught in English. Navarra is consistently regarded as Spain's top private university. The School of Communication offers a wide selection of pre-approved production and media courses including Audio-visual Technology/Directing for TV; Film and TV Production; Policies of Film Exhibition and TV Programming; and European Cinema. Participants are required to have four semesters or equivalent of college-level Spanish. (UT Austin Exchange)

MAPPING YOUR SEMESTERS

Many of the courses in the RTF degree plan are ideal options for a semester abroad(*). The general RTF degree plan is shown below with the recommended semester abroad highlighted. Meet with your academic advisor regularly to revise your plan accordingly.

SAMPLE STUDY ABROAD PLAN (10-12 CATALOG)

FIRST YEAR

Fall	Spring	Summer
RTF 305	Low Div RTF	Math
UGS 302/303	RHE or E	GOV 310L
RHE 306	Science & Technology I	
Social Science*	US History	

SECOND YEAR

Fall	Spring	Summer
Low Div RTF*	Low Div RTF*	E 316K
Foreign Language 6 hrs	Foreign Language 6 hrs	GOV 312K
Science & Technology I	Science & Technology II	
Elective*	COM Outside RTF (Comm & Cult)	

THIRD YEAR

Fall	SPRING SEMESTER ABROAD	Summer
Upp Div RTF*	Upp Div RTF	
Upp Div RTF*	Upp Div RTF	
US History*	Elective	
Elective*	Elective	
Elective*		

FOURTH YEAR

Fall	Spring	Summer
Upp Div RTF*	Upp Div RTF*	
Upp Div Elective*	Upp Div Elective*	
Upp Div Elective*	Upp Div Elective*	
Upp Div Elective*	Upp Div Elective*	
COM Outside RTF*		

*These are alternate courses that can be rotated to a semester abroad, allowing flexibility to consider a wider selection of programs.



"From winding up inside the kitchen of the oldest restaurant in the world to sharing stories about embarrassing language barrier mix-ups with my host mother, I was living a life I had only seen in movies. Plus, my film and language courses abroad kept me right on track at UT."

- Sheri Alzeerah, Spain

NOTES

A minimum of 120 hours is required for a communication degree, only 48 hours of which may be communication coursework.

Consult your academic advisor to determine the specific lower vs. upper division electives you need, as this varies by student.

The Communication and Culture course and the two writing flags must be taken at UT and can be combined with other requirements.

PLANNING TIPS

For the Business Foundations Program, it is best to match MAN 320F, MKT 320F or IB 320F.

Completing language courses at UT during the semesters and summers may be necessary to qualify for some non-English language exchange programs.

Study Abroad is not recommended during your final semester.

MY STUDY ABROAD PLAN

FIRST YEAR

Fall	Spring	Summer

SECOND YEAR

Fall	Spring	Summer

THIRD YEAR

Fall	Spring	Summer

FOURTH YEAR

Fall	Spring	Summer



“Studying in New Zealand not only changed my life, but it also made me re-evaluate what I want to do after graduation. A wider look at the world was exactly what I needed to tackle the huge question mark of life after college.”

– Will Cox, New Zealand

Take the world by the horns.



WAYS TO GET STARTED

Discover more at world.utexas.edu/abroad

SEARCH ENGINE

Explore over 400 study abroad options.

STUDY ABROAD INFO SESSION

Learn about the process to get started.

FUNDING STUDY ABROAD SESSION

Learn about funding options, financial aid, online tools, and available scholarships.

CONNECT WITH COMM ABROAD

To receive study abroad updates for the College of Communication, follow “utcommabroad” on Twitter, Facebook, and Word Press.

TALK TO YOUR ACADEMIC ADVISOR

Your advisor can help identify the best course options to meet degree requirements and can help determine the ideal semester to participate.

CONNECT WITH PEER ADVISORS

Peer advisors are trained to help you explore options and address concerns during walk-in hours at the Study Abroad Office or via chat, email, and Facebook throughout the academic year.

MY CREDIT ABROAD DATABASE

Search over 7,000 pre-approved foreign courses with UT equivalents.